



FOXEARTH & LISTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Saturday 25th. March 2017 at Foxearth Village Hall at 10.30am

Present: Cllrs T. Clayton (Chairman), C. Cox, P. Cox, ECC Cllr D. Finch & Kevin Money (Clerk to the Council).

There were also 5 members of the public in attendance

17/017: The Chairman welcomed everyone to meeting

17/018: **Apologies for Absence** were received from DC I. Parker, Cllr W. Binks, Cllr K. Robson & Cllr M. Posen

17/019: **Declaration of Interest**
Cllr P. Cox declared an interest in the Church & PCC
Cllr C. Cox declared an interest in the Church & PCC

17/020: **To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on Saturday 18th. February 2017**
Cllr C. Cox proposed and Cllr P. Cox seconded that the above minutes are a true and accurate record of the meeting. **This was agreed unanimously**

17/021: **Chairman's report and any update since last meeting including Liston Quiet Lane Scheme update**

The road in the village is due to be closed due to BT works in May. Quiet Lane Liston LHP met on Thursday and has been unable to find out if it has been approved. Mr. MacPherson suggested at last meeting to re-instate Stafford Park working party. The application will be placed at BDC shortly.

17/022: **Essex County Councillors report**
Biggest issue facing ECC is Care to the elderly. To get an additional £52m. Over 22% of Essex is over 65years old. ECC is still investing in road maintenance. ECC is investing in 3 new schools in Colchester & Chelmsford. A 3% increase in ECC precept raises £17m. ECC is launching in September a new lottery called "Essex on-line lottery". ECC will sell the tickets on line by district. ECC launching 2 other funds to help Parish Councils cutting verges and maintain villages. It must be match-funded. The other is focused on volunteer groups or Charities to support local communities.
Cllr D. Finch leaves the meeting

17/023: **District Councillors report** – There was no report given

17/024: **Public Participation Session** – The Chairman invited questions and observations from members of the public present. A maximum time of 15 minutes was allowed
A resident informed the meeting about a Grade 2 listed building which is being renovated. The renovation work has been a roller coaster trip. However, BDC Planning permission consent has not been sought but is in contact with BDC planning department. All works have stopped until the application has been approved. Cllr C. Cox offered support in completing appropriate forms and submission of planning applications.

17/025: **Parish Tree Warden report** in the absence of the tree warden the clerk read out his report which stated that I have visited Mr Crane at the property regarding tree work (17/00084/TPOCON – The Counting House Mill Road Foxearth CO10 7JF) This is a bit of an odd one as Mr Crane did not put in the application and as far as I can see it was either put in by the tree surgeon or Mr Cranes neighbour. Although Mr Crane has no objection to some work being carried he is keen to restrict the amount by attending at the same time as the work is to be done, he can then advise both his neighbour and the operative Mr Nicholl the surgeon. Personally, I have no objection but I can understand Mr Cranes worry as the reduction in height of the Larch could be detrimental to the appearance of this mature hedge and especially the tree canopy.

I have just got back home after taking my dogs for a walk, when I reached the top of the Church path near the Jubilee oak a small car drew up and three young men got out and were laughing and dancing around another young tree about 20 years old that had been hit by a car. The amount of debris showed that the vehicle had been severely damaged. There are several pieces of bark ripped off the tree but none of them are connected right round the tree so I think there is every chance that it will recover.

I think the jubilee oak is now dead, it had been damaged by strimming the grass in the vicinity. But now last year's dead leaves are still hanging on and I fear it has finally given up the ghost. It was presented by ECC and I and a group of fellows planted it some years back. Perhaps you could enquire about a replacement through the council and to arrange another planting ceremony. This could be brought up at the next meeting.

17/026: Defibrillator update from Cllr M. Posen in the absence of Cllr M. Posen the clerk read out his report which stated that regarding the defibrillator, I would like to give a brief report which I hope Kevin could mention at the appropriate point.

I am working with the Community Heartbeat Trust to complete the lottery grant application. I would hope that this will be prepared and ready for approval, and then formal submission by the Clerk within the next week. As soon as the grant funding is secured, the Council will be able to consider formally the procurement of the defibrillator and the next available council meeting.

Regarding the siting of the defibrillator in the old phone box, perhaps councillors can ask Iona Parker formally if she is able to provide funding for the restoration of the electricity? If not then I will include this in the lottery funding application.

Cllr C. Cox suggested that Cllr M. Posen include the cost of the re-connection of electricity to the telephone box be included in the grant.

17/027: Councillors to agree/adopt current Asset Register (previously circulated to Cllrs)
Cllr T. Clayton proposed and Cllr C. Cox seconded to adopt the current Asset Register for the 2017/18 year. **This agreed unanimously**

17/028: Councillors to agree/adopt current Risk Assessment (previously circulated to Cllrs)
Cllr T. Clayton proposed and Cllr C. Cox seconded to adopt the current Risk Assessment for the 2017/18 year. **This agreed unanimously**

17/029: Councillors to agree/adopt current Standing Orders (previously circulated to Cllrs)
Cllr P. Cox proposed and Cllr T. Clayton seconded to adopt the current Standing Orders for the 2017/18 year. **This agreed unanimously**

17/030: Councillors to agree/adopt current Financial Regulations (previously circulated to Cllrs)
Cllr T. Clayton proposed and Cllr P. Cox seconded to adopt the current Financial Regulations for the 2017/18 year. **This agreed unanimously**

17/031: Planning Applications:

17/00084/TPOCON – The Counting House Mill Road Foxearth CO10 7JF

Notice of intent to carry out works to trees in a Conservation Area - Cut back Larch, Sycamore and Field Maple to hedge line and reduce high upright growth on the Larch

F&L Decision: No objection

17/032: Decision/s Made by BDC on planning application/s

16/01798/FUL & 16/01799/LBC – The Hayloft Liston Hall Foxearth Road Liston CO10 7HT

Proposed internal works, installation of new windows and doors and service pod

Application WITHDRAWN

16/01862/FUL – Pond House Huntsman Lane Foxearth CO10 7JX

Construction of open-air, below ground swimming pool and 1.6m enclosing block and render walls.

Application GRANTED

16/01842/FUL – Liston Hall Foxearth Road Liston CO10 7HT

Erection of new agricultural building. **Application WITHDRAWN**

17/033 **Finance:** Credit Received: Street Cleaning Grant from BDC £420.95p

Chq No.	Inv. No.	Payee	Cost	VAT	Total
s/o	March '17	K. B. Money salary	£189.62	£0	£189.62
802	120PR00301907	HMRC Tax on salary	£134.80	£0	£134.80
803	Jan. – March '17	Clerk Expenses	£ 34.52	£0	£ 34.52
804	Donation	Braintree Neighbourhood Watch	£ 50.00	£0	£ 50.00
		Total:	£408.94	£0	£408.94

17/034: **Councillors to agree the above expenditure cheque list**

Cllr T. Clayton proposed and Cllr P. Cox seconded that the cheque payments above be authorised.

This was agreed unanimously

The RFO then circulated the Bank reconciliation and 2016/17 Budget figures to Councillors.

Items for Next Agenda

Way forward for footpath

Stafford Park working party – Mary Waite

Date of next meeting/s:

13.05.17 APM: 20.05.17 AGM: 15.07.17: 09.09.17: 04.11.17

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 11.25am and thanked everyone for attending

Signed.....10th. June 2017
Tony Clayton