



FOXEARTH & LISTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Saturday 27th. May 2017 at Foxearth Village Hall at 10.30am

Present: Cllr M. Posen (Vice-Chairman), Cllr W. Binks, Cllr P. Cox, Cllr K. Robson, District Councillor I. Parker & Kevin Money (Clerk to the Council).

There were also 9 members of the public in attendance

17/035: Chairman Welcome. In the absence of the Chairman the Vice-Chairman (Cllr M. Posen) welcomed everyone to the meeting.

17/036: Apologies for Absence were received from ECC D. Finch, Cllr T. Clayton & Cllr C. Cox.

17/037: Election of Chairman for the 2017/18 year
Cllr K. Robson proposed Cllr T. Clayton (in his absence) as Chairman for the forthcoming year. This was seconded by Cllr W. Binks. **This was agreed unanimously.** Cllr T. Clayton to sign the Declaration of Office at the July meeting.

17/038: Election of Vice-Chairman for the 2017/18 year
Cllr P. Cox proposed Cllr M. Posen as Vice-Chairman. This was seconded by Cllr K. Robson . **This was agreed unanimously.** Cllr M. Posen then signed the Declaration of Office.

17/039: Election of Appointments and Employment committee – previously circulated to Councillors & Stafford Park Working Party nominations
Cllr K. Robson proposed and Cllr P. Cox seconded that the Election of Appointments, with the exception of the Stafford Park Working Party be taken en-bloc. Councillors agreed to defer consideration of the Stafford Park Working Party to their next meeting. **This was agreed unanimously.**

17/040: Declaration of Interest
To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary, Pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests relating to items on the agenda.
No Councillor declared any Disclosable Pecuniary, Pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests relating to items on the agenda.

17/041: To approve the Minutes of the last meeting of Foxearth & Liston Parish Council.
To receive and agree the minutes held on Saturday 25th. March 2017
This item was adjourned to the next meeting. **This was agreed unanimously.**

17/042: Chairman's report and any update since last meeting
Since our Chairman is not able to attend the meeting today I would like to make a brief report on a few items following up on matters raised at the last Parish Council meeting and matters raised at the 2017 Annual Electors' Meeting on 13 May.
Stafford Park. A large volume of new documents have been submitted with respect to the Stafford Park planning application and comments are invited by 5 June 2017. We can consider this matter further under the relevant item of our agenda, but the Chairman has asked me to note that ideally, we should be given far longer to respond given the amount of documentation involved, so perhaps the Clerk would request an extension of the date for responses to take into account our next meeting on 15 July 2017.

At the last PC meeting it was suggested by a member of the public to reinstate the Stafford Park Working Party. The Chairman has suggested that we adjourn this matter until our next meeting.

Broadband. At the Elector's Meeting, I was asked to talk to County Broadband to let them know of concerns from residents regarding broadband speed and reliability, as well as to seek an update on the long-promised upgrade to the higher-speed NGA network.

I spoke to James Salmon, who is responsible for project roll outs and network upgrades, and he has informed me:

That following the replacement of a piece of equipment last Friday, reliability should have improved.

That the faster NGA access is finally coming to our area. We are "at the end of the line" so it has taken a while to get the network upgraded to reach us. There is one more link to be upgraded and then we should all be able to access the NGA service with speeds of up to 32 Mbits. This should be done by around the end of July. At that point County Broadband will contact all their customers in the area and ask them if they want the upgrade, which may require new equipment to be installed at people's homes.

Plans to use the church tower in Foxearth as an access point are currently on hold. They have concluded that because of the location of the church and the large amount of foliage surrounding it, that there would be little benefit from putting an access point there.

I raised the matter of how County Broadband communicate with their customers when there are issues and network failures. I believe their communications in this regard leave something to be desired. James Salmon agreed and says that they are working to put in place better customer information when they do have a problem.

Finally, I was told that County Broadband has "exciting plans" to significantly improve the broadband provision in Foxearth (not sure if Liston is included or not). Details cannot be released at the moment, but they will shortly be organising a public meeting in Foxearth where these plans will be explained further.

Other Matters

More volunteers are needed for Speedwatch. Please contact Mary Waite or Mel if you want to help with this valuable activity.

I am personally concerned about the vast increase in dog mess on the footpaths and verges around the parishes. All dog owners are encouraged to act responsibly and to clean up after their dogs. Dog bags, in the past, were purchased by the Parish Council and were distributed to residents and we plan to do this again. The Clerk will use the residents' distribution list to remind people to clean up, and to make residents aware about dog bags being made available. Cllr. Robson will look at putting up signs on relevant footpaths. Please do let the council know if you are aware of any 'problem' footpaths or verges.

Alan Fitch has reported that the Jubilee Oak tree is alive and well, but needs a lot of TLC.

The Liston Lane quiet lane scheme was not successful this year. However, Cllr D. Finch stepped in and the scheme is now going to be approved later this year.

17/043: Essex County Councillors report. There was no report given

17/044: District Councillors report

DC Iona Parker informed the meeting of the List of achievements BDC has achieved. They are:-

- Recycling service to flats
- Reduced litter by 43%
- BDC Energy Switch scheme launched
- BDC Local plan has taken preferences over the last months
- BDC must have a 5 year housing supply. Major projects in Braintree, Witham, Sible-Hedingham, Earls Colne, Hatfield Peverel and Silver End
- Proposal to build 2 new towns (Rayne to Gt. Saling & West Tey)

- 48 affordable houses in BDC have been granted
- Supporting business developments
- £200,000 donated to Colne Valley Railway
- Investing in local health facilities
- Looking hard at how the BDC finances work better for the Council
- BDC website “Do it on Line” is now live
- Free Handyman services for vulnerable residents.

After her presentation District Councillor I. Parker left the meeting

17/045: Public Participation Session – The Chairman invited questions and observations from members of the public present. A maximum time of 15 minutes was allowed

- Residents ask the Clerk to apply for an extension for Stafford Park Planning application amendments so that the Parish Council can make any comments. This was agreed by Councillors.

- Liston residents have submitted objection to the development
- Mr McPherson is happy to meet with the community to discuss the planning application
- Mrs Brand informed residents and Councillors that if they have any questions regarding her planning application then please do not hesitate to contact her.
- Footpath 11 by footpath 12 bridge is broken. Cllr K. Robson will look into this matter.
- The pavement by Magnolia house needs clearing

17/046: Grant applications - Councillors to discuss the Grant applications £250 from Foxearth & District Local History Society. This application had been previously circulated to Councillors

Cllr W. Binks proposed and Cllr K. Robson seconded that the above grant application be approved. **This was agreed unanimously.**

Liston grass cutting grant – Councillor to agree to raise the grant to £400

Cllr P. Cox proposed and Cllr M. Posen seconded that the above grant application be approved. **This was agreed unanimously.**

17/047: Defibrillator update from Cllr M. Posen

Cllr M. Posen circulated to Councillors the completed Grant Application form to “Big Lottery Fund” Cllr W. Binks proposed that a grant of £2500 be applied to the Big Lottery Fund to purchase a defibrillator. The was seconded by Cllr P. Cox. **This was agreed unanimously.**

17/048: Parish Tree Warden report. There was no report given

17/049: Planning Applications:

17/00902/LBC – Bellybones Temple End Foxearth CO10 7JZ

Continuation of structural works

F&L Decision: Support the application

FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

17/00770/COUPA - Pill Box Liston Road Foxearth

Notification for Prior Approval for a proposed change of use of agricultural building to dwelling - Pill box to dwelling

B/15/00649/OUT – **Stafford Park, Clare Road, Long Melford**

Amendment(s) to the application Outline planning application for the proposed development of up to 100 dwellings and the change of use of an existing building to create up to 22 apartments and a community centre, to enable your remediation of the adjoining licensed landfill site to the north.

The Clerk was asked to contact Mr. Neil Jones to be granted an extension for as long as possible.

17/050: Planning Appeal: Brook Hall Brook Hall Lane Foxearth CO10 7HP
 Planning Inspectorate no. APP/Z1510/W/17/3172400
 Retrospective application for the change of use and alterations to disused agricultural outbuildings to form 3 no. dwellings with associated private gardens and car parking spaces
 Appeal Start date: 25.04.17

17/051: Decision/s Made by BDC on planning application/s – None

17/052: Annual Return for 2016 /17
 Councillors to agree and sign Section 1 Annual Governance Statement for 2016/17
 Cllr K. Robson proposed and Cllr W. Binks seconded that Section 1 of the Annual Governance Statement for 2016/17 be signed as a true and accurate record of the accounting period. **This was agreed unanimously.**

17/053: Annual Return for 2016/17
 Councillors to agree and sign Section 2 Accountancy Statements for 2016/17
 Cllr K. Robson proposed and Cllr W. Binks seconded that Section 2 of the Accountancy Statements for 2016/17 be signed as a true and accurate record of the accounting period. **This was agreed unanimously.**

17/054: Finance: Credit Received:
 1st. Instalment Precept £3429: Localism Fund £737: BDC Collection Fund £95

Chq No.	Inv. No.	Payee	Cost	VAT	Total
s/o	April '17	K. B. Money salary	£189.82	£0	£189.82
s/o	May '17	K. B. Money salary	£189.62	£0	£189.62
D/D	H1442EF8B6	E-On Street Lighting	£ 52.52	£2.63	£ 55.15
805	Replacement of cheque No 803	Kevin B. Money – Clerk expenses	£ 34.52	£0	£ 34.52
806	7752	EALC / NALC subscription 2017/18	£102.77	£0	£102.77
807	2016/17 Audit	Mr. Len Young – Internal Auditor	£ 70.00	£0	£ 70.00
808		Zurich Insurance 2017/18	£257.60	£0	£257.60
Total:			£896.85	£2.63	£899.48

Councillors to agree the above expenditure cheque list
 Cllr P. Cox proposed and Cllr K. Robson seconded that the above payments be authorised. **This was agreed unanimously.**

The RFO then circulated Bank reconciliation and 2017/18 Budget figures to Councillors

The Date of next meetings are 15.07.17: 09.09.17: 25.11.17

There being no further business the Vice-Chairman closed the meeting at 11.40am and thanked everyone for attending

Signed.....10th. June 2017
Anthony Clayton