



## FOXEARTH & LISTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>. March 2018 at Foxearth Village Hall at 9.45am

Present: Cllr T. Clayton (Chairman), Cllr M. Posen (Vice-Chairman), Cllr K. Robson, Cllr W. Binks, Kevin Money (Clerk to the Council) There were also 4 members of the public in attendance

**001/2018 Chairman Welcome.** The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

**002/2018 Apologies for Absence** were received from Cllr C. Cox, Cllr P. Cox, DC I. Parker and ECC D. Finch

**003/2018 Declaration of Interest**

To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary, Pecuniary or non-Pecuniary Interest relating to items on the Agenda

No Councillor declared any Disclosable Pecuniary, Pecuniary or non-Pecuniary Interest relating to items on the Agenda

**004/2018 To approve the Minutes of the last meeting of Foxearth & Liston Parish Council**

To receive and agree the minutes of the last meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup>. November 2017

Cllr K. Robson proposed and Cllr M. Posen seconded that the minutes are a true and accurate record of the meeting. **This was agreed unanimously.**

**005/2018 Chairman's report and any update since last meeting including Quiet Lane Scheme.**

Liston Lane has now had signs placed up in preparation for the Quiet Lane scheme to become effective. The Chairman will find out when the opening will happen and inform residents.

**006/2018 Essex County Councillors report** – No report was given

**007/2018 District Councillors report**

In the absence of DC Iona Parker the Clerk circulated her report which read:

- This year will see an increase in the BDC element of Council Tax of 2.97% (equivalent to £5.04 pa for a band D property). This is the first year Council Tax has been increased for some time. The increase is largely due significant changes in funding from Central Government to Local Government. Revenue Support Grant is being phased out and replaced with Business Rates Retention, adjusted by a Fair Funding formula, in 2020/21. However, until this new system is in place, there is a funding gap. This and other cost pressures means that there will be a small budgetary surplus this year followed by a shortfall in the next three years. BDC have been anticipating this situation and have planned for it. In particular we have not relied on New Homes Bonus to support revenue and have only used this for capital projects.
- The Government has recognised that Local Planning Authorities have been unable to cope with the volume of planning applications and appeals and have allowed Councils to increase planning fees by 20% to take account of this. Planning fees at BDC were increased by 20% in January and the money will be used to employ additional staff in the department.
- The successful Councillor's grant scheme will continue for next year and each Councillor will have £1500 to award to small schemes in their ward.
- As part of its investment strategy, BDC has purchased an employment site near Gt Notley known as Eastlink. This is a 63-acre site with 45 acres of developable land. This is a strategic employment site and the purchase will enable the site to be brought forward and released onto the open market at the earliest opportunity.
- There is a job fair at Causeway House on 17<sup>th</sup> March.
- There is a new email service "Tell me More" which allows residents to receive emails on BDC services and news relevant to them. See website.
- I would draw your attention to the list of achievements for 2016/17 (full list can be found on the F&L website)
  - Energy switching schemes during the year.
  - Trial kerbside textile recycling.
  - Planning permission for 1800 homes and delivery of 130 affordable homes.



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- £4.95m of Government funding for slip roads linking the A120 with Millennium Way, Braintree to alleviate congestion at Galleys corner.
- Helping 250 households at risk of becoming homeless.
- New business hub at Sible Hedingham and new grow on units at Braintree Enterprise Centre.
- Launch of Grape and Grain trail to support local businesses in the drink sector.
- Launched successful Livewell brand.
- Achieved savings of £877k through reducing costs and increasing income.

### **008/2018 Defibrillator update from Cllr M. Posen**

Cllr M. Posen is pleased to report that the lottery grant application has been approved and the money is in the F&L account. MP will now place the order with Community Heartbeat Trust.

An electrician has quoted to connect the power to the telephone box. MP is waiting for another quotation to come in. Once the defibrillator and electricity supply has been installed then a village meeting will happen to inform residents how to use the defibrillator.

### **009/2018 County Broadband update from Cllr M. Posen**

Cllr M. Posen has hoped by now that all Foxearth residents have received an update from County Broadband. CB are running a fibre optic to Foxearth this week. A meeting is arranged for 22.03.18 at 7.30pm at Foxearth Hall Barn for residents of Foxearth. Liston is currently not included in this process for Foxearth. CB need a commitment of over 30% of properties to start arranging the fibre optic to Liston. The wireless system will continue whilst the fibre optic is being installed.

### **010/2018 War Memorial update**

Following the quotation that has been received. Cllr T. Clayton proposed that this item be carried forward to the next meeting. All agreed.

### **011/2018 Public Participation Session**

The Chairman will invite questions and observations from members of the public present. A maximum time of 15 minutes will be allowed

David Fahie planning application that was originally rejected by BDC which the Parish Council did not support the application he is thinking about a new application of a possible 12 houses to be built. 4 of them would be affordable housing and 4 would be of private rent. He is minded that the support of the community and the Parish Council is needed before he starts the planning process again. The Chairman agreed to write David Fahie inviting him to the Annual Electors meeting on 5<sup>th</sup>. May.

Essex Highways has been doing a lot of drainage works and the finger posts have been knocked over. Cllr K. Robson to contact Essex CC.

### **012/2018 Tree Warden report – No report was given**

### **013/2018 Footpath update**

Cllr K. Robson said that the footbridge at FP11 & 12 will be repaired within 4 weeks. To date it has not been repaired. If not repaired soon he will recontact Essex Highways.

The nettles have not overgrown the footpaths, but Cllr K. Robson will keep a close eye on the nettles. Nature Reserve – Has donated 2400 hedging plants and have been put into the ground along Liston Lane to Western Hall. More to be put in by the railway track.

### **014/2018 Planning Applications – There were no planning applications submitted to BDC**

### **015/2018 Decision/s made by BDC on planning applications**

**17/01796/FUL - Foxearth Fisheries Glemsford Road Foxearth CO10 7GA**

Retention of log cabin for residential occupation by persons engaged in the operation and supervision of the existing fisheries and equestrian enterprises (originally approved by Planning Permission ref: 14/00940/FUL). **Application GRANTED**



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## **17/00403/TPOCON – High View Sudbury Road Foxearth CO10 7JB**

Notice of intent to carry out works to tree in a Conservation Area - Twin stemmed Acer to front / side of house - remove lowest small lateral immediately above electricity cable back to branch collar on the closest side to the house. Crown lift remaining branches level with removed limb. Shorten back canopy to re-balance tree and reduce height by 3m leaving natural profile.

### **Application GRANTED**

## **17/01787/VAR - Liston Hall Foxearth Road Liston CO10 7HT**

Application for variation of Condition 3 of approved application 16/00795/VAR - Condition to be varied to allow for the occupation of the two ancillary residential units by persons under shorthold tenancies for a period of no more than six months at a time. **Application REFUSED**

## **17/01947/FUL - Foxearth Meadows Glemsford Road Foxearth**

Installation of composting eco-toilet. **Application GRANTED**

## **APPLICATION BEING REFERRED TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR APPEAL**

### **17/01429/VAR – Liston Hall Foxearth Road Liston CO10 7HT**

Application for variation of Condition 3 of approved application 16/00795/VAR - Condition to be varied to allow for the occupation of the two ancillary residential units to be occupied by persons under shorthold tenancies for a period of no more than six months Planning Application Ref: 17/01429/VAR Planning Inspectorate Ref: APP/Z1510/W/17/3189084  
Appeal Start Date: 8 December 2017

## **FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

### **17/02232/COUPA - Pill Box Liston Road Foxearth Essex**

Notification for Prior Approval for a Proposed Change of Use of Agricultural Building to Dwelling house (Class C3), and for Associated Operational Development - Conversion of pillbox to residential use. BDC does not require any comments from the Parish Council

## **016/2018 Finance**

- Bank balances as at 28<sup>th</sup>. February 2018 and 2017/18 budget account previously circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting
- Councillors to agree payment of December 2017, January, February and March 2018 finances (previously circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting)

Cllr T. Clayton proposed and Cllr W. Binks seconded that the payments be authorised. **This was agreed unanimously**

## **017/2018 Items for Next Agenda**

**Review F&L Policies on Standing Orders / Financial Regulations  
General Data Protection Regulation  
War Memorial quotations**

## **Date of Next Full Council meeting**

**05.05.18 Electors meeting / 12.05.18 AGM / 14.07.18 / 08.09.18 & 10.11.18**

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.30am and thanked everyone for attending

Signed.....12<sup>th</sup>. May 2018

**Anthony Clayton**