



FOXEARTH & LISTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Saturday 14th. July 2018 at Foxearth Village Hall at 9.45am

Present: Cllr T. Clayton (Chairman), M. Posen (Vice-Chairman), Cllr K. Robson, Cllr W. Binks, DC I. Parker and Kevin Money (Clerk to the Council).

There were also 7 members of the public in attendance

038/2018 Chairman Welcome

The Chairman signed the Declaration of Office for 2018/19

039/2018 Apologies for Absence – ECC D. Finch, Cllrs C. Cox & P. Cox

040/2018 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

041/2018 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 12th. May 2018

Cllr M. Posen proposed and Cllr K. Robson seconded. All agreed

042/2018 Chairman's report and any update since last meeting

- a) Foxearth & Liston - Housing Needs Survey - draft materials for review Parish Council confirm on this approval

Cllr M. Posen proposed signing the RCCE survey letter. Cllr K. Robson seconded. All Agreed.

The Chairman then signed the "Affordable Housing for local people in Foxearth & Liston" letter.

The Parish Council again commissioned the report and Cllr M. Posen was appointed as a nominated Councillor to liaise with RCCE

- b) Sudbury bypass

At a community forum meeting last week the outcome was that a business case has been produced and Suffolk CC have approved more funding for a more thorough traffic survey in Sudbury. SCC have itemised that congestion is a massive problem together with environmental issues. Improvement to HGV, local congestion in Sudbury is to be addressed. Moving the lorry park next to Tesco is being considered to reduce congestion in the town. Then to look at alternative highway options with a possible relief road around Sudbury. Various options will be considered. SCC is looking into Major Network funding scheme. A134 Colchester – Sudbury will be classed as a second major route. All information is now on the Suffolk CC website.

043/2018 Essex County Councillors report – No report was given

- a) ECC Winter Salt Bag scheme – Councillors to decide if F&L wish to take up the offer of a 1 tonne load

Cllr T. Clayton proposed and Cllr M. Posen seconded that the Winter Salt scheme be accepted. All Agreed. Cllr T. Clayton to seek a storage area for the salt

044/2018 District Councillors report

Local plan – Public examination of the Local plan has taken place. Inspector has agreed 716 houses per year up to 2033. Further work must be done before section 1 of the local plan can be signed off. A 5-year housing supply has not been met but are working closer to have this achieved. Hence more planning applications are being granted where otherwise they would be rejected. BDC is promoting a tourism strategy with a dedicated website. More prosecutions have been carried out by BDC for fly-tipping and dog assaults.

045/2018 Public Participation Session

The Chairman invited questions and observations from members of the public present. A maximum time of 15 minutes was allowed

Village sign to be looked at in the August. Clerk to follow it up. Tree near the sign needs lopping.

Pothole outside C. Waite house – The Street Foxearth

An update regarding the War Memorial – Who is the legal owner of the memorial. More grant funding to be explored.

Footpaths are in a very good state. Side paths have been cut by ECC.



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046/2018 Defibrillator update – Cllr M. Posen

Cllr. M. Posen reported that he has been struggling to get quotes for the connection of the electrical supply to the phone box. However there now are two possible options:

- 1) Reconnection of the old unmetered supply to the phone box: Cost will be £1,164 + VAT to UK Power Networks. This is a verbal quote only but it could be obtained in writing if necessary.
- 2) One electrician has come out to quote on running a new supply from the village hall, and his cost is: £543.24 for the electrical work, plus a further £800 + VAT for the groundworks, i.e. £1,343.24. Copies of the quotations for this work have been provided to Councillors.

Although the first option is cheaper, there would also be an (unknown) ongoing cost for the connection, so it would work out more expensive in the long run. For the village hall connection, since the defibrillator would be tapping into their existing connection there would be no standing charge, and the amount of electricity that would be used is miniscule.

In discussion it was noted by Cllr. W. Binks that it might be better to mount the defibrillator on the exterior wall of the village hall. This would avoid the costs of connecting electrical power to the phone box. Cllr. M. Posen noted that this might require planning permission and would of course also need the agreement of the village hall committee.

It was agreed that Cllr M. Posen contact the village hall committee to see if they will allow the defibrillator to be sited on their wall. Also, Cllr I. Parker would look into whether, being on the outside of the village hall, the PC needed to obtain planning permission.

047/2018 Broadband update – Cllr M. Posen

Cllr. M. Posen reported that he has been in touch with County Broadband and asked for an update to their fibre project for our parishes. He reported that for Foxearth things seem to be progressing well. However, CBB have said that their initial deployment will be for Foxearth and Pentlow only, and Liston is not incorporated. They want to focus on this initial deployment first and get that done.

This is clearly disappointing for Liston residents and Cllr. M. Posen said that he believed strongly that the Parish Council should actively encourage CBB to extend their fibre service to Liston too, as soon as possible. He proposed that the PC write to CBB formally to state this position and offered to do that if the PC agrees.

With respect to Foxearth, however, CBB are advancing well with their design plans. They are now fine-tuning their surveys and implementation plans, which they hope to have completed by the end of the month.

The next step would be to apply to Essex Highways for permission for the civil works, which CBB then aim to start in November, given that Essex Highways typically takes 12 weeks to deal with such applications. They are thus hopeful of having the first customers connected by December of this year, although they clearly cannot commit to this, given that there is still a lot of work to do.

They have offered to give the councillors a more detailed briefing, and if councillors agree Cllr. M. Posen will meet with CBB for a briefing and will then be able to report back in more detail at the next PC meeting. CBB will also be organising another public meeting in Foxearth, prior to the start of the civil works, so that everyone can see what they are planning. They will write to everyone in due course to publicise this meeting.

048/2018 Tree Warden report – No report was given

049/2018 Footpath update

Cllr M. Posen to seek out a quotation for the footpaths to be cut by an independent person

050/2018 Planning Applications

A late planning application had been received by the Parish Council

18/01246/FUL – 1 The Cottage Temple End Foxearth CO10 7JZ

Single Storey rear extension

F&L Decision: No objection this application

051/2018 Decision/s made by BDC on planning applications. Nothing to report

052/2018 Finance

- Bank balances as at 30th. June 2018 and 2017/18 budget account previously circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting
- Councillors to agree payment of June, July & August 2018 finances

Cllr W. Binks proposed and Cllr T. Clayton seconded that the payments be authorised. All agreed



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- Chairman and Vice-Chairman signed a letter to NatWest Bank cancelling Clerk Standing Order payment

053/2018 Items for Next Agenda

Reverse direction on Rodbridge – Essex Highways – various signage from Foxearth

Rangers to clear Bridge and surrounding area

War Memorial update – Who has the legal ownership of the memorial – Future funding

Defibrillator update

Date of Next Full Council meeting

08.09.18, 10.11.18, 26.01.19, 23.03.19, NEW DATE 25.05.19 (Annual Electors meeting followed by AGM), 27.07.19, 21.09.19, 23.11.19

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 11am and thanked everyone for attending

Signed.....8th. September 2018

Anthony Clayton