

FOXEARTH & LISTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Saturday 23rd. January 2016 at Foxearth Village Hall at 10.30am

Present: Cllrs C. Cox (Chairman), T. Clayton, K. Robson, M. Posen, P. Cox & Kevin Money (Clerk to the Council).

There were also 12 members of the public in attendance

16/001: The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

16/002: Apologies for Absence:

Apologies were received from Cllr I. Parker

16/003: Resignation email from Richard Morris as F&L Councillor. The Councillors noted the resignation email from Richard Morris

16/004: Co-option of replacement Councillor as a result of a Casual Vacancy. The clerk had received one expression of interest and due to the Council being open and transparent it was agreed to extend the deadline for interested people to End of February 2016. The clerk to advertise on the website

16/005: Declaration of Interest:

Cllr. C. Cox and Cllr P. Cox declared an interest in the Street Cleaning and Foxearth PCC

16/006: 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 Saturday 21st. November 2015

Proposed by Cllr K. Robson & Seconded by Cllr T. Clayton. **Councillors agreed unanimously**

16/007 Chairman's report and update

Flooding issues: Plans are currently being finalised by ECC regarding the proposed by-pass of the current culvert drainage system in Foxearth. It is hoped that these will be available to view shortly, with work probably commencing in early April. The new system will not affect any private property. The existing culvert & associated connections will remain.

Highways issues: Essex Highways had asked for Parish Councils to submit requests for improvement projects to be considered by the Panel. It has been suggested that we could apply for VAS signage to be provided in the parish.

Planning issues: BDC's Local Plan is currently in the process of revision. Possible 'wish lists' for local facilities or improvement were being sought, to incorporate within future development permission requirements. The only suggested site to be considered for possible future development opportunities in Foxearth, so far received, is an area of land adjacent to Glebeside.

Stafford Park: There has been no further information other than the submission of further reports and recommendations to the planning dept. from the Environment Agency. These could be viewed via BDC's planning portal.

Complaint: Following the November meeting of the Parish Council, there had been a further complaint from a resident. A response was sent to the complainant as well as a response from Ian Hunt (BDC) which hopefully has now resolved any concerns.

16/008: Clerks report

The clerk recommended to Councillors that Foxearth & Liston Parish Council remains "in" the new adult regime from 2017/18. This was proposed by Cllr C. Cox and seconded by Cllr T. Clayton.

This was agreed unanimously. The clerk also informed the meeting that the Parish Council had a NEW WEBSITE for Council information only. The village website would still remain with David Busby to administer. The new Council website address is: www.essexinfo.net/foxearth-liston-parish-council.

16/009: Public Participation Session:

A resident asked about S106 monies and informed the meeting that there was no guarantee of it being used for local planning. Cllr Clayton stated that he had contacted Cllr I. Parker asking for monies for both parishes and not just for Liston.

A resident asked about the progress of a defibrillator for the village. The Chairman replied that the Council had not moved much further forward and that the Chairman would get costings. She informed the meeting that there was no "first responder" in the village.

16/010: Essex County Councillors report. There was no report given

16/011: District Councillors report. In the absence of Cllr Parker the clerk would circulate her report
Her report is below:

Report for Parish Councils Jan 2016

1. The Council is proceeding with the development of its new local plan which covers the period up to 2033. Approximately 330 sites have been put forward by landowners for development. These sites can accommodate about 3 times more houses than are needed. Most of the large sites are in the A120 corridor. On Monday 25th January the full Council will consider the revised planning policies against which planning applications are judged. I have been through these policies and am broadly happy with them subject to a few minor amendments. In February / March the Local Plan committee will start to consider individual sites. I shall find out when sites in the villages in the north of the District will be considered and let you know when that will be.
2. Work has begun on a feasibility study for improvements to the A120 between Braintree and the A12. A Members Forum, with Council leaders, local MPs, Councillors from Braintree and Colchester councils and executives from transportation specialists Jacobs, who have been recruited to lead the project, met on 13 November to begin planning the study. The study will lead to a range of new options being put forward for consultation to agree the alignment of the preferred A120 dual carriageway route between Braintree and the A12 (with a road of equivalent status to the section of the A120 between Braintree and the M11). The engineering feasibility work will be completed by the end of 2016, and once the various options are worked through, they will be put out for consultation. Final recommended options are to be completed in the autumn of 2017 so the plans can be included in the Highways England road investment strategy for 2020-2025.
3. The Council has set up another Energy Switch Scheme to enable residents to obtain cheaper energy bills. The Scheme is an auction whereby Energy Companies bid to provide energy to all those registered with the scheme. Savings are typically in the region of £230 pa. The closing date for registration for this scheme is 1st Feb. Please see the Braintree DC website for further details or call the Sustainability Team on 01376 552525.

16/012: Review of current F&L email and IT policy

Cllr Posen apologised that due to the Christmas break and work commitments no further action has yet happened. He stated that he will report back at the next meeting

16/013: Review of improving telecommunications and broadband in F&L

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16/014: Update of LHP Quiet Lane at Liston Lane

Cllr T. Clayton has had a meeting with Essex Highways panel and he informed the meeting that it is on the agenda and has been "green flagged" for discussion at the March meeting of the LHP panel.

16/015: Planning Application/s:

16/00009/TPOCON – Mole End Place Mill Road Foxearth CO10 7JF

Notice of intent to carry out works to trees in a Conservation Area - Fell 1 Rowan tree, Reduce 3 other Rowans to previous pruning areas, Reduce tops and trim sides of 2 Iron Woods, Reduce 1 Conifer top by 4ft and face back Holly over the garage.

Alan Fitch (Tree Warden for F&L PC) visited the site and recommended to the Council that this application is accepted. **F&L DECISION – Councillors Unanimously agreed**

Decision on Planning Application/s

15/00366/TPO - 1 Orchard Cottages The Street Foxearth CO10 7JG

Notice of intent to carry out works to tree protected by Tree Preservation Order 8/06 - Fell 1 Norway Spruce - **Application Refused**

15/00351/TPOCON – Lower Hall Mill Road Foxearth CO10 7JF

Notice of intent to carry out works to trees in a Conservation Area - Remove 2 larger lower branches from 1 Ash and 1 branch affecting the small newly planted Beech tree, Fell to ground level another Ash tree, Reduce the longer untidy branches from 1 Beech by 4-5 metres, raise the crown by 1 metre and remove 1 lower branch over the border and reduce the height by approx. 2 metres to shape and balance the tree. **Application Permitted**

15/00235/TPOCON - Cavendish House The Street Foxearth CO10 7JG

Notice of intent to carry out works to trees in a Conservation Area - Cut back branch tips from 1 Lime tree to give approx. 2 metres clearance from the house, shape and balance, Reduce

Sycamore tree to approx. 18 feet in height, Reduce Cypress hedge height to previous trim line and face and Cut back Sycamore to boundary. **Application Permitted**

15/00766/FUL - Tuckers Mill Road Foxearth Essex CO10 7JF

Proposed demolition of existing bungalow and erection of a replacement dwelling

Application Permitted

15/00886/CLPLB - Claypit Hall Claypits Lane Foxearth CO10 7JD

Application for a Certificate of Lawfulness of Proposed Works to a Listed Building -

Replacement windows. **Application Permitted**

16/016: To discuss any other planning applications received subsequent to the agenda being published and/or shown on the Braintree District Council website up until 5pm on the day prior to the meeting. No planning applications had been received

16/017: Approval of the Precept for 2016/17

Cllr M. Posen proposed and Cllr K. Robson seconded that the Precept form for 2016/17 be signed by the Chairman and Clerk. **This was carried unanimously**

16/018: Finance

Credit Received – Nil

Chq. No. 778 – Kevin Money Clerk salary Nov & Dec '15 £379.24

Bank Balance after above cheques £4785.60p

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

This was carried unanimously

16/019: Parish Tree Warden

Alan Finch (tree warden) asked the Council to make sure that the residents understand his role. His role is to advise the Council on tree applications in Foxearth and Liston. He has no authority or influences on the Council or BDC decisions, he is just the eyes and ears of tree works in F&L

16/020: Braintree LHP schemes for 2016-17

Councillors were asked to contact the clerk before the deadline of 29.01.16 regarding LHP schemes

16/021: Date of next meeting/s

The date of the next Full Council meeting is Saturday 19th. MARCH 2016 at 10.30am

Other forthcoming dates are

21st. MAY 2016 is the combined AGM and Residents meeting at 10.30am

Further dates in 2016 to be confirmed

There being no further Council business the Chairman closed the meeting at 11.50am and thanked everyone for attending this meeting

Signed.....19th. March 2016

Corinne Cox - Chairman