



FOXEARTH & LISTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Saturday 8th. September 2018 at Foxearth Village Hall at 9.45am

Present: Cllr T. Clayton (Chairman), M. Posen (Vice-Chairman), Cllr K. Robson, Cllr P. Cox and Kevin Money (Clerk to the Council).

There were also 5 members of the public in attendance

054/2018 Chairman Welcome. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

055/2018 Apologies for Absence were received from ECC D. Finch, DC I. Parker, Cllr W. Binks, Cllr C. Cox

056/2018 Declaration of Interest

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

Cllr M. Posen declared a Pecuniary interest in item 070/2018

Cllr P. Cox declared a NP interest in any Church matters

057/2018 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 14th. July 2018

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

058/2018 Chairman's report and any update since last meeting –

Nothing to report as it is covered in the meeting

Housing Needs Survey has been distributed and a response of 34% from residents. RCCE are collating the responses.

059/2018 Essex County Councillors report. No report was given

060/2018 District Councillors report

In the absence of the District Councillor the Clerk read out her report.

The only update she would like to report is regarding the Local Plan. BDC has decided to continue with the plan to include phase 1 of all 3 garden communities in the next plan period up to 2033. This means that some further evidence must be provided to support the inclusion of the garden communities in the plan as required by the inspector. We will not have an up to date plan until that evidence is provided and the inspector is satisfied with it. Also work will shortly be commencing on new slip roads off the A120 at Braintree to connect Freeport and the centre of Braintree directly to the A120. This should alleviate some of the traffic problems at the Galley's corner roundabout.

061/2018 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

A resident asked about the progress on the village sign being refurbished. The Clerk was asked to chase up Steven Binks to repair the village sign.

062/2018 The Chairman to propose that the Village Green at Liston becomes registered

The Chairman proposed that the Liston Village Green become a registered green.

Seconded by Cllr M. Posen. All Agreed

A plaque will be placed on the wall to commemorate the "Peasants Revolt" which started at Liston Green.

063/2018 Defibrillator update – Cllr M. Posen

Residents may have noticed that Community Heartbeat Trust tried to install the defibrillator a couple of weeks ago. Unfortunately, the fabric of the village hall wall was too soft to support the weight of the unit, and they did not want to proceed because of the risk of damage to both the hall and the defibrillator.

CHT will give me a new installation date in due course, and they plan to use a different installation method, most likely mounting a back-board on the wall first and affixing the defibrillator to that.

They have made a temporary repair to the hall wall in the meantime and have assured me that they will make everything good once the installation is completed.

I have attempted to speak to the coordinator at CHT this week for an update, but have not managed to reach her. I'll update councillors as soon as I know anything more.



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064/2018 Broadband update – Cllr M. Posen

I have not received any further direct update from County Broadband personally, but CBB have emailed residents (I assume those that signed up for the new fibre service), indicating:

“This is a short note to let you know that we are still on target to complete our fibre to the home broadband service.

We have finished the detailed design plans and are now in discussion with Essex Highways and other local authority departments to secure the correct permissions required to complete the build as planned. We anticipate this approval process will continue for another 12 weeks at which point we will be in a position to start the build. The construction of the network is therefore planned to start in November and the network build should be completed within 8 weeks.”

I will continue to monitor the situation and keep councillors informed if I learn anything more.

I have also noted an item in the Parish Magazine mentioning an alternative fibre provider, Gigaclear. Although the Gigaclear website indicates that Foxearth is within their provision area, entering Foxearth postcodes results in a message saying that the service is not available. I will continue to monitor this too. Personally, it seems unlikely to me that two different providers are going to dig up our roads to lay two separate fibres.

Finally, while reading updates from Superfast Essex, I noted that the parishes of Foxearth and Liston do not have a so-called “Broadband Champion” formally registered. If Councillors agree, I propose to register myself in this role. This will ensure that I receive updates directly and will also be able to feed back any views on broadband from the Council and the community.

a) To appoint a broadband champion registered for Foxearth and Liston
Cllr P. Cox proposed Cllr M. Posen. Seconded by Cllr T. Clayton. All Agreed

065/2018 War Memorial update – Cllr M. Posen

I met with Cllr. Corinne Cox regarding the War Memorial restoration. We discussed the possibility that the Council can take over the restoration project, since Corinne is currently not able to spend much time in Foxearth. Corinne indicated to me that because the memorial is on church land, it must remain a PCC project. I have, however, offered to support her in a personal capacity if she needs contractors chasing, etc.

We discussed the budget for the repairs and noted that the total cost is around £4,350. The Council has budgeted for a total grant so far of £2,000, and the Village Hall Trust had offered a £500 contribution. I am very happy to report that the Trust have now offered to double their contribution to £1,000. So, there are funds of £3,000 available, leaving a shortfall of £1,350.

I believe personally that it would be appropriate for the Council to look to see if it can offer any further funding from its reserves in the current financial year, as well as maybe making a further provision for the next financial year if necessary. I would like to propose that we look at the budget with a view to making a further grant at the next Council meeting, if the budget can support it, and would like to propose that our Clerk review the budget prior to the next meeting to advise us if such an additional contribution is possible. I do not think, now, that it is likely that the restoration work will be done in time for the November centenary commemorations, but I hope nonetheless that it can be completed as soon as reasonably possible.

Cllr M. Posen proposed to a further allocate £1350 towards the War Memorial refurbishment. Cllr K. Robson seconded. All agreed. This will be paid at the November meeting.

066/2018 Tree Warden report. No report was given

067/2018 Footpath update

Cllr K. Robson asked the Clerk to place on the Parish Council website an invitation on any footpath issues regarding footpath issues.

Now he is more mobile he will start visiting the footpaths in the area



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068/2018 Planning Applications

18/01246 - 1 The Cottage Temple End CO10 7JZ

Single Storey Rear Extension

14.07.18 Foxearth & Liston Parish Council informed BDC that the Council has No objection this application. However it has been brought to their attention that this application is in the Foxearth Parish and not Belchamp Walter as on the planning applicant contact details

069/2018 Decision/s made by BDC on planning applications. No decisions by BDC

070/2018 Finance

- Bank balances as at 31st. August 2018 and 2017/18 budget account previously circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting
- Councillors to agree payment of September & October 2018 finances (previously circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting)

Cllr T. Clayton proposed and Cllr M. Posen seconded that the payments be authorised. All agreed

077/2018 Items for Next Agenda

Date of Next Full Council meeting

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 10.30am and thanked everyone for attending

Signed.....10th. November 2018
Anthony Clayton