



## FOXEARTH & LISTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ANNUAL Parish Council meeting followed by the Full Council meeting held on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>. May 2019 at Foxearth Village Hall at 10.15am.

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

There were also 5 members of the public in attendance

### ANNUAL MEETING

- 036/2019 Chairman Welcome.** The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting
- 037/2019 New Councillors to sign Declaration of Acceptance of Office**  
All Councillors signed their Declaration of Acceptance of Office
- 038/2019 New Councillors to sign Members Register of Interest**  
All Councillors signed their Register of Interest Forms
- 039/2019 All Councillors to sign E Consent form to receive Council information electronically**  
All Councillors signed their E Consent forms
- 040/2019 Apologies for Absence** were received from ECC Cllr D. Finch
- 041/2019 Election of Chairman for the 2019/20 year.**  
Cllr M. Posen proposed Cllr T. Clayton to be Chairman of the Parish Council for 2019/20. Cllr W. Binks seconded. **All Agreed.** Cllr T. Clayton then signed the Declaration of Office as Chairman.
- 042/2019 Election of Vice-Chairman for the 2019/20 year**  
Cllr T. Clayton proposed Cllr M. Posen to be Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council for 2019/20. Cllr K. Robson seconded. **All Agreed.** Cllr M. Posen then signed the Declaration of Office as Vice-Chairman.
- 043/2019 Election of Appointments and Employment committee**  
Cllr T. Clayton proposed that the Appointments and Employment Committee be as per 2018/19 with the amendment being that Phil Cox be replaced by Cllr K. Robson. Cllr M. Posen seconded. **All Agreed**
- 044/2019 To re-adopt all Council policies – previously circulated to Councillors**  
Including Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Asset Register  
Cllr K. Robson proposed and Cllr M. Posen seconded to re-adopt the F&L Council policies an-bloc.  
**All Agreed**
- 045/2019 2019/20 Chairman to Close Annual Meeting**  
The Chairman closed the Annual meeting of the Parish Council at 10.15am and thanked everyone for attending

### FULL COUNCIL MEETING

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

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- 046/2019 Chairman welcome and Apologies for Absence.**  
Apologies were received from ECC Cllr D. Finch
- 047/2019 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
- 048/2019 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 2<sup>nd</sup>. March 2019  
Cllr W. Binks proposed that the minutes are a true and accurate record of the meeting. Cllr M. Posen seconded. **All Agreed**



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### **049/2019 Chairman's report and any update since last meeting**

Update on the BDC Planning meeting on 19<sup>th</sup>. March 2019

The Chairman, Cllr T. Clayton, reported that at the BDC planning meeting on 19<sup>th</sup>. March he informed the BDC planning committee that on the 28<sup>th</sup> July 2015 the Parish Council lodged a letter of objection to this proposed development and all the points made are still very relevant, such as sustainability, a flawed Traffic Management assessment, overdevelopment of Long Melford and surrounding areas, lack of scope to expand the Doctors Surgery where there is already a six week wait for an appointment and many other reasons why this planning application must be rejected.

We also said that there were many anomalies and incorrect statements and I would like to expand on a few points.

The proposed scheme would deliver a range of social benefits including further increasing the supply of market housing and the planning officer suggests that this should carry significant weight. The reality is that the local area is being overwhelmed with new housing already and does not need any further development.

The developer states that the site is currently being operated as an industrial site and if their request for change of use is rejected it could mean that it would continue to operate on a much larger scale thereby increasing further the number of movements to and from the site. The truth is, that the only reason there are tenants on the site is because they have been offered units at 75% less than true market rent due to the poor condition of the buildings.

The applicant states that the access road to the A1092 Known as Cranfield Lane can only be used during the redevelopment period and cannot be made a permanent access due to various covenants. Has the committee seen these covenants, have they received written confirmation from the land owner that what the Developer states is correct? The answer to this must be No because I have spoken to the owner of the land over which this access road runs and he assures me that he has not been approached by anyone and he further assures me that as far as he knows there are no covenants in existence. As this access to the A1092 is such a contentious issue surely the committee must ask the applicant for proof to back up his statements and not just take his word for it.

We are told that very few vehicles leaving the estate will turn right and that the protected lane will not much suffer increased traffic. Are we to expect that anyone travelling to Cavendish, Clare, Haverhill etc. will travel the extra 4 miles via Rodbridge rather than take the shortest route? Are we also to expect that anyone wanting to travel to Long Melford or indeed Bury St Edmunds will not use the shortest route down Liston Lane? Of course not. Drivers will always take the shortest route. The Developers assumptions on traffic routing are laughable and should not be taken seriously. The current closure at the bridge at Rodbridge has given the residents of Liston a taste of what to expect from a development of the scale proposed. The Planning Committee visited Liston Last week and I am sure you will all agree that the verges have been devastated by the increased traffic and the "Quiet Lane" which is Liston Lane has been turned into a hazardous assault course for those pedestrians prepared to take their life in their hands. These are just some of the reasons why this development should not be allowed to proceed, there are many, many more which I am sure you are all aware of.

### **050/2019 Clerks Report - To review and approve the Parish Council policies**

- a. Standing Orders. Clerk to recommend no changes to be made (previously circulated to Councillors)
- b. Financial Regulations. Clerk to recommend no changes to be made
- c. Asset Register. Clerk to recommend no changes to be made
- d. To agree the new Co-option policy for the Council.

Cllr T. Clayton proposed to accept all the Foxearth & Liston Council policies an-bloc. Cllr M. Posen seconded. **All Agreed**

### **051/2019 Councillors to discuss reducing the number of meetings per year from 6 to 4**

Cllr T. Clayton proposed to keep the meetings at 6 per year. Cllr M. Posen seconded.

**All Agreed**

### **052/2019 Essex County Councillors report**

No report was given



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## **053/2019 District Councillors report**

BDC held elections on 5<sup>th</sup>. May 2019. The new makeup of the Council is now  
Out of the 49 members  
34 are Conservatives  
6 are Greens  
7 are Independent  
2 are Labour

BDC has purchased a 65 acre site in Gt. Notley. 40 acres to be developed.  
The purchase has attracted a great deal of interest in companies wanting to expand into the district. They consist of high quality business with high paying jobs  
BDC Councillors are undergoing a lot of training especially for new Councillors  
At the last survey 151,000 people living in the District  
BDC has removed 565 fly tipping reports  
BDC has now obtained a 5-year housing supply

## **054/2019 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 question from a resident asked about the clearing at Rodbridge and the layby to be cleared. This will be taken up again with Essex Highways department.

When is the village sign being renovated? The Clerk informed residents that this is being done on 25<sup>th</sup>. June this year

M. Waite has contacted County Broadband about an update. Cllr M. Posen replied by saying that all the roadworks is to do with Gigaclear fibre cables. County Broadband have faced numerous issues getting permission to get the cables across the fields. August will be another start date taking 2 months and customer connection to residents after that. Maybe by Oct. / Nov will be provided.

## **055/2019 Setting up a working party for traffic issues in Foxearth & Liston including looking at a "SID" Camera – Cllr M. Posen**

All Councillors volunteered for this working party but no volunteers came forward.  
The Clerk was asked to email all residents and to publise this in the Parish magazine

## **056/2019 Broadband update – Cllr M. Posen**

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## **057/2019 Footpath update – Cllr K. Robson**

Cllr K. Robson spoke about Footpath 7 he has contacted the footpath officer at ECC.

Footpath 22 raised issue with Essex Highways regarding the electric fence.

Footpath 19 ongoing issue remains but has been cut back and strimmed

The Clerk was asked to send the footpath defects form to Mary Waite

Gigaclear are going along the protected lane and are aware of the environmental issuesa. They are proposing to go into the tarmac.

David Fahie offered his services regarding the hedge cutting and footpath where he will be very helpful in getting this done.



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## 058/2019 Planning Applications

**19/00061/TPO** - St Peter And St Paul Church, The Street, Foxearth

Notice of intent to carry out works to trees protected by Tree Preservation Order 7/12 - Fell dead Sycamore and Fell Lime tree

On 08.03.19 BDC informed the Council that BDC had granted the above application as one of the trees is dead and the other is undermining the footings so BDC told the applicant that they will not have to wait the 8 weeks application period.

**19/00087/TPOCON** - Cavendish House, The Street, Foxearth

Notice of intent to carry out works to a tree in a Conservation Area - Reduce Lime (T1) height by 5 metres and reduce the overhang to both properties by 2-3 metres

**F&L DECISION:** Leave to BDC Tree Warden

## 059/2019 Decision/s made by BDC on planning applications

**19/00061/TPO** - St Peter And St Paul Church, The Street, Foxearth – see above

**18/01767/FUL & 18/01768/LBC**

Place Farm Barn Foxearth Road Liston Essex CO10 7HR

Conversion of 6 bay barn, as well as small cartlodge/haystore, to residential dwelling with associated external amenity space and buildings. Application **GRANTED**

## 060/2019 Finance

- Bank balances as at 30<sup>th</sup>. April 2019 and 2019/20 budget account previously circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting

Councillors noted the Bank balances and Budget report from the RFO.

- Councillors to agree payment of April, May and June 2019 finances (previously circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting)

Cllr T. Clayton proposed and Cllr M. Posen seconded to authorise the April, May and June '19 payments.

**All Agreed.**

## 061/2019 End of Year report

a) Councillors to agree and Chairman to sign the Section 1 Annual Governance Statement

Cllr M. Posen proposed and Cllr K. Robson seconded that the Chairman and Clerk/RFO sign the Section 1 Annual Governance Statement. **All Agreed**

b) Councillors to agree and Chairman to sign the Section 2 Accounting Statement

Cllr M. Posen proposed and Cllr W. Binks seconded that the Chairman and Clerk/RFO sign the Section 2 Accounting Statement. **All Agreed**

c) Councillors to agree and sign "Certificate of Exemption" document from PKF Littlejohn

Cllr K. Robson proposed and Cllr W. Binks seconded that the Chairman and Clerk/RFO sign the sign "Certificate of Exemption" document. **All Agreed**

d) Councillors to agree a change of cheque signatories

Cllr T. Clayton proposed to amend the cheque signatories. To remove Cllr C. Cox and add Cllrs K. Robson and W. Binks. Cllr M. Posen seconded. **All Agreed.**

## Items for Next Agenda

### Co-option

**Date of Next Full Council meeting - 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

27<sup>th</sup>. July 2019

Tony Clayton

Minutes of the AGM followed by the Parish Council meeting held on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>. May 2019