



FOXEARTH & LISTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Saturday 30th. November 2019 at Foxearth Village Hall at 9.45am.

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

There were also 2 members of the public in attendance.

090/2019 Chairman welcome The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

091/2019 Apologies for Absence No apologies for absence

092/2019 To Co-opt onto the Parish Council. The resident to be co-opted onto the Parish Council at this meeting withdrew her application. The Parish Council to continue to fill the position.

093/2019 Declaration of Interest

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

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

094/2019 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 28th. September 2019

Cllr T. Clayton proposed that the minutes are a true and accurate record of the meeting. Cllr K. Robson seconded. **All Agreed**

095/2019 Chairman's report and any update since last meeting

There are no further updates and has been quite since the last meeting. There is an item to be discussed later on, in the agenda.

096/2019 Clerks Report

1) Closure of "essexinfo.net" website as from March 2020

The Clerk informed the meeting that he was still looking into having a new PC website up and running by March 2020. There will now be an additional expenditure of about £200 for this and it will be reflected in the Budget/Precept for 2020/21

Cllr M. Posen to look at setting up a new website.

097/2019 Essex County Councillors report – ECC Cllr D. Finch

Apologies for not attending many meetings

- Comparison of Councils in the Country, ECC were in the top 10
- Budget – Revenue support grant in decline over 5 years. Grants will not be published until January 2020 after the General election.
- ECC at the last Council meeting announced a climate action programme. 127,000 lights in Essex changing to LED lights
- Road maintenance – Potholes will be repaired by using 90% of recyclable tarmac.
- 135,000 trees to be planted to combat CO2. Trees can be obtained by the Parish Council. Contact David Finch for more information.
- Battery operate buses will be looked at for the future

098/2019 District Councillors report – BDC Cllr I. Parker

- BDC Local plan re-examination section 1 is starting on 14.01.20 lasting for about 2 weeks. Documentation is on the BDC website.
- BDC announced a climate scheme aiming to be a nett zero.
- Refuse trucks to be looked at to cut emission. There is no viable vehicle to substitute existing vehicles.
- Climate action group has been set up. It has become a BDC priority
- Economic growth will be looked at more closely in 2020.
- BDC owns a car park in Braintree and will be developed with a hotel, flats and health and wellbeing centre. Moving bus station to improve the Town Centre.
- Enterprise centre in Witham
- Grant for young entrepreneurs
- PC Craig Wheeler from Essex Police is the main contact for the area



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- “What 3 words” has been introduced by the police. Download the app.
- Fast charging point garage for electric vehicles. It is situated near Gt. Notley
- Planning response are now – **APPROVE, OBJECT OR NO COMMENT**
- Application for a solar farm has been received by BDC. BDC I. Parker to supply the Clerk with the planning number.

Cllr D. Finch and I. Parker left the meeting

099/2019 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 resident asked that if the Parish Council Objects to a planning application then a Councillor should attend the BDC planning meeting where the application is being discussed.

100/2019 Broadband update – Cllr M. Posen

Not a lot to report. County Broadband has done enough works in preparation of the road closure running fibre down the road. Essex Highways have not given approval to continue this project. County Broadband hope to have the works completed by Christmas. Until the road closure has been approved by Highways then the work cannot be completed.

101/2019 Footpath update – Cllr K. Robson

Contacting Highways to have a better cutting regime.

Cllr T. Clayton proposed that the Liston Residents and the Parish Council submit an objection to ECC to the application from Liston Hall, Foxearth Road, Liston CO10 7HT to deposit a map and statement under section 31(6) of the Highways Act 1980 and deposit a statement under section 15(a) of the Commons Act 2006 has been made in relation to the land (or lands) described above.

Cllr M. Posen seconded. **All agreed.**

102/2019 Planning Applications

19/01998/LBC – Rose Hall formerly Mole End Place , Mill Road, Foxearth

Insertion of timber bi-fold doors to rear elevation, removal of existing damaged pebble dashed render, repairing using new smooth render to front and side elevations and various internal alterations.

F&L Decision: After reviewing the application the Parish Council has No Comment to make.

Cllr T. Clayton proposed that Cllr K. Holmes be nominated as the F&L member responsible for planning applications. Cllr M. Posen seconded. All Agreed

103/2019 Decision/s made by BDC on planning applications

No decisions have been made affecting Foxearth or Liston

104/2019 Finance

- Bank balances as at 31st. October 2019 and 2019/20 budget account previously circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting

Councillors noted the Bank balances as at 31st. October 2019 and 2019/20 budget account

- Councillors to agree payment of October/November & December 2019 finances (previously circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting)

Cllr M. Posen proposed to authorise the October, November and December '19 payments.

Cllr W. Binks seconded. **All Agreed**

- Councillors to discuss the Budget Precept and Grants for 2020/21

Councillors discussed in detail the Budget and Grants for 2020/21.

Cllr T. Clayton proposed the Budget of £6905 which equates to a like-for-like Precept rise of 1.68% for 2020/21. Cllr M. Posen seconded. **All Agreed**

- To adopt the Internet Banking policy

Cllr M. Posen proposed adopting the new Internet Banking policy. Cllr K. Holmes seconded. All Agreed



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Items for Next Agenda

Speeding in the village – working party (email resident list about this item)

Date of Next Full Council meeting – 25th. January 2020

21.03.20: 23.05.20 (Annual Electors meeting followed by PC AGM): 25.07.20: 19.09.20: 21.11.20

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 11.30am and thanked everyone for attending

Signed

25th. January 2020

Tony Clayton