



FOXEARTH & LISTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Saturday 21st. November 2020 at 9.45am via Zoom. This meeting was held “remotely” in accordance with The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020, enable meetings to be held remotely, and allow local authorities to hold and alter the frequency and occurrence of meetings without the need for further notice. The changes in legislation have been made in order to help smaller authorities in the performance of their duties as a result of the restrictions of movement and limitations on social contact necessary to limit the spread of the Covid-19 virus.

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

There were also 4 members of the public in attendance.

041/2020 Chairman welcome. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

042/2020 Apologies for Absence. None received

043/2020 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.

044/2020 To approve the Minutes of the last meeting of Foxearth & Liston Parish Council

To receive and agree the minutes of the F&L Zoom meeting held on 19th. September 2020. **All Agreed**

045/2020 Chairman’s report and any update since last meeting

On the agenda today is the subject of the two vacancies we still have on the Parish Council, despite our previous attempts through advertising of generating some interest, mainly from the residents of Foxearth. Liston is represented on the Council and I would have thought that out of the 150 plus households in Foxearth someone would have at least shown some initiative in contributing to the running of their village. The choice is yours. Step up to the mark or live with your regrets.

I have in previous reports mentioned the good work of various organisations within the village such as the Village Hall, History Society and the COVID-19 Volunteers but I have neglected to point out the great work carried out by Mike Chrome in organising the Heating Oil Buying Group. I am sure many of us take this for granted and enjoy the benefits of the discounted prices Mike achieves without further thought for the work that goes into the organisation required and I would personally like to thank him on behalf of all the members of the group.

Since the previous meeting we have received a communication from a resident regarding the Solar Farm Project and asking whether or not the agents for the applicant offered a financial incentive to the Parish Council. I confirmed that this was indeed the case but we considered it completely inappropriate even though apparently perfectly legal and therefore chose to ignore it. It played no part in our decision making.

046/2020 Essex County Councillors report – ECC Cllr D. Finch

Local Government reform. No plans at the moment to undertake any local Government reform.

ECC reason to move from tier 1 to tier 2. There was evidence from ECC Public Health Officer that outbreaks were doubling in the Essex area. Therefore, to ask Government to place ECC into tier 2 as it was the right decision to flatten the infection curve. The curve is still flattening out. 105 per 100,000 of population. Essex is in a better position to save lives and save jobs.

Local Government Finance. Lockdown was not wanted as many businesses have suffered. ECC income has fallen by 3% so far. This year part funding from the Government should cover extra costs. £50m deficit in 2021/22 finance year. Government allowing some capital funding to overcome any reduction in income.

Adequate reserves which the government have allowed to be used to bridge the gap

Signed

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047/2020 District Councillors report – BDC Cllr I. Parker

- Council Grant scheme – Cllr I. Parker has a small amount of money left in her fund to allocate. Any requests will be looked at closely
- Site at Rodbridge. BDC Enforcement Officers have been in contact with the new owners. Planning permission must be applied for before middle of December 2020. BDC Enforcement Officer have limited powers to issue “Stop Orders”.
- Budget. 2021/22 loss of income through COVID-19. Help has been obtained from Government. There may be £400,000 funding gap. Significant pressures on Budget for 2021/22.
- Council Tax may go up by 2% but this will be discussed at the BDC Finance meeting.

Cllr K. Holmes asked Cllr I. Parker for clarity over the BDC Enforcement Officer plan, policy and practices. Cllr I. Parker replied that she thinks that this issue will be a “retrospective planning application” and will be treated as such.

Cllr K. Robson asked if further encroachment on the site – will the BDC enforcement officer take further action.

Cllr I. Parker said that if any more items arrive on the site then this will add weight to the planning application decision.

Cllr D. Finch advised the Parish Council to write to James Cleverley MP.

The Clerk to contact Essex Highways regarding placing a new access onto the Highway requesting a site visit.

048/2020 To discuss the co-option of Councillor/s onto the Parish Council

The Clerk to send out another request to all Residents on the email list.

Cllr M. Posen to write a request and send it to Kelvin Hastings by Monday

049/2020 Public Participation Session

The Chairman will invite questions and observations from members of the public present.

- a) To discuss the response to BDC following the Land at Liston complaints

Has anyone a comment on the Fence at Mill Lane. This site definitely needs planning permission.

Cllr I. Parker will chase up this issue with BDC Enforcement Officer.

Also at the Rodbridge site a mobile seafood bar has been erected on the site. Whilst moving the horsebox it blocks the busy road. Cllr I. Parker will chase up this issue with BDC Enforcement Officer
Pentlow Solar site were residents informed and has a response been sent BDC. The Parish Council has responded to the site application.

Cllr I. Parker stated that it is the responsibility of the developer to consult with residents and PC's. There was not sufficient notice given to the residents to submit their comments. F&LPC to write to planning officer over lack of consultation period from the developer. Residents were urgently advised to also register their disquiet to the lack of consultation period.

The Church has approached the PC with a view to agreeing to using the village green to hang wooden advent signs on the tree. Although this matter does not fall within the Councils remit, the PC cannot foresee any objections.

050/2020 Planning Applications

20/00398/TPOCON – Oakleys Cottage School Street Foxearth Essex CO10 7JE

Notice of intent to carry out works to tree in a Conservation Area - Remove a Weeping Beech tree

F&LPC Response: Support this Application subject to the Tree and Conservation Officer's approval

051/2020 Decision/s made by BDC on planning applications

No decisions made by BDC affecting Foxearth or Liston

052/2020 Employment Committee – Cllr T. Clayton

To accept the recommendation of the Employment Committee (previously circulated to Councillors)..

Cllr. T. Clayton proposed and Cllr M. Posen seconded to accept the Employment Committee recommendations. **All Agreed**

Signed

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053/2020 Footpath update – Cllr K. Robson

No updates on footpath issues.
Cllr K. Robson left the meeting

054/2020 Tree works on Liston Green – Cllr T. Clayton

Cllr. T. Clayton proposed to accept the tree works and invoice supplied by Timberscape. Cllr K. Holmes seconded. **All Agreed**

055/2020 Traffic & Parking problems in Foxearth – Cllr K. Holmes

Traffic problems on the corner of Claypits and works being undertaken at the Church. There is a continual problem with parking on the corner and along Claypits. Heavy lorries are causing a problem on verges. Lorries also speed within the village area. A number of vans speeding in the village delivering parcels and can be very dangerous to cyclist and pedestrians. Cyclists have been forced off the lanes in the village. Can any parking restrictions be enforced in the village and especially traffic calming?
Can a speed indicator device be looked into for Foxearth? An application to LHP to obtain a SID should be investigated.

Cllr M. Posen proposed setting up the volunteers again for the Speeding in Foxearth. Cllr K. Holmes seconded. **All Agreed.**

056/2020 Grant Application 2020/21

1) To receive a Grant Funding Application request from St. Peter & St. Paul's Church Foxearth
Councillors agreed to withhold any donation until a representative can attend a PC meeting to inform Councillors on how this £600 was arrived at. The clerk to invite a representative to the January meeting.

2) To receive a Grant Funding Application request from Foxearth & District Local History Society
Councillors agreed to Donate £250.00 to Foxearth & District Local History Society

057/2020 Finance

1) Bank balances as at 31st. October 2020 and 2020/21 budget account previously circulated
Councillors. Councillors noted the Bank balances as at 31st. October 2020 and 2020/21 budget account

2) Councillors to agree payments of October & November 2020 finances previously circulated to Councillors. Cllr M. Posen proposed and Cllr T. Clayton seconded to authorise the November 2020 payments. **All Agreed.**

3) Councillors to discuss Grant application request from St. Peter & St. Paul's Church – See item 056/2020

4) Councillors to discuss 2021/22 Budget / Precept

Councillors discussed the Budget for 2021/22. This will be finalised at the January 2021 meeting.

5) Update on Internet Banking

The RFO informed the meeting that the Internet Banking with Unity Trust Bank is now up and running. He will be submitting for authorisation the November payments and 2 Councillors will be needed to authorise these payments.

Items for Next Agenda

Budget/Precept 2021/22

War Memorial Repairs and front wall repairs – Pam Pluck

Grant Donation

Date of Next Full Council meeting via Zoom – 16.01.21: 20.03.21: 15.05.21: 17.07.21: 18.09.21: 20.11.21

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 12noon and thanked everyone for attending

Signed

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