



FOXEARTH & LISTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18th. September 2021 at 9.45am in Foxearth Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs T. Clayton (Chairman), M. Posen (Vice-Chairman), F. Binks, S. Ham, K. Robson, BDC Cllr I. Parker and Kevin B. Money (Parish Clerk). There were also 3 members of the public present

058/2021 Chairman welcome The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

059/2021 Apologies for Absence were received from ECC Cllr P. Schwier and Cllr K. Holmes

060/2021 Declaration of Interest

To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary, Pecuniary or non-Pecuniary Interest relating to items on the agenda. Cllr M. Posen declared an interest in item 069/2021 - 21/02438

061/2021 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 18th. June 2021. **All Agreed**

062/2021 To approve the Minutes of Annual Electors meeting held on 18th. June 2021

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063/2021 Chairman's report and any update since last meeting

The Chairman had circulated his report to Councillors prior to the meeting. It read:

I would like to start by paying tribute to Ken and Margaret Nice who have done such sterling work and wish them well in the future.

I must say it was refreshing to get back to some sort of normality by being able to hold our last meeting combined with the AGM and the Annual Parish Meeting in the village hall face to face although I also found it very disappointing that only three residents bothered to attend. The Parish Meeting was a chance for residents to have their say and question the Parish Council on any matter they choose so I can only assume that from the lack of attendance you are all extremely satisfied with the way the Council represents your interests. Although on the positive side, at all Parish Council meetings, unlike other Parish Councils who only allow members of the public to speak on agenda items during Public Question Time, we allow you to question or comment on any subject relevant to the two parishes.

Following last year's trial in the central area, Braintree District Council decided to extend the verge cutting trial to cover the whole of the Braintree District this year and cease to make the first cut in April but will commence the Autumn cut this month. Foxearth and Liston are scheduled for 20th – 24th. September. Braintree would welcome feedback on their trial so I would ask you to let our Clerk have any comments so that we can pass them on. It is my personal opinion that the trial has been a great success by allowing the vegetation to grow on, not only for aesthetic reasons but for the benefit of the wildlife. Some of you may not agree so let's hear your comments.

The speed of traffic through the village needs to be addressed and the Parish Council will be debating the need for a Working Party at today's meeting but we do need members of the public to become involved, not only to come up with suggestions but to also lend a hand with whatever it is decided might alleviate the problem. So far, we have had only one person show an active interest in joining the Working Party but we do need more people to come forward and give up some time to assist.

Changing policy at Braintree District Council means that more pressure is being put on Parish Councils to take responsibility for footpath maintenance such as hedge and grass cutting and the Parish Council has been advertising for someone to take on this paid role, but so far without success. It is not a voluntary position as we have put aside funds to cover the work involved and it will be ongoing, so if there is anyone out there who would like a supplement to their income and at the same time get some good exercise, please contact our Clerk.

Some good news, the lodge has gone so all that is to be done now is for the ugly gates to be removed.

Will planning be enforcing the removal now?

a) Update on meeting of Braintree Association of Local Councils (BALC)

The Chairman had circulated his report to Councillors prior to the meeting. It read:

I attended a Zoom meeting of the Braintree Association of Local Councils. This is an organisation established to ensure that all the Town and Parish councils in the Braintree district can join together and share information. The plan is that at every meeting there will be a speaker from either Essex or Braintree Council to talk on a topic of interest. Last night it was Sonia Church who is the lead for Essex Highways and on the Highways Panel who make the decisions on any requests put forward. In all there are twelve

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members of the panel of which four of the members are also members of BALC and they are willing to assist local councils with compiling presentations of projects to put forward to the LHP. Such as speed indicators and road signage which will be of interest to us. The LHP allocates projects according to the financial year which means that decisions on spend are made in March so in effect there is a cut off date in December. If we are going to put forward a request for speed indicators we have to do so before then. I am asking for the email addresses of the four LHP members who can assist us if need be and when received I will pass them on.

The cost of membership of the BALC is £40.00 pa which I think will be good value for money and I would ask Kevin to put the item on the agenda for the next meeting although I seem to remember we might have already voted to join.

b) The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons

EALC would like to encourage all member-councils to take part in the lighting of Beacons on Thursday 2nd June next year to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee in a similar way to how many parishes assisted with the Diamond Jubilee Beacons of 2011/12. Councillors noted this event for next year.

064/2021 Essex County Councillors report – ECC Cllr P. Schwier

No report was given. However, Cllr P. Schwier supplies reports on a regular basis and the can be found at <https://e-voice.org.uk/foxearthandliston-pc/assets/documents/information-63>

065/2021 District Councillors report – BDC Cllr I. Parker

- Impact of COVID-19 has affected BDC finances which have resulted in a deficit but has been offset by Government grants.
- Local Plan is being scrutinised and hoping the Plan will be adopted by the end of year
- BDC has now a 5-year land supply
- Planning Enforcement team not working as well as it could. Communication needs to be improved.
- New medical centre being built in Sible Hedingham with 10 consulting rooms
- Verge cutting in BDC has worked well
- Trial of new “Litter signs” is proving successful
- Climate change strategy is being held at next Full BDC Council meeting

066/2021 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

- The field between Liston and Rodbridge requires planning permission

Cllr I. Parker left the meeting

067/2021 Footpath update – Cllr K. Robson

- In August the annual footpath cut has been undertaken by BDC
- A full survey of footpaths has been carried out
- The Council still continues to look for a handyman to cut the footpath and verges
- Cllr K. Robson is in constant contact with BDC to ask them when the footpaths and verges are being cut in advance.
- A suggestion was to contact the Probation service as the community group has been set-up again

068/2021 Highways and Transport issues – Cllr F. Binks

a) To set up a date and time for the Working party to meet

Cllr F. Binks asked Councillors to attend a meeting on 4th. October at 6pm in the village hall. To undertake a brain-storming session. All residents are welcome to attend.

069/2021 Planning Applications

21/02438/HH - Foxgloves, Claypits Lane, Foxearth

Conversion of garage to provide habitable accommodation

Cllr. M. Posen abstained from any discussion on this application

RESOLVED: F&LPC has No objection to this application



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21/02602/TPOCON - Magnolia House, The Street, Foxearth

Notice of intent to carry out works to trees in a Conservation Area - Remove 2 Apple trees

RESOLVED: F&LPC Supports this application subject to the Tree and Conservation Officers Approval

21/02675/LBC - Rose Hall, Mill Road, Foxearth

Repair works to existing roof, to include: - Cleaning of existing plain and scalloped plain tiles to front & sides. - Replacement of broken tiles with clay tiles to match existing to front & sides. - Replacement of decaying and broken rafters to front. - Installation of breathable membrane and softwood battens to match existing to front & sides. Repair works to existing front wall, including: - Exposing of wall by stripping off existing blown render. - Replacing damaged or rotten timber on a like-for-like basis.

RESOLVED: F&LPC Support this application

070/2021 Decisions made by BDC affecting Foxearth and Liston

21/01768 - Pipers Cottage The Street Foxearth Essex CO10 7JH

Notice of intent to carry out works to trees in a Conservation Area - 1 Reduce Conifer hedge by 3 meters to allow more light, 2 Fell Sycamore at end of hedge, its drowned by hedge and has value 3 cut back Beech hedge on road, top and sides by 5 feet to help profile. **Application GRANTED**

21/01617 - Felton House Foxearth Road Liston Essex CO10 7HR

Demolition of conservatory, erection of single storey front and rear extensions, first floor side extension and internal alterations. **Application GRANTED**

071/2021 To review the F&LPC Freedom of Information policy and to agree on how responses are made to such request/s

Cllr M. Posen proposed to re-adopt the Freedom of Information policy. Cllr F. Binks seconded. **All Agreed**

072/2021 Finance

- a) To receive the Bank balances as at 31st. August 2021. Councillors noted the Bank balances as at 31st. August 2021
- b) To receive the 2021/22 budget account. Councillors noted the 2021/22 budget account
- c) Councillors to agree payments of July, August, September 2021 finances

Cllr M. Posen proposed and Cllr S. Ham seconded that the July, August and September 2021 finances be authorised. **All Agreed**

- d) Grants and Donations - To consider any requests received by the Parish Clerk

The Clerk informed the meeting that he had received a Grant request from Foxearth History Group. This, together with any other requests, will be discussed at the November meeting

073/2021 Items for Next Agenda

074/2021 Date of Next Full Council meetings – 20.11.21

Meeting dates for 2022 (subject to the Village Hall being available): 15.01.22: 19.03.22: 21.05.22:
16.07.22: 17.09.22: 19.11.22

075/2021 Closure of the Meeting

To Close the meeting having considered and determined all items of business

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 11.10am and thanked everyone for attending.

Signed

20th. November 2021

Tony Clayton