



## FOXEARTH & LISTON PARISH COUNCIL

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### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup>. July 2022 at 9.45am in Foxearth Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs T. Clayton (Chairman), F. Binks, S. Ham, K. Holmes, K. Robson and Kevin B. Money (Parish Clerk). There were also 6 members of the public present

**060/2022 Chairman welcome.** The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

**061/2022 Apologies for Absence** were received from ECC Cllr P. Schwier and Cllr M. Posen

#### **062/2022 Declaration of Interest**

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

**None Declared**

#### **063/2022 To approve the Minutes of the last meeting of Foxearth & Liston Parish Council**

To receive and agree the minutes of the Annual Electors meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup>. May 2022. **All Agreed**

To receive and agree the minutes of the Annual F&LPC meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup>. May 2022. **All Agreed**

To receive and agree the minutes of the last F&LPC meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup>. May 2022. **All Agreed**

#### **064/2022 Chairman's report and any update since last meeting**

Nothing new to report as it has been very quiet since the last meeting.

Liston and Foxearth enjoyed the Jubilee celebrations. The Chairman thanked everyone for the hard efforts

#### **065/2022 Essex County Councillors report – ECC Cllr P. Schwier**

Cllr P. Schwier had supplied reports during the month on

- Household Support Fund - Grant Allocation
- Rollout of library literacy areas gains momentum
- Essex Climate Action - launches series of Climate action Packs
- ECC residents encouraged to have Covid19 vaccine +booster jabs-summer holidays-Travel
- New initiatives to better connect communities in rural Braintree
- PARC - Gt Notley Country Park Essex Public Health
- Community 360 -ECC Local Linked Support
- Public warned about potential dangers of missing drain covers
- Essex Activate helps across Essex
- ECC Support for residents during cost-of-living crisis
- E Scooter trials took place in Braintree but it was not successful. Further trials are still taking place at Braintree Town Centre
- LED street light replacements are still progressing well
- ECC Council tax collection is on track in last quarter
- ECC spending £750,000 on tourism post Covid
- Essex Coastal path has been completed but could take up to 5 days to walk it

#### **066/2022 District Councillors report – BDC Cllr I. Parker**

No report was submitted

#### **067/2022 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 resident appreciated the response from the PC over the dedication of the renovated war memorial

- a) Councillors to agree to the changing of the F&LPC meeting dates to the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Thursday of September (15.09.22) and November 2022 (17.11.22) at 7pm

Cllr T. Clayton proposed and Cllr F. Binks seconded to change the forthcoming meeting dates to 15<sup>th</sup>.

September and 17<sup>th</sup>. November 2022 at 7pm. **All Agreed.** The Clerk to organise the 2023 meeting dates

**068/2022 Grant Application/s**

Councillors discussed the grant application from St. Peter and St. Paul Church Foxearth for £750  
Mr. P. Cox informed the meeting why the grant application request for 2023/24 increased from £600 to £750  
Councillors then questioned Mr. P. Cox and a decision will be made at the November budget meeting.

**069/2022 Footpath update – Cllr K. Robson**

No footpath issues have been reported to Cllr K. Robson.

There are 23 footpaths in Foxearth & Liston. If F&LPC take over the cutting then that would result in a payment from ECC of £795.87p - £1061.16p. Cllr K. Robson circulated a spreadsheet obtained from ECC.  
Cllr K. Robson to contact ECC for a Service Level Agreement

**070/2022 Highways and Transport issues – Cllr F. Binks**

**a)** Councillors to discuss the update on the purchase of a new SID and site visit  
Cllr F. Binks has again approached ECC Cllr P. Schwier on the ongoing traffic issues in both villages  
The Clerk to submit a LHP via ECC Cllr P. Schwier

**b)** Traffic issues on the bridge at Rodbridge

In the absence of Cllr M. Posen, the Clerk read out his report which was supplied prior to the meeting. It read:  
I apologise that owing to Covid I am not able to be at the meeting, however, I would like to report to Councillors regarding the traffic situation at Rodbridge.

There has been a lot of discussion on local social media regarding issues faced by drivers crossing the bridge at Rodbridge over the river Stour next to Long Melford Country Park. Drivers coming from the Essex side have priority and drivers coming from Suffolk have to give way. The problem is that some drivers on the Essex side are aggressively interpreting their priority as meaning that they can drive straight onto the bridge even if there is traffic already on the bridge coming from the Suffolk side. Because of the sightlines and the raised Bailey bridge on top of the old bridge, however, it is not so easy for drivers coming from Suffolk to see fully what is on the other side. Often the bridge appears clear, and in fact it is clear, but the driver from Suffolk cannot see that there is a car rapidly approaching on the Essex side.

Many women drivers are complaining that they face aggressive and confrontational men, who bully them to reverse back, even though they were on the bridge before the other vehicle arrived there. And it's not just women drivers facing aggressive men. I myself have had exactly the same experience with a very aggressive woman driver, who drove onto the bridge and wouldn't move until I reversed, even though I was more than halfway across.

I offered to take up this matter, and our Essex County Councillor, Peter Schwier, kindly offered to submit a request to the Local Highways Panel to see if a traffic scheme can be put into place.

I have prepared the Local Highways Panel application, and if Councillors agree with what I have written, I hope that Peter will be able to support it and submit it on our behalf. Since the bridge crosses between Essex and Suffolk, I also hope that Peter will also be able to liaise with his opposite number on Suffolk County Council, so that there is a coordinated approach between the two authorities.

**PC Email**

Just to report that as agreed at the last meeting I moved the PC email over from the free system (which was being withdrawn) to the paid system. I was able to sign up to a special offer, which means that we get the first three months for free and the next twelve months for half-price. This means that we will pay £303 for the year to 1 October 2023 and £606 per year thereafter. This is a little more than I reported to the last meeting, but I expect that this amount might be able to be reduced after I reorganise the system a little.

Because it was only possible to sign up to this email plan with a credit card, I used my personal card, and I will submit invoices for reimbursement in due course.

**071/2022 Planning Applications**

**22/01614/LBC** - Orchard Cottage, School Street, Foxearth

Replacement of existing oil-fired boiler, radiators and pipe work. Replacement and relocation of existing water tank from bathroom to garage. Provision of trench under footpath in garden to connect services from garage to dwelling (mirroring existing soil pipe).

**RESOLVED: The Parish Council has No objection to this planning application**

**22/01822/HH** - The Mill Cottage, Mill Road, Foxearth

Single storey rear extension

**RESOLVED: The Parish Council has No objection to this planning application**

**072/2022 Decisions made by BDC affecting Foxearth and Liston**

No planning decisions have been made by BDC affecting either Foxearth or Liston

**073/2022 Finance**

a) To receive the Bank balances as at 30<sup>th</sup>. June 2022

Councillors noted the Bank balances as at 30<sup>th</sup>. June 2022

b) To receive the comparison of Actual against Budget 2022/23

Councillors noted the comparison of Actual against Budget 2022/23

c) Councillors to agree payments of June and July 2022 finances and to agree a transfer of any funds to meet the Parish Council's financial requirements.

Cllr S. Ham proposed and Cllr K. Robson seconded to authorise the June and July 2022 payments.

**All Agreed**

**074/2022 Items for Next Agenda**

Highways – Parking in Claypits obstructing the junction (ECC Cllr P. Schwier)

**075/2022 Date of Next Full Council meetings – THURSDAY 15.09.22 at 7pm and Thursday 17.11.22 at 7pm**

**076/2022 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 10.55am and thanked everyone for attending.

Signed



17<sup>th</sup>. November 2022

**Tony Clayton**