



FOXEARTH & LISTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19th. January 2023 at 7pm in Foxearth Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs T. Clayton (Chairman), S. Ham, K. Holmes, K. Robson, ECC Cllr P. Schwier, BDC Cllr I. Parker and Kevin B. Money (Parish Clerk). There were also 3 members of the public present

001/2023 Chairman welcome. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

002/2023 Apologies for Absence were received from Cllr M. Posen and Cllr F. Binks

003/2023 Declaration of Interest

To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary, Pecuniary or non-Pecuniary Interest relating to items on the agenda. **None Declared**

004/2023 To approve the Minutes of the last meeting of Foxearth & Liston Parish Council
 To receive and agree the minutes of the last F&LPC meeting held on 17th. November 2022. **All Agreed**

005/2023 Chairman's report and any update since last meeting

Nothing to report since the last meeting except for Liston Boardwalk which was started by ECC Highways but works ceased after a few days due to flooding and a temporary barrier has been erected

006/2023 Essex County Councillors report – ECC Cllr P. Schwier

Regular updates have been circulated

Council Tax is being raised by 3.5% to be ratified at Full Council meeting in February

The Council looked at raising it by 5% but to reduce it due to only placing 2% increase on Adult Social Care (this takes about 45% of ECC Budget)

Inflation pressure is immense and the service costs are to be reduced

Verges are being cut once a year now instead of twice per year.

20mph limit in Essex. ECC view is that it is difficult to maintain and also to enforce

The quality of pothole repairs is falling short of expectation. A new experiment of material is being trialled in Essex.

Cllr P. Schwier left the meeting

007/2023 District Councillors report – BDC Cllr I. Parker

BDC Street Cleaning Grant being reduced by 33%. This affects this Council by £155 for 2023/2024

Budget. The BDC Budget is being agreed at the February meeting. Income has dropped due to Covid

restrictions. Central Government funding has been reduced dramatically. Inflation wages are still being

negotiated. BDC is now functioning in a deficit. Investing in economic growth and IT systems. Councillor

community grant is still being maintained. Reserve being kept at £3m. BDC stopping recycling paper it will

found on line. Charging for collection of Green/ garden waste bins. Budget to rise by 3.5%.

Rural Prosperity Fund. BDC awarded £590,000 grants between £5,000 and £10,000.

Planning. Scheme on committee is being altered. Future large developments will be required to give a presentation to BDC and Council officers.

Cllr I. Parker left the meeting

008/2023 Public Participation Session

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

No questions from the public

009/2023 Footpath update – Cllr K. Robson

Emailed Essex Highways to state that F&LPC are willing to take over the verge cutting in 2023/2024. The paperwork is being drawn up. Cuts proposed in late May each year

Cllr T. Clayton to contact Peter Crawford to see if he is willing to undertake this project.

A volunteer of residents to report on any footpath issues. Cllr S. Ham suggested the "WhatsApp" group.

A new footpath in Liston has appeared but the landowner states it is private land and not a footpath.

010/2023 Highways and Transport issues

a) Traffic issues on the bridge at Rodbridge – Cllr M. Posen
In Cllr M. Posen absence, the Clerk read out an email he had received from the resident Residents reported traffic speeding problems in both villages.

b) Speed indicator device update – Cllr F. Binks
Cllr F. Binks informed the meeting that she was unable to continue with this project. The Clerk took over this project. The Chairman thanked Cllr F. Binks for all her hard work in getting the project to this stage

011/2023 Grant Application/s

a) Grant application from Liston grass cutting for £400 for 2022/2023
This application was agreed at the November 2022 meeting. It was also agreed to authorise this payment at this meeting. **All Agreed**

012/2023 Planning Applications. No planning applications had been received affecting Foxearth or Liston villages

013/2023 Decisions made by BDC affecting Foxearth and Liston. No planning decisions had been received affecting Foxearth or Liston villages

014/2023 Finance

a) To receive the Bank balances as at 31st. December 2022
Councillors noted the Bank balances as at 31st. December 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 the December 2022 and January 2023 finances and to agree a transfer of any funds to meet the Parish Council's financial requirements. **All Agreed**

015/2023 Budget for 2023-2024

Councillors to discuss and finalise the budget for 2023-2024
Cllr T. Clayton proposed the 2023/2024 budget of £9844. Cllr S. Ham seconded. **All Agreed**

016/2023 Precept 2023-2024

1) Councillors to discuss and finalise the Precept for 2023-2024
Cllr T. Clayton proposed the 2023/2024 Precept of £9534, which using the BDC Tax Base figure of 154.25 Resulted in a Band D property of £61.81p. Cllr K. Holmes seconded. **All Agreed**
2) Councillors to authorise the RFO to submit the Precept demand form to BDC by 31st. January 2023 deadline. **All Agreed**

**017/2023 Items for Next Agenda
Street Light in Claypits Road defective**

018/2023 Date of Next Full Council meetings – THURSDAY 16th. MARCH 2023 at 7pm

**019/2023 Councillors to agree the meeting dates for 2023
18.05.23 AEM followed by AGM then Full Council meeting: 20.07.23: 21.09.23: 16.11.23.**

020/2023 Closure of the Meeting

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

The Chairman then closed the meeting at 8pm and thanked everyone for attending

Signed

M Posen

16th. March 2023

**Mark Posen
Vice-Chairman**