



FOXEARTH & LISTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 22nd. July 2024 at 7.30pm in Foxearth Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs K. Holmes (Chair), K. Robson (Vice-Chair), F. Binks, M. Clayton, S. Ham, ECC Cllr P. Schwier, BDC Cllr I. Parker and Kevin B. Money (Parish Clerk).

There were also 3 members of the public present

059/2024 Apologies for Absence were received from Cllr M. Posen

060/2024 Declaration of Interest To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary, Pecuniary or non-Pecuniary Interest relating to items on the agenda.

Cllr S. Ham declared an interest in item 068/2024 (24/01478)

061/2024 To approve the Minutes of the last meeting of Foxearth & Liston Parish Council
 To receive and agree the minutes of the last F&LPC meetings held on 20th. May 2024. **All Agreed**

062/2024 Chair's report and any update since last meeting

063/2024 Essex County Councillors report – ECC Cllr P. Schwier

- Highways Highlights micro surfacing of roads continue
- Nat. Grid consultation been extended to 26.07.24
- ECC have sent in their comments to Nat. Grid
- Climate device packs have been accurate and up to date
- Bleed packs have been distributed across Essex
- Minerals plan consultation has been extended
- Have your say on what the Policing, Crime, Fire & Rescue priorities next 4 yrs
- ECC - £8,000 available to Essex homeowners in flood risk zones

Cllr F. Binks asked Cllr Schwier about the unrepaired drains and gullies in Liston which the workmen undertook to a far less standard.

A discussion took place about reporting potholes and defective road surface together with drains and gullies.

Cllr P. Schwier informed the meeting to use "What3words", send photographs and if a dangerous problem telephone ECC to make Highways aware of the problem.

The Clerk to send to Cllr P. Schwier any outstanding issues for the next Council meeting.

Cllr P. Schwier left the meeting at 8pm

064/2024 District Councillors report – BDC Cllr I. Parker

- Braintree DC Local Plan Review – Looking at existing local plan and to update if necessary and to extend the life of the plan to 2041. An up-to-date local plan means that BDC do not need to have a 5 year housing supply. 300 sites submitted. Evidence will now be collected. How much additional housing needs to be supplied. Local plan sub-committees to look at the sites that have been submitted. A further consultation will take place. Finally the local plan review will be submitted to the inspector next year.

- Devolution. BDC received letter from Deputy Prime-Minter to resurrect the devolution project.
- Local Plan review update, nominate your local hero
- Mobile post offices in our district. Several villages in the Braintree District have a pop-up mobile Post Office, which can offer all the services of a standard post office, including banking services, access to cash, postal orders, stamps and of course sending letters and parcels.

If you live rurally, the mobile Post Office can help save on car journeys, money and emissions. It's also very convenient for anyone without access to a car, especially those who are less able to travel by public transport. Lynette, Postmaster at the Greenstead Green Farm village shop, runs most of these and says:

"The mobile Post Offices offer a really valuable service to rural communities. And we don't only do parcels and stamps – we can offer the full range of banking services you'd get at a standard Post Office. With a lot of bank branches closing down, our customers say this is really useful. Come and visit us!"

The Post Office monitors usage and these local services will only stay open as long as people are using them and it would be a shame to lose such a vital service.

Currently the mobile post office can be found at the following locations:
 Wickham St Pauls village hall, Tuesdays 10am-1pm and Thursdays 9am-1pm
 Pebmarsh village shop, Tuesdays 2-4pm
 Find out all the services here: <https://www.postoffice.co.uk/branch-finder>

- Locality Fund has gone live and has £1250 to allocate between her 12 Councils
- Can the solar farm be tidied up as it looks a mess?

Cllr I. Parker left the meeting at 8.20pm

065/2024 Flooding working group in Liston and Foxearth – update from Cllr M. Posen

No update was given but can the chair of the working party give a report for the September meeting?

066/2024 Footpath update – Cllr K. Robson

9287 meters of footpath has been cut together with 2 additional paths (footpath 49 & 23)
 Costing £1395.18p +VAT. Cllr K. Robson proposed paying this invoice. Cllr S. Ham seconded. **All Agreed**
 Any additional cuts must be funded from Parish Council reserves.

067/2024 Highway issues

068/2024 Planning Application/s

For information only

24/01292/OHLSCR - Telecom Site Adjacent Red House Farm, Foxearth Road, Foxearth
 Addition of a terminal pole on the existing HV electricity line with two stay wires to be added

24/01478/TPOCON - Farthings The Street Foxearth

Notice of intent to carry out works to trees in a Conservation Area:

T1- Ilex -Sectionally dismantle and remove tree to ground level.

RESOLVED: Support this application subject to the tree and conservation officers' approval

069/2024 Planning Decisions made by BDC affecting Foxearth and Liston

No planning decisions have been made affecting either Foxearth or Liston villages

070/2024 Finance

- To receive the Bank balances as at 30th. June 2024
 Councillors noted the Bank balances as at 30th. June 2024
- To receive the comparison of Actual against Budget 2024/25
 Councillors noted the comparison of Actual against Budget 2024/25
- Councillors to agree the June and July 2024 finances and to agree a transfer of any funds to meet the Parish Council's financial requirements. **All Agreed**
- Councillors to sign the Unity Trust Bank submission form to add Cllr S. Ham as a signatory.

All Agreed

071/2024 Items for Next Agenda

SID location:

072/2024 Date of Next Full Council meetings – MONDAY 30th. SEPTEMBER 2024 at 7.30pm

The meeting date in 2024 is 25.11.24

073/2024 Councillors to discuss the proposed 2025 meeting dates

27.01.25: 24.03.25: 26.05.25: 28.07.25: 22.09.25: 24.11.25

074/2024 Closure of the Meeting

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

The Chair then closed the meeting at 9.30pm and thanked everyone for attending

Signed

K Holmes

Keith Holmes
Chair

30th. September 2024