**FOXTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes (No. 220)**

**14th January 2019, 7.30pm, at the Robert Monk Hall**

**Members Present:** Cllr M Ward (Chairman), Cllr D Chambers, Cllr B Rice, Cllr B Turney, Cllr A Rogers, Cllr P Bremner (County Councillor), 4 residents.

**1/19 Apologies**

A Hall (Clerk).

**2/19 Declaration of Interests**

Cllr B Turney – any items relating to A&B Turney (Foxton) Ltd.

Cllr M Ward – any items relating to Foxton Society and the Conservative Party

Cllr A Rogers – any items relating to Foxton Community Choir

**3/19 Minutes of the Meeting held on 19th November**

These were agreed and signed. Proposed by Cllr Chambers and seconded by Cllr Rogers

**4/19 Public Speaking**

It was reported that the defibrillator had been required at Foxton Locks but there was no signage to indicate that a mobile phone was needed to dial 999, whereupon a code would be given in order to remove the box. It was noted that there was no defibrillator at the Locks, despite campaigns. It was agreed that temporary and permanent guidance signage be installed, and that an article be published in the Foxton Folio. A resident offered to have a laminated explanatory sign produced to be displayed with the unit. **Action: MW**

**5/19 Softwell Lane/Baptist Cemetery**

Agreed that Cllr Ward should retain the maintenance/work checklists, rather than a Site Officer and all monitoring reports should be submitted to him. It was agreed to write to the insurers to establish how often the trees should be inspected. The stones were not yet set.

**Action: AH**

**6/19 Heritage Warden**

It was reported that parking on grass verges is being ignored, with the area between Middle Street and Vicarage Drive, where there used to be bulbs, now being used as a parking space. It was agreed to erect short wooden stakes, together with a Parish Council sign, and that Cllr Chambers would establish how many are required.

**Action: DC**

**7/19 Flood Warden**

Nothing to report.

**8/19 Tree Warden**

Nothing to report.

**9/19 Neighbourhood Watch**

There had been no incidences this month. It was agreed that Beth Garrard would replace Cllr Turney as the Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator and that HDC be notified. **Action: AH**

**Highways**

**10/19 Speed Signs**

Cllr Rogers reported that the cost of a speed sign from the County Council was of a similar price to other companies but included a one-off maintenance charge and installation. The County Council would also advise on position. It was noted that there was insufficient funds to purchase two signs. It was proposed by Cllr Chambers and seconded by Cllr Rice that one speed sign be purchased from the County Council. This was agreed in principle and will be discussed further at the next meeting as Cllr Rogers is still awaiting confirmation of costings. **Action: AR**

**11/19 Hedge at the Junction of Main St/Middle St (near canal bridge)**

Highways are still due to redo the road markings at the junction. It was also noted that the sign to the locks, which appeared to have been knocked over had been taken away. Agreed that Cllr Rice would take a photograph of the area and that it be sent to Highways.

**Action: AH/BR**

**12/19 Utilities**

Nothing to report.

**13/19 Canal and River Trust**

Noted that the wooden seat on the way to the locks was being regularly soiled.

**Planning and Development**

**14/19 Land south of North Lane**

Outline planning permission was being sought for five houses with access onto North Lane. There had been no comments from Highways. There were concerns that this would take employment out of the village, that the possible timings of the proposed development together with the Fishers Farm development could considerably increase the volume of traffic and that it had not been included in the Neighbourhood Development Plan. It was agreed that this represented overdevelopment and that these comments should form the basis of the Parish Council’s response.

**Action: MW**

**15/19 Rear extension etc, Linden, Middle Street**

The plan shows dormer windows to the front and rear of the house. Councillor Rogers undertook to check if it was too late to submit a comment.

**Action: AR**

**16/19 Vicarage Drive site**

Nothing to report on 6 house development but it was noted that an application for the 3 house development on the corner of Vicarage Drive and Hog Lane was now being prepared by Berrys.

**17/19 Black Horse**

Cllr Rogers would speak on behalf of the parish council at the planning meeting. Cllr Barbara Johnson an adjoining Ward Councillor would also speak. The main concerns were the loss of car parking, the scale of the building and that the development contravenes policies within the Neighbourhood Development Plan, particularly F1.

**18/19 Airfield Farm**

Nothing to report

**19/19 Enforcement**

Nothing to report.

**20/19** **Data Protection**

Remove from the next Agenda.

**21/19 Website**

Cllr Rogers had made the necessary changes to the website.

**22/19 Church Alarm**

With regard to the possibility of a parish council contribution towards the cost of purchasing a roof alarm at the church, it was noted that parish councils are prohibited from giving financial support to places of worship under the Local Government Act 1894.

**23/19 Payments**

It was proposed by Cllr Chambers and seconded by Cllr Rice that the following payments be paid:

A Hall – clerking expenses, Nov/Dec 2018 £66.34

A Hall – November salary £269.53

J Butlin – PAYE admin, November £12.00

HDC – dog/litter bin emptying £100.55

RMFC – room hire £31.50

**24/19 Purchase of New Noticeboard**

Cllr Rogers reported that the current fixings were partly rotten and too small for a new two panel board, so free-standing legs would need to be purchased, Noticeboard frames were available in a range of different materials and styles. It was agreed in principle to purchase a new noticeboard. Cllr Rogers to circulate links to the websites and obtain three quotes, which ideally would include installation. . **Action: AR**

**25/19 Correspondence**

There was no correspondence as the Clerk was not present.

**26/19 Items of General Information or For Next Agenda**

Nothing to report.

**The meeting ended at 8.30** **Date of next meeting 11th February 2019**