## MINUTES

## OF THE FOULNESS ISLAND PARISH COUNCIL (FIPC)

## HELD AT THE LODGE FARM STAFF PREMISES, FOULNESS ISLAND

(Courtesy of the Belton Bros Ltd)

## ON WEDNESDAY 5th FEBRUARY 2024.

## 78 24-25 To Record the Members and Public Present: 7.oo pm

Councillor: (Chairman) Mrs E Pitts,

Parish Councillors: Mr G Bickford and Mr A Holyland.

Essex & Ward Councillor: Apologies.

Ward Councillors: None.

QinetiQ representative: Ms N Uden.

Members of the Public: Councillor Mr Tony Cox and Mr and Mrs P Carr,

The Parish Clerk: Mr B Summerfield.

**79 24-25**  **Chairman’s Comments:**

The Chairman welcomed all Councillors and the public to the meeting.

**80 24-25**  **Apologies and reasons for absence:**

i To be received by the Clerk only in person via: email, letter and telephone.

ii Acceptance of the reasons for FI Councillors absence: Mrs F Giles. (unwell).

iii Ward/Essex Councillor: Mr M Steptoe.

**81 24-25**  **Declarations of Interests:**

i To receive all declarations of interests: None.

ii The Chairman reminds Councillors to declare any further interests as they became evident to them,

during the progress of the meeting.

**82 24-25**  **Parish Council Casual Vacancies:**

iAn application for the one casual vacancy was received from Southend Councillor Mr Tony Cox.

ii Councillor Mr Tony Cox gave his personal reasons for applying including the potential ‘Devolution’

powers effecting the local Parish Councils and his enthusiasm for supporting the FIPC.

**83 24-25**  **Foulness Island Public Forum:** (5 Minutes per person with a Maximum of 15 minutes).

Councillors, Guests, visiting Ward/County Councillors and questions from members of the public.

QQ representative Ms Nicki Uden expanded on various items as were published in the QQ newsletters

and answered questions from councillors and public – continued Fly Tipping was discussed – updates

on the repairs to the Courtsend bus shelter were requested.

**84 24-25**  **The Minutes of the Meeting of the 4th December 2024.**

The Minutes were Resolved agreed.

Proposed by Councillors: Mr G Bickford, seconded by Mrs E Pitts and agreed by all.

The Chairman duly signed the Minutes as a correct record.

**85 24-25**  **Matters arising from the Minutes: (not on the Agenda).**

None.

**86 24-25**  **Planning consultations:**

Application no. ESS/63/24/ROC AVOCET, Shoeburyness MOD, Bridge Road, Shoeburyness. SS3 9XD.

# (Replacement Demilitarisation Facility, Including Demolition of Existing Machinery and Buildings and

# Construction of a New Building to House New Demiltarisation Facility, Along with the Construction of

# Associated Buildings and Supporting Infrastructure).

Foulness Island Parish Council has no objections.

# **87 24-25 MP Mr Bayo Alaba’s visit of 9th January 2025.**

i Councillor Mr Gary Bickford reported his meeting with the MP and colleague and showed them the

various Roads and Footpaths where workmanship faults and omissions were clear.

ii The Chairman thanked Councillor Mr G Bickford for his time and the excellent organisation of the visit.

**89 24-25 Finance (Precept):**

The PRECEPT demand on the Rochford District Council for 2025-2026 is £4,640-00 was recorded.

**90 24-25 Finance:**

i The FIPC Financial and Co-op Bank Statements ending 5th February 2025 were recorded.

ii The above financial statement balances were agreed by Councillors Mrs E Pitts and Mr G Bickford.

iii The agreed payment to: HMRC 4th Quarter payment 2024-25 PAYE-RTI @ £138.24 was recorded.

iv The agreed payment to: the ICO re: Data Protection Fee 2025-26 @ £40-00 was recorded.

v The payment December 2024 re: the Clerk’s invoice for Office use 2023-24 @ £117-51 was recorded

vi The payment December 2024 re: the Clerk’s invoice for Fuel use 2023-24 @ £103-96 was recorded

vii The payment December 2024 re: the Clerk’s 9 months back pay from April 2024 @ £66-96 was recorded

viii The payment December 2024 to the DIO 1179739, Churchend Recreation Area @ £10-00 was recorded

ix The payment December 2024 to Mrs E Pitts, Remembrance wreath @ £20-00 was recorded.

x The payment December 2024 to B Summerfield/IJTDirect Ltd, Printer Ink @ £37-49 was recorded.

xi **The Foulness Island Parish Council Co-operative Bank accounts:**

1) **Business Account Balance**: **04/12/2024** **£ 822-89.**

CREDITS: Interest to be declared!

DEBITS: None.

**Business Account Balance: 05/01/2025 £ 822-89**.

2) **Community Direct Plus Account Balance:** **04/12/2024** **£2,341-88.**

**CREDITS:** None

**DEBITS:**

02/01/25 B Summerfield. (Clerk’s Office use 2023-24) @ £117-51.

02/01/25 B Summerfield. (HMRC PAYE-RTI 3rd Quarter) @ £166-00.

02/01/25 B Summerfield. (Clerk’s Fuel use 2023-24) @ £103-96.

02/01/25 B Summerfield. (Clerk’s back pay from April 2024) @ £ 66-96.

02/01/25 B Summerfield. (Clerk’s Salary January 25 ) @ £184-32.

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02/02/25 DIO Church End Bus Stop @ £ 10-00. ………… **£ 833-07.**

**Community Direct Plus Account Balance: 05/02/2025 £1,508-81.**

xii The above copies of receipts of income, payments and transfers were ratified by the Council and

co-signed by two councillors.

xiii Resolved all ratified Credits and Payments, auditing/financial statements, donations, receipts and

Bank transfers.

Proposed by Councillors: Mrs E Pitts seconded by Mr A Holyland and agreed by all.

**91 24-25 Correspondence:**

i The e/letter January 2025 from Eudo-Films re: New documentary on Essex Islands was recorded.

ii The QQ ‘Foulness Residents’ Updates: December 24/January 25 were recorded.

iii The Foulness Island Newsletter’ of January/February 2025 were recorded.

iv Under P&C and on a show of hands, a negative letter was agreed to be sent to Councillor Mr Tony Cox re:

his application for the FIPC Co-option Vacancy.

v The printed publications and General Information received by the Clerk are available on demand.

**92 24-25 The Parish Council Burial Ground:**

i The Burial Ground hedge was discussed and agreed to seek help from QQ Helpdesk via Ms Nicki Uden

ii The resident’s burial ground requests:

i The Clerk’s letter re: the above requests, was read to the Council.

ii The residents reply was placed on the table.

iii The Clerk’s measurement of the Burial Ground roadside boundary @ 96.1 Mtrs revealed two

X 2 foot W-D B.S.9 stone markers, as originally installed.

iii Councillor Mrs F Giles report re: The War Graves Commission (absent).

**93 24-25 Streetlights:** Councillor reports: None.

**94 24-25 Highways:**

The Bus shelter bins were discussed and Councillor Mr A Holyland reported managing a solution.

**95 24-25 Website:**  The website to be further updated with the inclusion of this meetings’ information.

**96 24-25 Next Agenda Items from Councillors:** *for the next Agenda and exchange of information only.*

Items: An overflowing rubbish bin at the Bus stop on the Wakering side of Landwick Gate to be reported.

**97 24-25 Private and Confidential:**

Pursuant to the provision of Section 1000(a) of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information)

Act 1985, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for consideration of the following item of business on the grounds that it contains

information defined as exempt in Part 1 of Schedule 12a of the Local Government Act 1972, as detailed.

**Co-option matters were discussed. (recorded under Minute 91/iv)**

**98 24-25 The next Foulness Island Parish Council Meeting:**

**Agreed: WEDNESDAY 2nd April 2025.**

**There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.24 pm.**

**28th March 2025. B. Summerfield, (Foulness Island Parish Council Clerk/RFO)**