**FOULNESS ISLAND PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes** of the Foulness Island Parish Council held on Wednesday 10th January, 2018, at Lodge Farm Staff Premises, Foulness Island, commencing at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Councillors G. Bickford (Vice Chair), R. Green and F. Giles

In attendance: County Councillor M. Steptoe, District Councillors D. Efde, N. Hookway and T. Hughes, N. Uden (QinetiQ), E. Birch (QinetiQ) and J. Watson (Clerk).

**MINUTES**

1. **The Chair to declare the meeting open.**
2. Councillor Bickford, as Chair of the meeting, declared the meeting open.
3. **To receive apologies for absence.**
4. Apologies for absence were received from Parish Councillors Pitts and Porter
5. **To receive Declarations of Interest in accordance with the Council’s Code of Conduct and with section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.**
6. There were no declarations of interest.
7. **To sign as a correct record the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 8th November 2017.**
8. Proposed Councillor Bickford, seconded Councillor Green that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 10th January 2018 be signed as a correct record. 2 for. 1 abstention. Carried.
9. **To receive a report from the District and County Councillors for the area on any matters of interest.**
10. County Councillor Mike Steptoe reported on the County Precept, the County Lottery, Crowd Funding on Community Projects, the Regional Flood and Coastal Committee and the A127 Economic Corridor.
11. District Councillor Neil Hookway reported on the New Local Plan and the Review Committee on Emergency Planning.
12. District Councillor Tina Hughes reported on the status of the petition regarding the public toilets in Great Wakering. Parish Councillor Robert Green questioned this and there was an altercation between Councillor Hughes and Councillor Green. The Clerk instructed that, as the matter related to Great Wakering Parish Council, it was not appropriate for the issue to be discussed at a Foulness Island Parish Council meeting
13. **Financial Matters**
14. Proposed Councillor Green, seconded Councillor Giles that the payment requests for November/December 2017 and for January 2018 be approved. Carried unanimously.
15. There were no receipts in the month.
16. **2018/19 Budget & Precept**
17. Proposed Councillor Bickford, seconded Councillor Giles that the budget for 2018/2019 as circulated prior to the meeting be approved. Carried unanimously.
18. Proposed Councillor Bickford, seconded Councillor Giles that the precept demand for 2018/2019 be set at £2,614 (a 3% increase over the 2017/18 year) with Council Tax Support Grant at £136*.*
19. **Post Office**
20. Reports were received from E. Birch (QinetiQ) and District Councillor Hookway on this matter. The issue would be pursued.
21. **Clerk’s Report**
22. The Clerk reported that the process regarding the tenders in respect of the Burial Ground was ongoing.
23. **Ministry of Defence**
24. There was no report from the Ministry of Defence.
25. **Defence Infrastructure Organisation**
26. N. Uden reported on the status of compensation payments regarding the major power outage, difficulties Parishioners were having with bills received from Severn & Trent Water and new tenants on the Island.
27. **QinetiQ Report**
28. N Uden and E. Birch gave their report on behalf of QinetiQ.
29. **The meeting will stand adjourned to permit Parishioners of Foulness to Address the Council.**
30. A parishioner raised the issue of missing bye law notices
31. **At the Chair’s discretion for Councillors to exchange information on matters relating to the Parish.**
32. Councillor Green reported that Patient Meetings at the Great Wakering Doctors would now be held quarterly. District Councillor Steptoe reported that appointments at the Surgery could now be made on the internet.

Meeting closed 7.48 pm

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