

# MINUTES

of the Annual General Meeting of Foulness Island Parish Council  
held on Wednesday 11th May 2016 at Lodge Farm Staff Premises, Foulness Island, Essex.

- 1 16/17 **Election of Chairman for 2015-2016.** 8.06 pm  
i Nominations for the post of Chairman:  
Councillor Mrs E Pitts was nominated for the post of Chairman by Councillor's: Mr T Porter, seconded by Mr G Bickford and agreed by all.
- ii Councillor Mrs E Pitts signed the statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
- 2 16/17 **To Record the Members and Public Present:**  
Councillor Mrs E, Pitts (Chairman)  
Councillors: Mr G. Bickford, Mr B Green and Mr T Porter.  
Mrs Nikki Uden (QinetiQ), Mr Kar Kean Mann (QinetiQ),  
Six members of the Public.
- 3 16/17 **Apologies and reasons for absence:**  
Mr J Watson, Parish Clerk.
- 4 16/17 **Chairman's Comments**  
The Chairman welcomed all Councillors and the public to the meeting and welcomed the temporary Clerk Mr B Summerfield.
- 5 16/17 **Declarations of Interests:** on items on the Agenda.  
**To receive all declarations of interests:**  
There were none.
- 6 16/17 **Election of Vice-chairman.**  
i Councillors: Mrs E Pitts and Mr T Porter nominated Councillor Mr G Bickford for the post of Vice Chairman.  
ii Councillor Mr G Bickford signed the statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
- 7 16/17 **To Receive the Minutes of the Meeting of Wednesday 13th April 2016.**  
The Minutes were read and were resolved to be agreed.  
Proposed by Councillors: Mr T Porter, seconded by Mr G Bickford and agreed by all.  
The Chairman duly signed the Minutes as a correct record.
- 8 16/17 **Matters Arising from the Minutes:** (Not on the Agenda)  
There were no matters arising.
- 9 16/17 **Adjournment for Public Questions:**  
(Specifically for Guest Speakers, visiting Ward/County Councillors and questions from members of the public).  
Members of the Public raised questions:  
Mr P Carr again requested that a 'road hazard' (a cracked BT inspection cover on Church Fields Corner marked by a cone since October 2015), it be corrected in the interest of Road Safety for all road users.  
Agreed: Nikki will report the item to QinetiQ and a generated F.I.P.C. email of request to her, to QinetiQ  
Emergency tree surgery has taken place around the pond at Church End Village but leaving an untidy mess of tapes, cones in the pond and gutter, one or two barriers all unfinished?  
Mrs F Giles reported a potholes at the gate entrance to the Island and by Signal Cottage.  
Any chance of grass cutting in the near future? - Track to be repaired by the P.O.? - No emails received by three Councillors?  
Mrs M Hucking again reported conifer tree growth outside 181, New Road impeding the highway -  
Others reported that they have been cut back and are Wakering PC's responsibility - Councillor Mr B Green will report to the Wakering PC this evening.
- 10 16/17 **Finance**  
Councillor Mr T Porter again raised the question on any grant available from the Lottery Fund?
- 11 16/17 **Reports from Ward and Essex Councillors:**  
None attending – Councillor Mr Green suggested and it was agreed, that the above four Councillors (the three newly elected Ward Councillors and Essex County Councillor) be requested to attend the next meeting.
- 12 16/17 **Ministry of Defence:**  
Mr G Evans was not present.
- 13 16/17 **QinetiQ Report:** (Report copied to the Clerk Mr J Watson by Mrs N Uden, in his absence)  
Mrs N Uden reported: Early Starts at DAT on 24/25th May at 8 o'clock - waiting for an update from engineers re: broadband? - the reported tree work has had to be stopped due to nesting birds – the reported PO closure has upset some residents in that they were not all aware of that information before it was announced.  
Mrs N Uden publicly apologised for any upset caused – a question from Mrs M Hucking re: General explosions appear to be getting louder causing alleged damage to housing - in response Mrs N Uden reported: An exercise by an independent body is being carried out to test and to measure all parameters of the present effects of the explosions. The results will be analysed and published by the MOD - expected in the late Summer 2016.

- 14** 16/17 **Information exchange:**  
Tenancy Contracts were raised re: rubbish in Gardens and lack of contact from the DIO.  
Agreed: The FIPC to write to the DIO on their lack of communication!
- 15** 16/17 There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.46 pm.