**FOULNESS ISLAND PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes** of the Meeting of Foulness Island Parish Council held on Wednesday 12th December 2018, at Lodge Farm Staff Premises, Foulness Island, commencing at 7.15 p.m.

Present: Councillors F. Giles, R. Green, E. Pitts (Chair) and A. Porter.

In attendance: County Councillor M. Steptoe, District Councillors D. Efde and McPherson, S. Scrutton (Rochford District Council), N. Uden (QinetiQ, and J. Watson (Clerk).

**MINUTES**

1. **The Chair to declare the meeting open.**
2. The Chair declared the meeting open.
3. **To receive notification from any persons present of intent to record the meeting.**
4. No person present notified the meeting that they intended to record the proceedings.
5. **To receive apologies for absence.**
6. Apologies for absence had been received from Parish Councillor G. Bickford.
7. **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.**
8. There were no declarations of interest.
9. **To sign as a correct record the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 14th November, 2018.**
10. Proposed Councillor Giles, seconded Councillor Green that the minutes of the meeting held on 14th November 2018 be signed as a correct record.
11. **District Council**
12. The Council received an interesting presentation from Councillor Mike Steptoe, Deputy Leader of Rochford District Council and Shaun Scrutton, Managing Director of Rochford District Council. This covered the current Rochford District Council programme and how the District Council could help Parish Councils.
13. Various Parishioners raised questions with the visitors.
14. The Chair thanked Messrs Steptoe and Scrutton for taking the time to attend a Parish Council meeting.

Shaun Scrutton left the meeting.

1. **To receive a report from the District and County Councillors for the area on any matters of interest.**
2. Councillors Efde and McPherson gave a brief reports to the meeting.
3. **Financial Matters**
4. Proposed Councillor Porter, seconded Councillor Giles that the Bank Payment requests for November – December 2018 be approved. Carried unanimously.
5. There were no receipts in the period*.*

1. **Budget 2019-20**
2. The Clerk presented the 2019/20 budget to Council.
3. Proposed Councillor Pitts, seconded Councillor Porter that the budget be approved subject to the precept demand on Rochford District Council being increased by 3%. Carried unanimously.
4. **Post Office**
5. There was nothing to report regarding the possible provision of a Post Office on Foulness Island.
6. **Planning Application**
7. Planning Application 18/00968/FUL regarding works proposed by the MOD on Foulness Island was noted.
8. **Havengore Bridge.**
9. There was nothing to report in respect of the Havengore Bridge.
10. **Clerk’s Report**
11. The Clerk had nothing to report that had not been covered in the meeting to date. He reminded Council and Parishioners that there would not be a meeting in January.
12. **Reports of Meetings attended.**
13. There were no reports from The Clerk and Councillors about any meetings attended.
14. **The meeting will stand adjourned to permit Parishioners of Foulness Island to address the Council.**
15. No Parishioners addressed the meeting.
16. **At the Chair’s discretion for Councillors to exchange information on matters relating to the Parish.**
17. There were no matters of interest to the Council.

The meeting closed at 8.05 pm

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