**FOULNESS ISLAND PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes** of the Foulness Island Parish Council held on Wednesday 12th July, 2017, at Lodge Farm Staff Premises, Foulness Island, commencing at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Councillors G. Bickford (Vice Chair), F. Giles, E. Pitts (Chair) and A. Porter.

In attendance: 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 apologies for absence.**
4. Apologies for absence were received from Parish Councillor Green, District Councillors Efde, Hughes and Hookway and from County Councillor Steptoe.
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 17th May, 2017**
8. Proposed Councillor Pitts, seconded Councillor Porter that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 17th May, 2017 be signed as a correct record. 3 for, 1 abstention. Carried.
9. **To receive a report from the District and County Councillors for the area on any matters of interest.**
10. No reports were given to the meeting.
11. **Financial Matters**
12. Proposed Councillor Porter, seconded Councillor Bickford that the payment requests for April/May/June 2017 be approved. Carried unanimously.
13. Proposed Councillor Porter, seconded Councillor Pitts that the receipts for April/May/June 2017 be approved. Carried unanimously.

1. **Churchyard**
2. Proposed Councillor Porter, seconded Councillor Pitts that the Clerk be authorised to go out to tender for the maintenance of the Churchyard for the 2018/19 season. Carried unanimously.
3. **Clerk’s Report**
4. The Clerk reported on the status of the questionnaire to be issued to Parishioners about the requirement for a Post Office on the Island – this would be included in the September Parish Notes.
5. The Clerk also reported on the letter that had been sent QinetiQ regarding the power outage. He understood that letters had now been received by Parishioners regarding the compensation to be paid.
6. **Play Area Funding**
7. Councillor Porter gave a brief report on efforts being made regarding obtaining funding to improve the Play Area.
8. **Ministry of Defence**
9. No report was received from the Ministry of Defence.
10. **Defence Infrastructure Organisation**
11. No report was received from the Defence Infrastructure Organisation.
12. **QinetiQ Report**
13. Nicki Uden of QinetiQ gave her monthly report. It was noted that the mechanics for making payment of the compensation in respect of the power outage had still to be agreed.
14. **The meeting will stand adjourned to permit Parishioners of Foulness to Address the Council.**
15. Questions were raised about
16. Complaints
17. Workmen on the Island
18. Overhanging trees
19. Security on the gates
20. Dates of the forthcoming trial
21. Dog excrement
22. **At the Chair’s discretion for Councillors to exchange information on matters relating to the Parish.**
23. Councillor Pitts thanked Adam for looking after the play area

**Meeting closed at 20.02**

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