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# MINUTES

Foulness Parish Council held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at Lodge Farm Staff Premises, Foulness Island.

**1. To Record the Members and Public Present:**

8pm.

Councillor Mrs E, Pitts (Chairman)  
Councillors: Mr G. Bickford, Mr B Green and Mr T Porter.  
Ward Councillor Mr C Seagers  
Mr G Evans (Resident Project Manager), Mrs Nikki Uden (QinetiQ), Mr S Mowthorpe (QinetiQ)  
Six members of the Public.

**2. Apologies and reasons for absence:**

There were none.

**3. Chairman's Comments**

The Chairman welcomed all Councillors and the public to the meeting and welcomed the temporary Clerk Mr B Summerfield.

**4. Declarations of Interests: on items on the Agenda.**

**To receive all declarations of interests:**

There were none.

**5. To Receive the Minutes of the Meeting of Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 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.

**5. Matters Arising from the Minutes: (Not on the Agenda)**

There were no matters arising.

**7. Adjournment for Public Questions:**

(Specifically for Guest Speakers, visiting Ward/County Councillors and questions from members of the public).

Ward Councillor Mr C Seagers reported: the Self-build Register is on the District website – Essex County Fire Authority has kept him busy recently.

Members of the Public raised the questions: Church Fields Corner a cracked inspection cover is marked by a cone since November and requested that it be fixed - A visiting outsider, dog owner allowed his dog to mess in the Parish Burial Ground, claiming he new the owner – the whole Church Building has recently been sold.

**8. Finance**

i Payment requests for March/April 2016:

i The FPC Financial Statement for Agenda item 7a.i 2015 was circulated and was recorded.

ii Cheque no: 100841 an Invoice from (EALC) re: Annual subscription @£ 60-58 was recorded.

iii Cheque no: 100842 an Invoice from (J Watson) re: March/April expenses @£ 8-00 was recorded.

iv Cheque no: 100843 an Invoice from (J Watson) re: April Salary @ £110-30 nett was recorded.

ii Receipts for March/April 2016:

A question where are the receipts, was raised by Councillor Mr T Porter?

**9. Councillor Vacancy**

The resignation letter has been received and the clerk will process the Notice of Vacancy in Office of Councillor via the RDC.

**10. Amenities for Children and Teenagers:**

Councillor Mr T Porter requested a Lottery Fund update and asked for the funding to be chased.

**11. Ministry of Defence:**

Mr G Evans reported: the Ranges will be very busy for the rest of this year and apologises for more Traffic and Noise - A public question re: The Trial and potential for interference with the harvest was answered.

**12. Defence Infrastructure Organisation.**

i Resolved: The Defence Infrastructure Organisation report is removed from the Agenda due to a lack of any communication on their part.

Proposed by Councillors: Mr G Bickford, seconded by Mr T Porter and agreed by all.

ii The public to contact through their help desk!

**13. QinetiQ Report:**

CA Mrs N Uden reported: Water interruptions are OK – Power has been out this day and now running on a generator – there will be some outages later in April – Public Rights of Way will be effected by FO16, FO14/15, FO18/12 and a Map showing area's and dates was looked at by all – Real Policing Team patrols for the Island - 31 Islanders are signed up for the QinetiQ system but more are needed for cover in an emergency – rubbish left on site up to the Ridgemarsh -- the Village Shop and Post Office is closing inside two months - Ward Councillor Mr C Seagers offered consultation with Wakering Post Office – Vehicle identified – The Road breaking up by the Key – Early starts 26th April - Streetlights out in Church End should now be restored – Broadband: engineers are looking in to it – BT Infinity has worked for some and lots of problems for others – OFFCOM not much use for callers.

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14. **Information exchange:**

Because there is no Island doctor in residence, Councillor Mr B Green offered to organise the transmission of islanders questions to the Wakering doctors clinic, if required?

15. There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50 pm.

