

FOULNESS ISLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Foulness Island Parish Council held on Wednesday 8th February, 2017, at Lodge Farm Staff Premises, Foulness Island, commencing at 7.00 p.m.

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

In attendance: G. Evans (MOD), N. Uden (QinetiQ), County Councillor C. Seagers and J. Watson (Clerk).

MINUTES

- 1. The Chair to declare the meeting open.**
- 2. To receive apologies for absence.**
 - a. Apologies for absence were received from Parish Councillors F. Giles and A. Porter and from Chris Hewitt (DIO).
- 3. 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.**
 - a. There were no declarations of interest.
- 4. To sign as a correct record the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 11th January, 2017.**
 - a. Proposed Councillor Bickford, seconded Councillor Green that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 11th January, 2017 be signed as a correct record. Carried unanimously.
- 5. To receive a report from the District and County Councillors for the area on any matters of interest.**
 - a. County Councillor Seagers gave a brief report on the County Council Precept for 2017/17. He also reported that there were concerns about social care in the home,
- 6. Financial Matters**
 - a. Proposed Councillor Bickford, seconded Councillor Pitts that the Bank Reconciliation as at 31st December, 2016 be approved. Carried unanimously.
 - b. Proposed Councillor Green, seconded Councillor Bickford that the Payment requests for January/February 2017 be approved. Carried unanimously.
 - c. There were no receipts to be reported.
 - d. Proposed Councillor Pitts, seconded Councillor Green that the

Accounts for the nine months to 31st December 2016 be approved.
Carried unanimously.

7. Clerk's Report

- a. The Clerk thanked Peter Carr for cutting the hedge in the Parish Burial Ground.

8. Transparency Code for Smaller Councils

- a. The Clerk reported that the Parish Website was nearly completed and should be "live" before the next meeting of the Parish Council.

9. Play Area Funding

- a. Councillor Porter not being present at the meeting, it was agreed to carry this item forward to the next meeting.

10. Ministry of Defence

- a. Geoff Evans, Resident Project Office reported,
 - i. The footpaths on the Island would not be part of the national coastal path.
 - ii. The Broomway had been reconnoitred by a French company using drones.
 - iii. A lorry working on the Sea Defences had tipped over the sea wall. Work was in hand to remove it.

11. Defence Infrastructure Organisation

- a. There was no report from the Defence Infrastructure Organisation.

12. QinetiQ Report

- a. Nicki Uden from QinetiQ reported as follows,
 - i. **Early Starts** - 28th February and 1st March commencing at 08:00 am at DAT.
 - ii. **Power Interruptions** - Maintenance work during April will affect residential areas. Dates to be advised.
 - iii. **Water Interruptions** - No water interruptions are expected.
 - iv. **Road Repairs** - There will be road repairs from now to the end of March on the spine road at Havengore Bridge, outside Churchend Battery, on the bend to ETC (outside the Church), between Churchend and New Wick and at Courtend. A full survey is under way to identify work that needs to be done in 2017/18.
 - v. **Sea Wall** - The current phase of work on the Sea Wall is winding down and will be finished by 28th February. No work is envisaged in in 2017/17.
 - vi. **Refurbishment** - A project to refurbish a building at ETC has begun. Residents may notice an increase in traffic through Churchend over the next 12 weeks in connection with this work.
 - vii. **Street Lights** - Work should have been completed on all malfunctioning street lights
 - viii. **SHB Helpdesk** - There is a new SHB Helpdesk number for reporting residential maintenance matters: 01702 383666. This number is routed to local QQ personnel but if unanswered, will divert to other QQ sites (e.g Boscombe, Farnborough) where you can leave a message for a call back from QQ Shoeburyness.

13. The meeting will stand adjourned to permit Parishioners of Foulness to Address the Council.

- a. Comments from Parishioners included
 - i. Compensation in respect of the major power outage that had occurred.
 - ii. A power outage that had occurred that had placed an old person at risk. N. Uden would investigate.
 - iii. Whether road repairs would require complete closure of those roads. N. Uden would investigate.
 - iv. Misleading signage in Great Wakering regarding the directions to Foulness Island. District Councillor Seagers would take up with Essex Highways and the Clerk would write to the Clerk at Great Wakering.
 - v. Lack of response when a parishioner tried to respond to the DIO Risk Assessment Letter.
 - vi. Incorrect electricity bills
 - vii. The Matrix Board at Landwick.

14. At the Chair's discretion for Councillors to exchange information on matters relating to the Parish.

- a. There was no exchange of information.

Meeting closed at 7.50 pm

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