

FOULNESS ISLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Foulness Island Parish Council held on Wednesday 12th October, 2016, at Lodge Farm Staff Premises, Foulness Island, commencing at 8.00 p.m.

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

In attendance: G. Evans (MOD), Essex CC Councillor Seagers, N. Uden (QinetiQ), J. Watson (Clerk).

MINUTES

- 1. The Chair to declare the meeting open.**
 - a. The Chair declared the meeting open.
- 2. To receive apologies for absence.**
 - a. Apologies for absence were received from District Councillors D. Efde, N. Hookway and T. Hughes.
- 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 14th September, 2016.**
 - a. Proposed Councillor Porter, seconded Councillor Bickford that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 14th September, 2016 be approved. 3 for, 2 abstentions. Carried.
- 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 about the Ofsted visit to Barling Primary School.
- 6. Financial Matters**
 - a. The Clerk reported that the Bank Reconciliation for September 2016 was not available.
 - b. Proposed Councillor Green, seconded Councillor Porter that the Payment requests for September/October 2016 be approved. Carried unanimously.
 - c. Proposed Councillor Giles, seconded Councillor Pitts that the Receipts for September/October 2016 be approved. Carried unanimously.

7. Clerk's Report

- a. The Clerk reported,
 - i. Information regarding possible compensation in respect of the recent power outage on the Island was awaited from QinetiQ.
 - ii. A Gift Voucher was being sent to the lady who had recently retired as Postmistress on the Island
 - iii. The External Audit report had been received and would be presented to the next meeting for approval.

8. Transparency Code for Smaller Councils

- a. The Clerk reported that he had received a chequer in the amount of £1,948.27 from EALC and would be meeting with a possible web provider shortly.

9. Play Area Funding

- a. Councillor Porter reported that the Council were still trying to obtain matching funding to match that funding committed by CIF to improve the Play Area.

10. Sign Boards

- a. Mr P Carr reported on the probable cost of erecting a Foulness Island sign on the Island. It was agreed that the Council would look for funding to finance this.

11. Ministry of Defence

- a. Geoff Evans, Resident Project Office reported,
 - i. There had been a change in the law relating to Coastal Pathways and he was awaiting clarification as to access to footpaths on the Island.
 - ii. A programme was being arranged to completely replace the high voltage switchgear. This would mean switching the power supply to Blackgate Rd.

12. Defence Infrastructure Organisation

- a. There was no report on this matter.

13. QinetiQ Report

- a. There will be an early start (8.00 am) at DAT on 18th and 31st October and on 1st November.
- b. There will be a power interruption at Havengore Farm on 28th October. The resident has been informed.
- c. There may be forthcoming interruptions to the water supply but the dates aren't yet known.
- d. Details re possible compensation re the power outage are still awaited.
- e. QinetiQ would again like to thank the residents who participated in the consultation regarding use of the Quay. QinetiQ have now written to all people concerned asking them to supply dimensions of their vessels and of any vehicles which will be using the Quay. The deadline for this is 28th October.
- f. QinetiQ will be conducting work to trees in Churchend shortly.
- g. Parishioners may have noted that some hedges are overgrown. This is

because the sidearm to cut these is broken. There will be a delay in repairing this.

- h. The matrix message boards at Landwick and Churchend have been swapped over as it was felt preferable to have a functioning board at Landwick

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

- a. Issues raised by members of the public were
 - i. The dimensions of the Quay
 - ii. Route of Coastal Paths

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

- a. No issues were raised by Councillors

Meeting closed 8.55 pm

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