

FOULNESS ISLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Foulness Island Parish Council held on Wednesday 14th September, 2016, at Lodge Farm Staff Premises, Foulness Island, commencing at 8.00 p.m.

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

In attendance: G. Evans (MOD), N. Hookway (Rochford District Councillor), T. Hughes (Rochford District Councillor), S. Mowthorpe, (QinetiQ), N. Uden (QinetiQ), J. Welch (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 Parish Councillor Giles, Parish Councillor Green, District Councillor Efde and County Councillor Seagers.
- 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 Co-option meeting held on 13th July, 2016.**
 - a. Proposed Councillor Pitts, seconded Councillor Porter that the minutes of the Co-option meeting held on 13th July, 2016 be approved. 2 for. 1 abstention. Carried.
- 5. To sign as a correct record the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 13th July, 2016.**
 - a. Proposed Councillor Pitts, seconded Councillor Porter that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 13th July, 2016. 2 for, 1 abstention. Carried.
- 6. The meeting will stand adjourned to permit Parishioners of Foulness Island to address the Council.**
 - a. Issues raised by members of the public were,
 - i. The major electricity outage on the Island. QinetiQ apologised for this and advised that measures had been put in place to prevent a similar occurrence in the future.

- ii. The possibility of obtaining compensation in respect of this outage.

7. To receive a report from the District and County Councillors for the area on any matters of interest.

- a. Councillor Hookway reported on the problem of fly tipping in the Rochford area

8. Accounts to 31st August 2016.

- a. Proposed Councillor Bickford, seconded Councillor Porter that the Accounts of the Parish Council for the five months to 31st August, 2016 be approved. Carried unanimously.

9. Financial Matters

- a. Proposed Councillor Porter, seconded Councillor Bickford that the Bank Reconciliation as at 31st August, 2016 be approved. Carried unanimously.
- b. Proposed Councillor Pitts, seconded Councillor Porter that the Payment Requests for July/August/September 2016 be approved. Carried unanimously.
- c. Proposed Councillor Porter, seconded Councillor Bickford that the Receipts for July/August/September 2016 be approved. Carried unanimously.

10. Transparency Code for Smaller Councils

- a. The Clerk reported that he had been advised by EALC that the Parish Council's request for funding to enable it to comply with the Transparency Code for Smaller Councils had been approved. He would report on progress at subsequent meetings.

11. Play Area Funding

- a. Councillor Porter reported that other avenues of funding were being considered to match the funding from CIF to improve the Play Area
- b. Proposed Councillor Pitts, seconded Councillor Porter that the Clerk and Councillor Porter approach the Public Works Loan Board and any other organisations for matched funding. Carried unanimously.

12. Play Area Inspection

- a. The Clerk reported that QinetiQ under the auspices of Steve Mowthorpe had undertaken the required repairs at the Play Area.
- b. Proposed Councillor Pitts, seconded Councillor Porter that a vote of thanks be given to Steve Mowthorpe and QinetiQ for doing this. Carried unanimously.

13. Essex Air Ambulance

- a. Proposed Councillor Pitts, seconded Councillor Porter that a donation of £50 be made to the Essex Air Ambulance under the powers granted by Section 137. Carried unanimously.

14. Sign Boards

- a. Peter Carr volunteered to provide suggestions for sign boards for the Island.

- b. It was agreed that this matter be carried forward to the next meeting.

15. Post Office Closure

- a. The Clerk reported that he was having difficulty obtaining the address of the Postmistress.
- b. District Councillor Hughes offered to obtain this.

16. Ministry of Defence

- a. There was nothing to report on this matter.

17. Defence Infrastructure Organisation

- a. Chris Hewitt, Estate Surveyor, Land Management Services reported
 - i. That the options for the building which had previously held the Post Office were being reviewed.
 - ii. That refurbishments were being carried out on various properties and the DIO would be looking for new tenants when this work was completed.
 - iii. The DIO were looking at all rental agreements and, whilst this was going on, it would take longer to issue invoices to tenants.

18. QinetiQ Report.

- a. Early start (8.00 am) at DAT on 15th, 20th and 21st September.
- b. There will be a late finish due to night firing at Shelford battery from 19th to 30th September. Land Area 1 will be closed until 10.00 pm.
- c. There will be a power interruption at Havengore Farm on 21st September from 9.00 am until noon.
- d. There are no planned water supply interruptions.
- e. There will be HV remediation works on 20th and 21st September at Churchend.
- f. QinetiQ would like to thank the residents who participated in the consultation regarding use of the Quay.
- g. Following a near mid-air collision over Foulness in July, QinetiQ have issued guidance for flying model aircraft and drones.
- h. QinetiQ would appreciate feedback from residents regarding the Annual Cycle Ride.

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

- a. There were no matters discussed under this item.

Meeting closed 8.50 pm

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