

FOULNESS ISLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Foulness Island Parish Council held on Wednesday 8th June, 2016, at Lodge Farm Staff Premises, Foulness Island, commencing at 8.00 p.m.

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

In attendance: C. Hewitt (DIO), S. Mowthorpe, (QinetiQ), C. Seagers (Essex County Councillor), 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 District Councillors Efde, Hookway and Hughes and from Geoff Evans from the Ministry of Defence.
- 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 May, 2016.**
 - a. Proposed Councillor Pitts, seconded Councillor Green that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 11th May, 2016 be signed as a correct record. Carried unanimously.
- 5. To receive a talk from Marion Paterson of Community Agents, Essex.**
 - a. Marion Paterson, Community Agent for Rochford District gave a brief presentation on the services offered by her agency and answered questions from Councillors and members of the public.
 - b. The Chair thanked her for taking the time to attend the Council meeting.
- 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. Street lights 15 and 26.
 - ii. The Coastal Pathway

- iii. The retirement of the proprietor of the Post Office
- iv. Undulations of the road surface at the pier/

7. 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 restructuring of the Fire Service

8. Statement of Accounts

- a. The Statement of Accounts for the Financial Year ending on 31st March, 2016 had been circulated prior to the meeting
- b. Proposed Councillor Porter, seconded Councillor Bickford that the Statement of Accounts for the Financial Year ending on 31st March 2016 be approved. Carried unanimously.

9. Annual Return

- a. The Annual Return for the Financial Year ending on 31st March, 2016 had been circulated prior to the meeting.
- b. Proposed Councillor Bickford, seconded Councillor Green that the Annual Return be approved and signed. Carried unanimously.

10. Appointment of Auditors

- a. Proposed Councillor Green, seconded Councillor Porter that Auditing Solutions Ltd be appointed as Internal Auditors to Foulness Island Parish Council for the year to 31st March, 2017. Carried unanimously

11. Insurers

- a. Proposed Councillor Bickford, seconded Councillor Green that Aviva be appointed as the Parish Council Insurers for the year commencing 1st June 2016.

12. Financial Matters

- a. Proposed Councillor Pitts, seconded Councillor Green that the payment requests for April/May/June 2016 which were tabled at the meeting be approved. Carried unanimously.
- b. Proposed Councillor Porter, seconded Councillor Green that the receipts for April/May/June 2016 which were tabled at the meeting be approved. Carried unanimously.

13. Defence Infrastructure Organisation

- a. Chris Hewitt, Estate Surveyor, Land Management Services at the Defence Infrastructure Organisation introduced himself to the meeting. He would be available for parishioners to contact him by e-mail should they have any issues.

14. QinetiQ Report

- a. There would be an Early Start on 10th June (8.00 am) at Q Battery and an Early Start from 14th to 16th June (8 am) at DAT.
- b. There would be an overnight cook-off on 29th/30th June at New England. Land Area 1 including the Broomway will remain closed overnight.
- c. There are no planned power supply interruptions.

- d. There will be disruptions to the water supply at Courtend, White City and The Chase on 9th June from 9.00 am to 5.00 pm.
- e. QinetiQ would like to establish usage of the Quay.
- f. Reports have been received following wilful interference with livestock and gates left open or taken off their hinges. Residents are asked to report if they see anything.

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

- a. Councillor Green reported on a meeting he had attended at the Doctor's surgery in Great Wakering. He would be circulating a report with the Parish Newsletter

Meeting Closed 9.20 pm

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