**Foulness Island Parish Council**

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 **MINUTES**

 **OF THE**

 **THE ANNUAL FOULNESS ISLAND PARISH MEETING**

 **Held at the Staff Premises, Lodge Farm, Foulness Island, Southend-on-Sea, Essex. SS3 9XN.**

 **ON WEDNESDAY 18th MAY 2022 at 7.00 pm.**

 **(Followed by the Annual General Parish Council Meeting).**

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

Chairman Councillor Mrs E Pitts.

 Councillors: Mr A Holyland and Mrs F Giles.

 RDC Ward/Essex Councillor: Mr Mike Steptoe.

 QQ representative Ms N Uden.

 Members of the public: Mr and Mrs P Carr.

 The Parish Clerk: Mr B Summerfield.

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

iTo be received by the Clerk only in person via: email, letter and telephone.

ii Councillors: Mr G Bickford.

iii Ward Councillors: Mr D Efde.

**3. Minutes of the 20?? Annual Parish Meeting (Zoom).**

Minutes to be agreed.

**4. Chairman’s Annual Report:**

The Chairman reported:

On the 31st July 2021 our previous Clerk Mr John Watson retired which was very sad news after all his hard work

over many years, but we welcomed our new clerk Mr Barry Summerfield who has taken over the reins.

We took delivery of 2 no. Defibrillators after Cllr Mike Steptoe pointed us in the right direction of applying

for a grant. We received a grant for no. 1 defib and the Parish Council in the first instance paid for the other. We then received a donation from the Thorpe Bay Rotary Club, so this was then used to pay for the second one.

The defibs were installed and registered with the Ambulance Service in June 21.

Our thanks go to Cllr Mike Steptoe and the Thorpe Bay Rotary Club.

We had a library box installed in July 2021 which is situated in the children’s play area. This was thanks to Cllr

Jo McPherson who organised Vanessa Cox from Thorpe Bay Rotary Club to supply and install the box.

We have voiced our concerns over the planning applications submitted to Rochford Council for the Church and planned parking areas.

In previous years we have remarked that it is disappointing that not many of the parishioners attend our

Council Meetings and this year has been no different. We can only repeat comments made in previous years that if they have strong views about any matters where the Parish Council can help, they attend our meetings and make their views known.

We appreciate we only have limited powers, but we can pass on their concerns and comments to the right people.

Out thanks go to Nicki at QinetiQ for her monthly Foulness Residents Update and answering any queries we

may have.

Finally, I would like to thank my fellow Councillors for their continued support and efforts on behalf of our parishioners.

**5. Statement of Balance of Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2022.**

**Current: £ 778.69. (31st March 2022).**

**Business: £ 2,779.83. (31st March 2022).**

**6. Visiting Guests, Ward/County Councillors and Questions from the Public.**

I Essex County and Ward Councillor Mr M Steptoe reported:

 ESSEX CC:

 New Levelling Up Fund has become available to Parishes at £5,000 (Match funding) – an Essex Council meeting to

 discuss Bus services – A new Scheme of a ‘Bus Door to Door’ on demand – The Arriva contract has been cancelled

by them – A127 is being discussed re: re-trunking – Fortune of War Roundabout has too many services underneath presently to remove.

 Rochford DC:

At the RDC meeting last night Cllr: Mike Steptoe reported that he was elected the new Chairman – Congratulations

were offered to Councillor Mr M Steptoe from the Foulness Island Parish Council.

ii QQ representative Ms Nicki Uden reported:

The recent QQ reports to the residents were covered and discussed with grass cutting, buildings inspections, street

Lighting, to be repaired and Message boards, etc.

iii Councillors and the public members asked for:

Clarification on the ownership of the streetlights on the Landwick Gate roundabout - no power to the Defibrillator and phone box in Churchend - Potholes and verge cutting - Clearing the gullies and drains on the road sides and local signs.

**7. Date, Time and Place of the next Annual Parish Meeting.**

**Agreed: TBA MAY 2023.**

 **To be held at the Staff Premises, Lodge Farm, Foulness Island, Southend-on-Sea, Essex. SS3 9XN.**

 There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.43 pm.

**13th May 2023. Mr B Summerfield.**

**Foulness Island Parish Council Clerk/RFO.**