

Minutes of the Meeting of Upton with Fishley Parish Council held on Thursday, 14th April 2011 in the Village Hall

Present:

Mr Crane Mr Eaves Mrs Stocker
Mrs Walker Mr Armes Mr Boyle Mrs Whelpton
James Carswell (County Councillor)
George Debbage (District Councillor)

There were 16 members of the public present, many of whom spoke about their concerns about the planning application for the land at Watts Wood, Prince of Wales Road. County Councillor James Carswell talked about the campaign to improve broadband in rural areas. Nick Garrard confirmed that the diocese was considering using church towers to boost broadband signals, including St Mary's at South Walsham. Mike Powell reported that the Speedwatch volunteers had all been vetted now. There was some discussion about fishing at the pond. Malcolm Stewart was thanked for making the new noticeboard at the pond.

Apologies:

None.

Declarations of Interests in Items on the Agenda:

Anne Whelpton and Lesley Walker declared a personal interest in issues concerning the boatdyke.

Minutes:

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4th March 2011 were agreed to be correct, and were signed by Nicholas Crane, as Chairman of the Parish Council.

Matters Arising:

1. Letters of thanks have been received from Vitalise and Age UK for the recent donations.
2. The clerk reported on a planning meeting at the Broads Authority.
3. There has not been any reply from HM Revenue & Customs about whether the clerk can continue to be taxed via her coding for Acle Parish Council.

Correspondence:

1. The Broads Authority has issued its Site Specifics Consultation as part of its Local Development Framework. The councillors agreed that the boatdyke and staithe should be protected under the Local Plan and that any development on land in the Broads Authority area should be of a suitable scale.
2. It was agreed to make donations of £100 to East Anglia's Children's Hospices and £250 to Macmillan Cancer Support. (LGA 1972 s.137 donations.)
3. The clerk reported on local correspondence concerning people fishing at the village pond. The councillors agreed that they supported young people fishing at the pond occasionally, but did not want adults to fish there. This will be on the agenda for the next meeting.
4. BDC has sent notice that the Joint Core Strategy has been adopted by Broadland District Council, Norwich City Council and South Norfolk. This was noted.

5. The clerk has received a few complaints about the increase in the mooring fees. Most boat owners have paid their fees now, but many have not yet sent a copy of their Broads Authority licence.
6. Notice has been received that the Broads Authority Local Development Framework – Development Management Policies DPD has been submitted for approval.
7. A complaint has been received about the condition of part of the footpath across to Acle; this is on Mr Molineux’s land. Councillors were reminded that farmers have the right to plough across footpaths but must reinstate the line of the footpath within 14 days.
8. The clerk reported that she has attended a Safeguarding Awareness course to reinforce the Council’s Safeguarding Policy.

Treasurer’s Report:

	£
Balance b/f at 5th March 2011	1,576.08
Receipts:	
Mooring fees (incl. VAT)	19,602.00
Grazing fees (2 months)	166.68
Burial and memorial fees	215.00
Cheques for payment:	
Transfer to savings account	6,000.00
P James - clerk’s fee and exps	1,278.12
Norfolk Pension	80.62
Justin Nudd – work at churchyard	22.00
HMRC – VAT	3,369.40
A Hemmingway – work at play area	180.50
Garden Guardian – grass cutting	766.66
Norfolk Ass’n of Local Councils – subs	141.08
Nfk Playing Fields Ass’n – subs	20.00
Nfk Rural Community Council – subs	15.00
Sth Walsham PC – share of stationery	10.28
Acle PC – share of costs	116.32
EACH s.137 donation	100.00
Macmillan Cancer Support s.137 donation	250.00
J Barber - cleaning bus shelter	<u>20.00</u>
Balance c/f at 14th April 2011	9,189.78
BSA (int rec’d £0.11)	864.26
BSA (int rec’d £1.27)	16,080.75
Repairs and Renewals Accounts (int rec’d £3.86)	<u>30,969.28</u>
Total monies	<u>£57,104.07</u>

Village Hall and Playing Field:

1. Lesley Walker gave a report on recent lettings.
2. The clerk has obtained three quotes for metal fencing around the existing play area and wooden fencing along the boundary with the old school playing field. The clerk was asked to obtain full specifications of the materials to be used so that prices can more easily be compared.

Planning Matters:

1. **Mr Fisk, Watts Wood, Prince of Wales Road** – erection of storage shed. Several objections were heard from local residents. There were concerns about the possible commercial use of the shed and the impact on neighbouring properties. The councillors agreed to object to the application believing it to be out-of-keeping with the area and an inappropriate development. The clerk was also asked to obtain confirmation that the relevant bodies had been consulted on the application.
2. **Miss McMaster, 14 Prince of Wales Road** – single storey front and rear extensions. There were no objections to the plans. (Nicholas Crane and Wendy Stocker each declared a personal and prejudicial interest as they both know the applicants and left the room during the discussion and voting.)

Planning results:

1. From Broadland District Council: **Mrs Hanbury, The Old Stores, The Green** – conservatory – full approval.
2. From Broads Authority: **Environment Agency, Compartment 9, Boundary Farm Dyke to Stokesby** – full approval.

Boat Dyke and Staithe:

1. No further correspondence has been received from the Environment Agency.
2. It was reported that the matting at the staithe needs to be pegged down again. Anne Whelpton has contacted BESL about this.
3. It was agreed that those boat owners who have not yet paid for their mooring should be contacted by telephone to remind them.

Verge cutting:

Norfolk County Council will pay £121 if the Parish Council takes on the cutting of Riverview Drive visibility splay and Southend grass. The quote from Garden Guardian is £144 for cutting these two areas. It was agreed to accept this quote and to take on the work from Norfolk County Council.

Garden Guardian has also quoted to cut the triangle of grass opposite Broadlands, for £144. It was confirmed that the councillors first want to raise the level of the grass.

Any Other Business:

1. The councillors thanked Lesley Walker for her time as parish councillor. Lesley is standing down at the May elections. William Leonard-Morgan has stood as councillor and will start from 9th May. The councillors welcomed William to the Parish Council.
2. Nicholas Crane will arrange for an engineer to check the pump at the pond. Wendy Stocker reported that the water quality at the pond has been checked and found to be good.
3. Anne Whelpton offered to pay for daffodils to be planted round the pond. There was some discussion about which sort of daffodils would be best.
4. The next meetings will be the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Parish Council Meeting on Thursday, 12th May 2011.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

Dated: 12th May 2011.