

Upton with Fishley Parish Council – Chairman’s Report

The Parish Council pays for the grass cutting around the village and looks after the churchyard, cemetery, play area, playing field, boat dyke, staithe and pond. We give our comments on local planning applications and are consulted on many local and national issues. Residents are welcome to ask questions at the beginning of each meeting, and any issues for the agenda should be sent to the clerk, Pauline James, about a week before the date of the meeting. The Parish Council meets on the second Thursday of each month, (except for August), at 7.30 pm in the village hall. The agenda for each meeting is posted on the noticeboards around the village and on the website.

The other parish councillors are Vice-chairman Philip Armes, Mike Brown, Debbie Durrant, William Leonard-Morgan, Ginny Pitchers and Anne Whelpton and I thank them for giving their time as volunteers. There are also some people who help behind the scenes, keeping the village clean and tidy, and I thank them too.

Over the year, we bought a concrete table tennis table to add to our very popular new play equipment. We paid for repairs to several memorials in the churchyard and cemetery to ensure the safety of any visitors; if you noticed that your relative’s memorial was mended or put back upright, a donation towards our costs would be most welcome. We’ve also helped to fund a defibrillator for the village, and a First Responder.

We have a Parish Council website and by “subscribing,” (at no cost), you will receive email notices when anything is added to the site, both Council matters and local events and reminders. Take a look at: www.uptonwithfishleyipc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk

PCSO Paul McAllister is our local police officer from Acle and we thank him for his regular reports on local crimes. Your district councillor, Sue Lawn, can be contacted on 07962 079 332 or cllr.susan.lawn@broadland.gov.uk and your county councillor, Tom Garrod, can be contacted on 07515 356 821 or thomas.garrod@norfolk.gov.uk

The **Annual Meeting of the Parish** is on Thursday, 8th May at 7.30 p.m. in the village hall. This is **your** meeting and not the Council’s. Please do attend. There will be reports from the Police, from Sue Lawn and Tom Garrod, but there is also plenty of time for you to raise issues or concerns about village matters.

This meeting is followed by the next meeting of the Parish Council.

Nicholas Crane, Parish Council Chairman

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