

**Minutes of the Meeting of Upton with Fishley Parish Council held on Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> March 2011 in the Village Hall**

**Present:**

Mr Crane                      Mr Eaves                      Mrs Stocker  
Mr Boyle  
James Carswell (County Councillor)

There was one member of the public present. Matters raised included vehicle speeds in the village. James Carswell gave a report of the progress with the Joint Core Strategy and stated that Norfolk County Council is supporting attempts to improve broadband services for rural areas.

**Apologies:**

Mrs Walker                      Mr Armes                      Mrs Whelpton  
George Debbage (District Councillor)

**Declarations of Interests in Items on the Agenda:**

Nicholas Crane declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the planning application for Hall Farm.

**Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2011 were agreed to be correct, and were signed on behalf of the Council by Nicholas Crane, as Chairman of the Parish Council.

**Matters Arising:**

1. The Parish Council's response concerning the selling off of the forests was not sent owing to the Government's announcement that the proposal had been postponed.
2. Amis Piling will start the work on the replacement whaling boards in April.
3. The Environment Agency has replied concerning the odour from the poultry unit on The Windle. The complaint has been sent on to the manager of the unit. There is a Hotline number of 0800 80 70 60 for members of the public to report any environmental concerns. There was a query as to whether the planting had been completed around the site.

**Correspondence:**

1. The Broads Authority has sent its Broads Plan 2011 for comments.
2. It was agreed to give LGA 1972 s.137 grants of £100 each to Vitalise, Citizens Advice Bureau and Age Uk, as it was agreed that all these could be of benefit to local residents.
3. Norfolk Pension Fund has sent notice that the employer's contribution rates will be 18.5% for 2011/12, 19.0% for 2012/13 and 19.5% for 2013/14. This was noted.

4. PC Paul Fox sent a report that there have been no recorded crimes in the village since the last meeting.
5. The mobile library will visit the village every 4 weeks from the end of March, instead of every 3 weeks.
6. Councillors are invited to attend a Broads Authority Parish Planning Forum on Localism on 6<sup>th</sup> April at 6.00. The clerk will attend.
7. Changes to the bus service 730 have been received. It will only operate to and from the 6th form college.
8. Councils have been informed that they must all register as an employer and operate PAYE. The clerk confirmed that her income is currently taxed through her tax code for Acle Parish Council and will ask HMRC if this needs to change.

**Treasurer's Report:**

	£
Balance b/f at 11 <sup>th</sup> February 2011	302.23

**Receipts:**

Mooring fees	1,998.00
Wayleaves	21.32
Allotments	8.94

**Cheques for payment:**

Acle PC –share of stationery and subs	33.56
George Taylor – work at car park and pond	330.30
Jen Taylor – work at car park and pond	15.00
Vitalise LGA 1972 s.137 grant	100.00
Citizens Advice Bureaux – grant	100.00
Age Uk LGA 1972 s.137 grant	100.00
Norfolk Pension Fund	61.47
Pauline James – exps	<u>14.08</u>
Balance c/f at 4 <sup>th</sup> March 2011	1,576.08
Business Savings Account	864.15
Business Savings Account	10,079.48
Repairs and renewals Account	<u>30,965.42</u>
Total monies	<u>43,485.13</u>

The above cheques were approved for payment.

**Village Hall and Playing Field:**

There was nothing to report on the village hall.

**Planning Matters:**

1. **Mrs Hanbury, The Old Stores, The Green** – conservatory. There were no objections to the plans.

2. **Nicholas Crane, Hall Farm** – installation of a roof-mounted photovoltaic array and associated equipment. (Nicholas Crane left the meeting during the discussion and voting.) There were no objections to the plans.

**Boat Dyke and Staithe:**

There has been no further correspondence from the Environment Agency.

**Financial Policies:**

The Financial Standing Orders, Duties of the Responsible Financial Officer, Financial Risk Assessment, Review of Internal Controls and Review of Internal Audit were discussed, amended and approved.

**Any Other Business:**

1. Wendy Stocker reported that some snowdrops, primroses and cowslips will be planted around the pond.
2. The clerk reported on a training session on the Localism Bill; the Government proposes that eligible parish councils could be given the power of general competence which would allow them to carry out almost any function.
3. The next meeting will be on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> April 2011.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9.00 pm.

Dated: 14<sup>th</sup> April 2011