

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Upton with Fishley Parish Council held on Thursday, 12th May 2011 in the Village Hall**

**Present:**

Mr Crane	Mr Eaves	Mrs Stocker
Mr Armes	Mrs Whelpton	Mr Leonard-Morgan

**Election of Chairman:**

Nicholas Crane was proposed as Chairman by Chris Eaves and seconded by Philip Armes and was unanimously elected.

Chris Eaves was proposed as Vice-Chairman by Wendy Stocker and seconded by Anne Whelpton and unanimously elected.

Nicholas welcomed William Leonard-Morgan to the Council and sent his thanks to Lesley Walker who stepped down as councillor at the recent elections.

**Apologies:**

Mr Boyle  
James Carswell (District and County Councillor)

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

Anne Whelpton declared a personal interest in items concerning the boatdyke.

**Minutes:**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th April 2011 were agreed to be correct, and were signed by Nicholas Crane, as Chairman of the Parish Council.

**Matters Arising:**

1. The Broads Authority sent an acknowledgment of the Council's objections to the plans for Watts Wood in Prince of Wales Road, and confirmed that the necessary agencies had been consulted.
2. A letter of thanks has been received from Macmillan for the recent donation
3. Norfolk County Council has said that it is too late to take on the verge cutting but that additional cuts can be carried out by the Parish Council, if required. NCC will send a licence for the verge cutting and for the triangle of grass outside Broadlands.
4. Members of the Upton Community Speedwatch group met and have started carrying out speed checks.

**Correspondence:**

1. Councillors are invited to a 10 year celebration of the Broadland Flood Alleviation project on 1<sup>st</sup> June.

2. The Safety Camera Partnership has asked if councils would like the Speed Awareness Messaging system. The clerk has confirmed that this would be appreciated.
3. The Police report lists two crimes since the last meeting.
4. Councillors are invited to the NALC Summer conference on 28<sup>th</sup> June. The clerk will attend.
5. Details of training for new councillors has been received.

**Accounts and Annual Return:**

The Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011 and sections 1 &2 of the Annual Return were considered and approved. Nicholas Crane was authorised to sign the accounts and the annual return on behalf of the Council.

**Treasurer's Report:**

	£
Balance b/f at 15th April 2011	9,189.78
<b>Receipts:</b>	
Grazing fee	83.34
Mooring fees	2,124.00
Burial and memorial fees	10.00
Acle PC – share of exps	4.82
BDC – first half precept	2,775.00
<b>Cheques for payment:</b>	
Transfer to savings account	8,500.00
Anglian Water dd	23.28
Environment Agency dd	22.42
Norfolk Pension	80.62
Broker Network – insurance	275.14
Garden Guardian – grasscutting	766.66
Acle PC – share of expenses	47.60
Balance c/f at 12th May 2011	4,471.22
BSA	864.26
BSA	24,580.75
Repairs and Renewals Accounts	30,969.28
Total monies	<b><u>£60,885.51</u></b>

The payments above were approved.

**Village Hall and Playing Field:**

There were reports of litter on field.

Chris Eaves reported on his investigations into the specification for the metal fencing around the play area. It was agreed that the fencing could be reduced to 1m high and to review the quotes to find out if the bow fencing is solid or hollow.

Philip Armes offered to make some 900mm iron rods to secure the telegraph poles around the car park. After some discussion it was agreed to ask George Taylor to drill through the poles to secure them with the rods.

### **Planning Matters:**

None.

### **Boat Dyke and Staithe:**

The Environment Agency had sent revised heads of terms dated 21<sup>st</sup> April 2011. The Council's points have all been addressed and it is proposed that the agreement should start with the Council paying 30% of the net profits from the year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011. This was agreed.

The clerk was asked to contact the Agency to explain that the current system of asking for a copy of the boatowner's Broads Authority licence before issuing the ticket has been cumbersome.

Anne Whelpton offered to contact the Broads Authority for a letter explaining that the Authority carries out regular checks on boatowners displaying the necessary licence and the Agency would be asked to agree that no further checks were required by the Council. It was also agreed that the clerk should ask the Agency to confirm that they were happy with the Council's accounting of income in advance of the season.

Anne reported that David Burton has very kindly carried out maintenance on the benches at the staithe and removed the broken ones.

### **Pond:**

The clerk reported that the close season for fishing does not seem to apply to inland ponds. It was agreed to erect a sign which says "Fishing restricted to people aged 14 or under. No keep nets," to be sited behind the pump.

It was agreed to train other councillors how to prime the pump.

Keith Pitchers has kindly offered to treat the two benches with preservative.

### **Any Other Business:**

1. The tenants of the old playing field sent notice that there were five ponies/horses on the field, as a temporary measure.
2. There has been a camper van, inhabited, parked at the car park for a few days. The Broads Authority has agreed to erect a sign prohibiting overnight stays.
3. Malcolm Stewart was thanked for making the new noticeboard at the pond.
4. It was reported that the NCC verge cutting seemed to be late this year.
5. The next meeting will be on Thursday, 9th June 2011.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.

Dated: 9<sup>th</sup> June 2011.