

Minutes of the Meeting of Upton with Fishley Parish Council held on Thursday, 9th June 2011 in the Village Hall

Present:

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

Apologies:

PC Paul Fox

Declarations of Interests in Items on the Agenda:

Anne Whelpton declared a personal interest in items concerning the boat dyke.

Minutes:

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12th May 2011 were agreed to be correct, and were signed by Nicholas Crane, as Chairman of the Parish Council.

Matters Arising:

1. The register of interests forms have been sent off to Broadland District Council for Nicholas, Chris, Anne and William. Completed forms were handed to the clerk for the remaining councillors.
2. A letter of thanks has been received from East Anglia's Children's Hospices for the recent donation.
3. The grasscutting contractor has been asked to cut the grass on the verge outside Southend, at Riverview Drive and outside Broadlands Home as and when it needs cutting, now that Norfolk County Council has carried out the first cut.

Correspondence:

1. PC Paul Fox sent a report that there had been no recorded crimes since the last meeting.
2. UEA has invited councillors to attend a Green Community Challenge on Saturday, 16th July.
3. Councillors are also invited to a Summer Picnic and Sustainability Event on Wednesday, 27th July in Thorpe.
4. The Broads Authority has sent notice that the pipework for the mud-pumping project has had to be diverted across the road, rather than underneath it, as the culvert proved to be unsuitable.
5. Upton Village Hall Group has asked for the Council's nominations to the committee: Philip and Wendy were appointed as trustees.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance b/f at 13th May 2011	£ 4,471.22
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Receipts:

BDC – delegated functions 1 st payment	232.20
Mooring fees	1,944.00
Burial and memorial fees	370.00
Grazing fees	83.34

Cheques for payment:

Transfer to savings	5,000.00
Norfolk Pension	80.62
George Taylor – maintenance	97.50
Garden Guardian – grasscutting	766.66
Stewart Technical Services – litter picking	33.00
Acle PC – share of exps	<u>78.31</u>
Balance c/f at 9th June 2011	1,044.67
BSA	864.26
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Repairs and Renewals Accounts	<u>39,896.14</u>
Total monies	<u>£62,458.96</u>

Village Hall and Playing Field:

1. The councillors thanked Philip for making the metal posts to secure the telegraph poles around the village hall car park. George Taylor is to fit them shortly.
2. Chris presented a schedule of quotes received for the galvanised metal bow-topped fencing for around the play area. It was agreed to accept a quote from Norse Commercial Services, for £8,070, but to request deeper foundations than specified. It was also agreed to purchase two replacement pedestrian gates. The councillors thanked Chris for his hard work in sourcing the quotes and investigating the requirements of fencing at play areas.
3. Philip agreed to write a specification for the wooden fence adjacent to the grazing on the old school field. It was confirmed that barbed wire should not be fitted to the rails, as had been recommended by the contractors.

Planning Matters:

1. **Mr Rafferty, Upton Poultry Farm, The Windle** – installation of roof mounted solar photovoltaic array and associated electrical works. The councillors had no objections to the plans.

Planning Results from the Broads Authority:

1. **Mr Fisk, Watts Wood, Prince of Wales Road** – erection of shed for storage – full approval. The building is only to be used for storage, not for commercial operation or for overnight accommodation.

Boat Dyke and Staithe:

1. The Environment Agency has not yet commented on the Council's reply to the latest draft heads of term. The clerk did point out to the Agency the current method used to account for the mooring fees in advance of the season.
2. The councillors confirmed that they wish the health and safety inspection of the boat dyke and pond to be done by an outside contractor.
3. The clerk was authorised to purchase a new box of mooring tickets.
4. Anne reported that Amis Piling has completed the work at the dyke and has filled in the holes behind the whaling board.

Pond:

1. Some large weeds and thistles have been removed, as requested.
2. Wendy requested that the grasscutting contractor be requested to leave 6 – 8” of vegetation along the top of the banks of the pond, rather than to strim too close to the edge.
3. Malcolm Stewart reported that he is operating the pump twice a week to keep the water levels at the required level.

Any Other Business:

1. It was reported that cattle are being grazed on the river banks.
2. William raised the issue of a blocked drain adjacent to land at the staithe.
3. The next meeting will be on Thursday, 14th July 2011.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

Dated: 14th July 2011.