

## **Minutes of the Meeting of Upton with Fishley Parish Council held on Thursday, 1st September 2011 in the Village Hall**

### **Present:**

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

### **Public Forum:**

There were three members of the public present, including James Carswell, (District and County Councillor), who gave a report on Norfolk County Council's successful bid for better broadband in the county and the protection of the library service, including the mobile libraries. He also reported that BDC's Joint Core Strategy has been taken to judicial review by a local pressure group. James was asked to find out whether NCC's insurance would cover volunteers who carried out maintenance of local footpaths following the reduction of maintenance to one cut per year. He was also asked to find out how the money for broadband would be spent and to ensure that small villages like Upton got a fair share of the money.

Matters raised included a request for the new Anglian bus service to be extended from South Walsham to Upton and a complaint about the reduction in services at the Postwick Park & Ride. It was also reported that the new Upton Football Club had folded owing to a lack of people willing to take on the running of the club. The councillors also sent their thanks to the volunteers who had worked so hard to restore the floor in the village hall.

### **Apologies:**

PC Paul Fox

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

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

### **Minutes:**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11th August 2011 were agreed to be correct, and were signed by Nicholas Crane, as Chairman of the Parish Council.

### **Matters Arising:**

1. The mandate change forms for Barclays and Lloyds TSB have been completed. The three signatories are Nicholas Crane, Chris Eaves and Anne Whelpton.
2. Phillip Armes has ordered the materials for the wooden fencing on the playing field.
3. NCC has said that the one planned cut of footpaths has been carried out already and that no further maintenance of paths is planned.
4. The tenant of the old school playing field has stated that she has made arrangements for the grass to be cut.

**Correspondence:**

1. The Annual Return has been signed and returned by the external auditors, Mazars, without comment.
2. Broadland District Council has announced the end of the provision of parish skips; it has been decided that this is an unnecessary expense, given that a waste recycling centre is available at Strumpshaw. BDC believes that the service is inappropriate as skips encourage mixed waste. The councillors felt that the Strumpshaw site is difficult to use and does not encourage waste disposal.
3. BDC has sent details of the review of polling districts and polling places. This was noted.
4. The AGM of the Norfolk Association of Local Councils will take place on 1<sup>st</sup> October.
5. The Broads Authority has sent a consultation document on the changes proposed to the Development Management Policies Development Plan Document. No comments were made by the Council on the original document.
6. The next meeting of the Broads Forum will be held at Acle Recreation Centre on 6<sup>th</sup> October at 2 pm.
7. BDC is holding the Annual Meeting for Towns and Parishes on 11<sup>th</sup> October.
8. PC Fox sent information on the one recorded crime in July and August.
9. There was a report of a vehicle having been driven across the playing field, causing damage to the field. Nicholas Crane agreed to add a mound of soil to prevent access at the Westfield end of the field.

**Treasurer's Report:**

	£
Balance b/f at 12th August 2011	512.00
<b>Receipts:</b>	
Commonwealth Graves donation	20.00
Mooring fees	1,008.00
Grazing fees	330.00
<b>Cheques for payment:</b>	
Mazars – external audit	342.00
Acle PC – share of stationery	29.66
Norfolk Pension	80.62
Garden Guardian – grasscutting	<u>766.66</u>
Balance c/f at 1st September 2011	651.06
BSA	864.37
BSA	17,656.24
Repairs and Renewals Accounts	<u>34,696.21</u>

Total monies

**£53,867.88**

The above payments were approved.

It was confirmed that the clerk is authorised to carry out transfers between the Parish Council's bank accounts only, by phone and online.

**Planning Matters:**

None.

**Boat Dyke and Staithe:**

1. It was noted that a platform has been constructed at a mooring despite the mooring invoice stating that no gangways may be erected. The councillors confirmed that no platforms or gangways may be constructed; the Council's agreement with the Environment Agency states that the Council may not "place any structure on the property without the prior written consent of the landlord". The councillors felt that once a platform is permitted, however good quality it may be, other constructions would be put up, of differing quality. The clerk was asked to write to the boat owner requesting the immediate removal of the structure.
2. The clerk confirmed that the health and safety forms have been updated for the inspection on 19<sup>th</sup> July.
3. It was reported that cattle have been allowed to graze on the footpath from the dyke to Black Mill. BESL have been informed and the tenant has been asked to remove the cattle.

**Any Other Business:**

1. A recent Speedwatch session resulted in three drivers being reported to the Police for driving in excess of the speed limit in Church Road.
2. Wendy Stocker reported on a recent village hall meeting; the committee is continuing to investigate photovoltaic panels for the village hall roof.
3. Bill Boyle reported that some perch have been added to the pond and he thanked those who helped with the fish.
4. It was confirmed that replacement hedge plants will be planted where the original plants have died.
5. The next meeting will be on Thursday, 29th September 2011.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

Dated: 29th September 2011.