

Minutes of the Meeting of Upton with Fishley Parish Council held on Thursday, 29th September 2011 in the Village Hall

Present:

Mrs Stocker Mr Armes
Mr Boyle Mr Leonard-Morgan

In the absence of Nicholas Crane and Chris Eaves, Wendy Stocker was appointed as chairman of the meeting.

There were two members of the public present at the meeting. Matters raised included Speedwatch, a request for reflective bollards at the Church Road junction with Acle Road, litter in the woods and the stopping of the parish skips service.

Apologies:

Mr Crane Mr Eaves Mrs Whelpton
James Carswell (District and County Councillor)

Declarations of Interests in Items on the Agenda:

None.

Minutes:

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 1st September 2011 were agreed to be correct, and were signed by Wendy Stocker, as Chairman of the meeting.

Matters Arising:

1. James Carswell sent the following information from Norfolk County Council in response to questions raised at the last meeting:
 - Broadband – it is a complex process and contractors will not be selected until 2012. NCC cannot collaborate with the Wispire project but will work to ensure that the project funds provision where the coverage is poor.
 - NCC does not insure volunteers and recommends that volunteers should be insured with the Parish Council's insurance policy. The clerk was asked to discuss this with the Council's Health & Safety advisor.
 - Anglian service 124 – NCC provides some support funding for the 124 service between Plumstead and Norwich. The decision to extend the service to South Walsham was taken by the operator. Upton is served by the demand responsive service operated by Our Hire.
 - NCC needs to cut £1.5m from the park and ride service, so has shut site buildings and stopped the Saturday service from Postwick. The Christmas service will be agreed nearer the time.

2. The platform at the boat dyke has been removed by the boat owner.

Correspondence:

1. It was agreed to donate £200 to the Royal British Legion. (LGA 1972 s.137 payment)

2. Norfolk County Council has sent details of the partnership project with local councils whereby £100,000 will be shared amongst parishes to pay for half of the cost of a local highways project. The councillors did not feel this was a good scheme.
3. It was agreed to give a donation of £150 to Vitalise. (LGA 1972 s.137 payment)
4. A grant of £75 was agreed for Norfolk Accident Rescue Service. (LGA 1972 s.137 payment)
5. A request has been received for a grant towards the cost of framing an embroidery of the Broadland Benefice villages worked by a local sewing group in memory of the late Brenda McFadyen. It was agreed to give £50 as the embroidery would be popular with tourists in the area.
6. The Police sent a report that there had been no recorded crimes since the last meeting.
7. The Boundary Commission has sent details of the 2013 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies. Upton would remain in the current constituency.
8. The Broadland District Council Site Allocations Plan has been received. Upton is classified as “countryside” and there will be no settlement limit.

Treasurer’s Report:

	£
Balance b/f at 13th May 2011	651.06
Receipts:	
EDF Wayleaves	61.50
Beighton PC – share of exps	23.75
P James – reimb. PAYE September	81.20
BDC – 2 nd half precept	2,775.00
Cheques for payment:	
P James – clerk’s fee and exps October	344.52
Acle PC – share of exps	22.39
HMRC – PAYE September	81.20
HMRC – PAYE October	81.40
Norfolk Pension	80.62
Garden Guardian – grasscutting	766.66
Jackson – wooden fencing	926.30
Woodbastwick PC – share of exps	16.25
Stewart Technical Services – litter picking	39.00
Royal British Legion s.137 donation	200.00
Vitalise s.137 donation	150.00
Norfolk Accident Rescue Service s.137 donation	75.00
Ranworth Sewing Group – donation	<u>50.00</u>
Balance c/f at 29th September 2011	759.17
BSA	864.37
BSA	17,656.24
Repairs and Renewals Accounts	<u>34,696.21</u>
Total monies	<u>54,450.99</u>

The above cheques were authorised for payment.

It was noted that the Council had had to register as an employer and would have to operate PAYE from now on. Previously the clerk paid tax on her earnings through her coding for Acle Parish Council.

Planning Matters:

None.

Village Hall and Playing Field:

George Taylor has started work on replacing the wooden fence along the boundary of the playing field with the old school playing field. Norse Commercial Services are due to start work on replacing the play area fencing next week.

It was reported that the village hall committee has agreed to install photovoltaic panels.

Boat Dyke and Staithe:

There has not been any new correspondence from the Environment Agency.

Any Other Business:

1. Bill Boyle reported that he will purchase some replacement hedge plants for the hedge next to the village hall car park shortly.
2. It was agreed to discuss refuse collection at the next meeting.
3. The next meeting will be on Thursday, 3rd November 2011.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.05 p.m.

Dated: 3rd November 2011.