

## **Minutes of the Meeting of Upton with Fishley Parish Council held on Thursday, 12th January 2012 in the Village Hall**

### **Present:**

Mr Crane                      Mr Eaves                      Mrs Stocker                      Mr Armes  
Mr Boyle                      Mrs Whelpton

### **Apologies:**

Mr Leonard-Morgan  
James Carswell (District and County Councillor)

PCSO Paul McAllister introduced himself as the new parish officer for Upton and Acle. He is a member of the Safer Neighbourhood Team, based at Acle. He reported that there had been an increase in burglaries generally, but there were no recorded crimes for Upton during December.

There were three members of the public present at the meeting. Matters raised included the planning application for 26 Prince of Wales Road, dog poo around the village, litter in the village, a request for reflective bollards at the Church Road junction with Acle Road, the local Speedwatch campaign and Norwich Airport's controlled airspace over Norfolk.

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

Philip Armes and Bill Boyle declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the planning application for 26 Prince of Wales Road. Anne Whelpton declared a personal interest in matters relating to the dyke.

### **Minutes:**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8th December 2011 were agreed to be correct, and were signed by Nicholas Crane, as Chairman of the Parish Council.

### **Matters Arising:**

1. Letters of thanks have been received from the Norfolk Lowland Search and Rescue and Acle Parochial Church Council for the recent donations.
2. The application for a wind turbine on The Windle was withdrawn by the applicant before Broadland District Council refused permission.
3. The Council received a letter of complaint that the Council had not contacted homeowners direct about hedges overhanging the highway. The clerk has explained that hedges are a Norfolk County Council matter and can best be dealt with by the County Council.
4. There was some discussion about the wall at the rear of the pond. The owner has removed several layers of bricks and feels that the wall is now safe. It was agreed to meet with the owner again to discuss whether additional bricks should be removed.

5. There was some concern that the new gates at the play area shut too fast and could cause injury. The clerk will contact the contractors to discuss this.

**Correspondence:**

1. The Broads Authority has sent notice that the Secretary of State is looking for nominations for a new member of the Authority. There is also a vacancy on the Broads Forum for a parish council representative.
2. NCC has asked that residents register their interest in receiving broadband services provided by the Better Broadband for Norfolk project. There is no commitment to take up the service at a later date. [www.norfolk.gov.uk/sayyesnorfolk](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/sayyesnorfolk). It was agreed to publicise this by delivering a flyer to each household.
3. The Norfolk Police Authority has invited councillors to an Open Meeting to discuss the budget for 2012/13 on 19<sup>th</sup> January.

**Treasurer's Report:**

	£
Balance b/f at 8th December 2011	447.48
<b>Receipts:</b>	
Allotment fees	908.94
Grazing fee	83.34
Burial fee	20.00
BDC – reimb. naming fee	28.63
<b>Cheques for payment:</b>	
Pauline James – clerk's fee and exps	387.95
J Barber – cleaning bus shelter	20.00
Norfolk Pension	80.62
Justin Nudd – work at churchyard	229.00
David Wales – work at churchyard	229.00
HMRC - PAYE & NIC	86.43
Acle PC – share of exps	46.64
Stewart Technical Services – litter picking	<u>39.00</u>
Balance c/f at 12th January 2012	369.75
BSA (int rec'd £0.11)	864.59
BSA (int rec'd £2.12)	4,660.73
Repairs and Renewals Accounts (int rec'd £4.33)	<u>34,705.10</u>
Total monies	<b><u>£40,600.17</u></b>

The above cheques were approved for payment.

**Planning Matters:**

- i) **Mrs Beeby, Primrose Farm, Prince of Wales Road** – replacement windows, removal and replacement of thatched roof, replace internal electric storage heating with oil (listed building) (20111725). There were no objections to the plans.

- ii) **Mr Philpot, 26 Prince of Wales Road** – alterations and extensions (20111856).  
(Philip Armes and Bill Boyle each declared a personal and prejudicial interest as close neighbours to the house, left the room and took no part in the discussion or voting. It was agreed to object to the application as it was felt that the extension was out of keeping and out of scale with the existing building, which is an old clay lump cottage.

Decisions from **Broadland District Council:**

- i) **11 Prince of Wales Road** – installation of 11kw air source heat pump – full approval  
ii) **Village Hall** – installation of photovoltaic panels – full approval

**Village Hall and Playing Field:**

Wendy Stocker offered to find out more about possible funding for sustainable energy improvements for the hall.

**Boat Dyke and Staithe:**

No further correspondence has been received from the Environment Agency.

**Budget and Precept:**

The councillors spent some time reviewing a draft budget for 2012/13 prepared by the clerk. It was agreed to increase the mooring fees to £18/foot, in line with other local moorings. The provisions for repairs and renewals were reviewed and the provision for the piling and whaling boards was reduced by £5,000. These changes are estimated to result in a surplus of income over expenditure so it was agreed to leave the precept at the current level of £5,550. The clerk's salary increases to £15.195 per hour, for 5.635 hours per week, in line with the pay scales recommended by the National Association of Local Councils.

**Any Other Business:**

1. The next meeting will be on Thursday, 9th February 2012.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.10 p.m.

Signed.....  
Chairman

Dated: 9th February 2012.