

Minutes of the Meeting of Upton with Fishley Parish Council held on Thursday, 9th February 2012 in the Village Hall

Present:

Mr Crane Mrs Stocker Mr Armes
Mr Boyle Mrs Whelpton

There were four members of the public present. Matters raised included mooring fees, mooring posts and the Speedwatch group. PCSO Paul McAllister gave a report on two recorded crimes since the last meeting.

Apologies:

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

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 12th January 2012 were agreed to be correct, and were signed by Nicholas Crane, as Chairman of the Parish Council.

Matters Arising:

1. Nicholas Crane, Chris Eaves and the clerk met with the owner of The Haven and requested that additional bricks be removed from the wall to make it safe. This has been done.
2. RoSPA has recommended that a rubber stop be fitted to the gates to stop injury to fingers. An amount will be held back from the payment until the gates are sorted out.
3. Chris Eaves wrote a piece about the Better Broadband campaign and that, together with a copy of the Norfolk County Council poster, was delivered around the village.
4. The clerk attended training on using the websites provided by Norfolk County Council; the website for the Parish Council is up and running and has agendas, minutes, contact details, useful links and items of interest to residents. Residents are invited to subscribe to the website so that they receive notification of meetings.
5. MP Keith Simpson sent a letter from the Department of Transport stating that the plans to dual the A47 at North Burlingham had been cancelled.

Correspondence:

1. BDC has sent the consultation on the charging schedule for the Community Infrastructure Levy. The levy provides a system of developer contributions for the provision of

infrastructure required to support the development set out in the Joint Core Strategy, and is in addition to s.106 obligations. The charge will be paid by the landowners or the developers. The charge proposed is £75/m² for the rural areas and £115/m² for the Norwich area.

2. The Campaign to Protect Rural England has sent a guide to Neighbourhood Planning.
3. The clerk will attend a Planning Parish Forum at the Broads Authority on Neighbourhood Planning and the Localism Act on 29th February.
4. The Environment Agency has sent information on its campaign to reduce water pollution.

Treasurer's Report:

	£
Balance b/f at 12th January 2012	369.75
Receipts:	
HMRC – VAT refund	2,012.41
Mooring fees	583.20
Grazing fees x two months	170.00
Acle PC – share of exps	4.98
Cheques for payment:	
NCS – cancelled cheque	(11,700.00)
NCS – new cheque less gates	8,400.00
P James – clerk's fee and exps	522.01
HMRC – PAYE	81.40
Acle PC – share of training	39.80
Ian Stewart – delivering leaflets	42.00
Norfolk Pension	<u>80.62</u>
Balance c/f at 9th June 2012	5,674.51
BSA	864.59
BSA	4,660.73
Repairs and Renewals Accounts	<u>34,705.10</u>
Total monies	<u>£45,904.93</u>

The above cheques were approved for payment.

Planning Matters:

1. **Mr Philpot, 26 Prince of Wales Road** – alterations and extensions (20111856) revised. (Philip Armes and Bill Boyle left the room and took no part in the discussion or voting.) The councillors repeated their objections to the plans; overdevelopment of the building, out-of-character with the existing cottage and unneighbourly.
2. **Mr Fisk, Watts Wood** – non material amendment to pp BA/2011/0084 to board in open area housing digger and hinge two sections of wooden cladding (BA/2012/0011/NONMAT). The councillors had no objections to the plans.

Village Hall and Playing Field:

1. New equipment for smaller children in existing play area

It was agreed to place an order for a play boat at £1,065 and a smaller playhouse at £699 to replace the existing playhouse which has rotten panels.

2. New equipment for older children behind the current play area

Football goal posts: It was agreed to purchase two 12' x 6' steel, anti-vandal, goalposts with a lockable crossbar, for a total of £964 + VAT. These are to be sited on the field South of the village hall, towards the football pitch. These are in response to a request from some children for a pair of small goalposts.

Play equipment for older children:

A survey at Acle High and Acle Primary showed the most popular items were a zipwire, skateboard park, swings of various sorts and a climbing wall/net.

Local consultation showed a request for climbing walls, climbing frame and nets, a zipwire, trim trail stuff and outdoor fitness. The clerk also asked other parish clerks what equipment was the most popular in their villages.

After some research it was agreed to apply for grants towards the purchase of
SMP Quantum)

SMP Viper) £20,000 approximately

SMP zipwire)

It was also agreed to apply for grants for some outdoor exercise equipment for older children and adults:

Rower)

Skier) £3,900 approximately

Health walker)

Grants are available from BDC, Geoffrey Watling Foundation, Awards for All, Norfolk Community Foundation, Norfolk Playing Fields Association and some smaller trusts. The clerk was authorised to apply for the relevant grants.

The Parish Council has already earmarked £4,000 to part-fund this equipment.

Village Hall:

Philip gave a report on the Jubilee Event, planned for Sunday, 3rd June.

Boat Dyke and Staithe:

The mooring invoices for 2012 have been issued.

Memorial Prices:

Abbey Memorials stated that the new lawn-type memorials, constructed and erected under British Standards will not fail. The stone is bolted to the base, which is secured by a ground anchor. It is believed that people like the lawn-style memorials because they offer a place to have a vase. The masons said that it costs the customer about £200 more to buy a traditional style memorial. Abbey Memorials has invited all councillors to visit their premises to see how memorials are constructed. This issue will be considered again at the next meeting.

Any Other Business:

1. Bill Boyle asked when the hedging at the village hall will be weeded so that replacement plants can be added. The clerk will contact George Taylor.
2. The next meeting will be on Thursday, 8th March 2012.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

Signed.....
Chairman

Dated: 8th March 2012.