

Upton with Fishley Parish Council – Chairman’s Report

Our new Council has been in post for nearly a year now and is made up of Chris Eaves, Wendy Stocker, Philip Armes, Bill Boyle, Anne Whelpton, William Leonard-Morgan and myself.

The Council has spent some money this year on play facilities. We replaced the rotten wooden fencing around the Cargate Lane play area with metal bow-topped fencing which looks very smart and should last a very long time. We have also just purchased a replacement playhouse and a new playboat at the play area for the younger children, some five-a-side goal posts for knockabout football and have applied for grants for some equipment for teenagers and some outdoor exercise equipment for adults. At the time of writing we have been successful with three grants so far, which is very encouraging.

The Council pays for the grass cutting around the village and looks after the churchyard, cemetery, play area, playing field, boat dyke, staithe and pond. We give our comments on local planning applications and are consulted on county-wide issues. Residents are welcome to ask questions at the beginning of each meeting and any issues for the agenda should be sent to the clerk, Pauline James, about a week before the date of the meeting. The Parish Council meets on the second Thursday of each month (except for August), at 7.30 pm in the village hall. The agenda for each meeting is posted on the noticeboards around the village.

We now have a new website and by “subscribing,” (at no cost), you will receive email notices when anything is added to the site, letting you know when the agenda is published for each Council meeting. There are also links to local groups. Take a look at : www.uptonwithfishleypc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk

We’d like to thank our district and county councillor James Carswell, for attending our meetings and for helping out with local issues. PCSO Paul McAllister is our new local police officer from Acle and we thank him for his regular reports on local crimes. PC Paul Fox moved to other duties within the Police and we send him our thanks for his time looking after this village.

The meeting on Thursday, 10th May starts at 7.30 p.m. with the **Annual Meeting of the Parish**. This is **your** meeting and not the Council’s. Please do attend. There will be reports from the Police and from James Carswell, but there is also plenty of time for you to raise issues or concerns about village matters.

This meeting is followed by the next meeting of the Parish Council.

Nicholas Crane, Parish Council Chairman

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