

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

Present:

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

In the absence of Nicholas Crane, Chris Eaves chaired the meeting at Vice-Chairman of the Council.

There were 11 residents present at the meeting. Matters raised included objections to the application for a wind turbine at the poultry farm on The Windle, concerns about the new mooring posts to be installed shortly and the good results from Speedwatch.

Apologies:

Mr Crane 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 14th June 2012 were agreed to be correct, and were signed by Chris Eaves, as Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council.

Matters Arising:

1. The play equipment will be mended shortly.
2. The tenant of the Old school playing field has been reminded to cut the grass as soon as possible.
3. Wendy Stocker reported that she had spoken to Martin Catchpole about the signage for the pub; the signage will be updated shortly.

Correspondence:

1. The internal audit of the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2012 has been completed by John Gallop, without any comment. The Annual Return has now been sent to Mazars, the external auditors. The clerk was thanked for her work on the Annual Return and audit.
2. The Broads Authority has sent a consultation on how well it engages with local communities. After some discussion it was agreed that, individually councillors felt that the Authority kept them up-to-date with local issues, but that perhaps the information given to whole villages could be improved.
3. BDC has complained that vegetation needs to be cut back around the bin at the staithe.

4. PCSO Paul McAllister sent a report of no recorded crimes since the last meeting.

<u>Treasurer's Report:</u>	£
Balance b/f at 14th June 2012	15,312.16
Transfers to savings accounts	(16,659.78)
Receipts:	
Transfer from savings accounts	5,504.73
Grazing fees – two months	170.00
BDC – delegated functions final payment	309.60
BDC New Homes Bonus	700.00
John Jarrold Trust – grant	500.00
Grant	300.00
Cheques for payment:	
Transfer to play area funds	900.00
HMRC – VAT payment	223.12
East Ang. Air Ambulance s.137 donation	150.00
Garden Guardian – two months	1,680.90
Norfolk Pension – two months	189.22
P James – clerk's fee – two months	555.57
HMRC – PAYE – two months	138.80
John Gallop – internal audit	160.00
Acle PCC – grant towards grasscutting	175.00
J Barber – cleaning bus shelter	20.00
Amis Piling – materials for posts at dyke	864.00
Acle PC – share of costs	<u>53.87</u>
Balance c/f at 12th July 2012	1,026.23
Savings A/c (int rec'd £0.59)	17,161.95
Play equipment funds	20,426.00
Repairs and Renewals A/c	<u>38,116.00</u>
Total monies	<u>£76,730.18</u>

The above cheques were approved for payment.

Planning Matters:

1. **Upton Poultry Farm, The Windle** – erection of a 250kw wind turbine on 30m monopole (blade tip height 45m) (20120819). After some discussion it was agreed to send a letter of objection to the proposals including the effect on the landscape, concerns about bats and birds, concerns about noise for local neighbours, as for the previous application. The clerk was also asked to record the Council's disappointment that, again, some local residents had not received notification of the planning application.

Village Hall and Playing Field:

Play equipment:

Two new grants have been received totalling £800. £1,000 has been promised from another trust. One decision about a smaller grant is still outstanding, then the equipment will be ordered. There was some discussion about using the £700 New Homes Bonus on benches or an outdoor ping pong table to complete the project. This will be considered at the next meeting.

Village hall:

Nothing to report.

Boat Dyke and Staithe:

The clerk has emailed those boatowners with email addresses to inform them that the mooring posts will be installed shortly.

Ownership of the Boat Dyke Car Park:

This will be considered at the next Council meeting.

Insurance:

The current insurance is a general parish council policy, plus specific insurance for the village sign and for a couple of benches. The clerk was asked to find out the price per thousand pounds of play equipment to insure the equipment against all risks.

Standing Orders:

The clerk explained that changes to the Code of Conduct no longer required councillors to leave the meeting during discussions about matters affecting close family members or friends. BDC has suggested that councils might consider changing their standing orders to incorporate a requirement to declare a prejudicial interest in such cases. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Emergency Plan:

This was deferred until the Autumn.

Any Other Business:

1. Chris Eaves announced his resignation from the Council. The councillors expressed their regret and thanked Chris for his hard work and commitment over the past years. The vacancy will be advertised in the usual manner.
2. The next meeting will be on Thursday, 13th September 2012. All residents are very welcome to attend.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.

Signed.....
Chairman

Dated: 13th September 2012.