

Minutes of the Meeting of Upton with Fishley Parish Council held on Thursday, 8th November 2012 in the Village Hall

There were eight members of the public present. James Carswell (District and County Councillor) gave a report on the spending cuts at the County Council and on the changes to the Community Engagement team at the District Council. He has given his support to the White Horse grant bids. Matters raised by the public included a report from the Speedwatch team, and complaints about dog fouling and about residents tipping hedge clippings etc in ditches.

Present:

Mr Crane	Mr Armes
Mrs Whelpton	Mrs Pitchers

Apologies:

Mr Leonard-Morgan

Declarations of Interests in Items on the Agenda and Requests for Dispensations:

The clerk explained that the Localism Act 2011 removed the general dispensation for councillors to discuss the setting of the precept. The councillors all signed a request for a dispensation and these were approved by the clerk, until May 2015.

It was also agreed to give a dispensation to Anne Whelpton for all matters concerning the boat dyke and staithe unless it was felt that the success of the boatyard would be affected to a large extent by the matter being considered. This dispensation will stand until the next elections in May 2015.

Minutes:

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11th October 2012 were agreed to be correct, and were signed by Nicholas Crane, as Chairman of the Parish Council.

Matters Arising:

1. MP Keith Simpson has sent a copy of a letter from Phil Kirby, Chief Executive of Broadland District Council, which states that he shares the Parish Council's concern about the Government's proposed relaxation of permitted development rules, and states that parish councils will be fully involved in any consultation on the proposal.
2. Old School Playing Field – George Taylor has started work to remove the front hedge and trees at the old school playing field. Some clarification is needed on the boundary fence to the North. The tenants have been told that they will not be charged rental until the fencing is complete. The sheds have not yet been removed. The previous tenant will be asked to remove them within 14 days or else the Council will have to charge for their removal.
3. The clerk is awaiting a price from BDC for a new bin for the cemetery. Ian Stewart has agreed to take the bin to the front gate for collection each fortnight. Justin Nudd is happy to carry out more maintenance work at the cemetery.

Correspondence:

1. It was agreed to give a donation of £65 to the NSPCC.
2. It was also agreed to give a donation of £50 to MAGPAS (Mid Anglia General Practitioner Accident Service).
3. A donation of £200 was agreed for the Royal British Legion.
4. PCSO Paul McAllister sent a report that there had been no recorded crimes since the last meeting.
5. Details have been received of the people nominated for the election of a Police and Crime Commissioner on 15th November. There will be a meeting on 18th December in Wymondham to discuss the Police budget.
6. BDC is proposing a scheme for the loan of emergency heating oil for local residents. Jerry cans filled with oil would need to be stored locally for emergency teams to access.
7. Great Yarmouth Borough Council has sent details of the Local Plan consultation. This was noted.

Treasurer's Report:

	£
Balance b/f at 11 th October 2012	1,664.58
Receipts:	
HMRC – VAT refund	1,064.95
Grazing	85.00
Cheques for payment:	
HMRC – October cancelled	(69.40)
HMRC – November	69.40
Anglian Water – standing charge dd	28.27
P James – clerk's fee and expenses	373.19
Norfolk Pension	94.61
George Taylor – maintenance	195.00
Garden Guardian – grasscutting	840.45
CPRE – subscription	29.00
Nicholas Hancox – legal fees	839.60
Jemco – signs	115.52
Acle PC – share of exps	<u>75.25</u>
Balance c/f at 8th November 2012	223.64
BSA	8,163.86
Play area funds	1.39
Repairs and Renewals Accounts	<u>35,188.00</u>
Total monies	<u>£43,576.89</u>

Planning Matters:

1. **Richardsons, Horizon Craft, Old Road, Acle** – proposed replacement dwelling on footprint of existing (BA/2012/0331/FUL). There were no objections to the plans.
2. **White Horse Development Trust** – change of use of storage room into meeting, training and function room with disabled WC, construction of lobby linking public house to meeting room. The councillors supported the plans.

Planning results from Broadland District Council:

1. **3 St Margaret's Close** – single storey front extension and detached single garage – full approval.

Village Hall and Playing Field:

1. The football team asked if there was a defibrillator in the village. It was agreed to find out more about local facilities and the nearest First Responder. The councillors were pleased to learn that it has been proposed to purchase a defibrillator to be located at the White Horse
2. Signs asking dog owners to keep their dogs on the lead on the playing field have been purchased.
3. The clerk has sent off the report on the new play equipment to the Big Lottery Fund and the file has been closed.
4. Philip Armes was thanked for his work on repairing the old play equipment.
5. It was reported that the village hall is helping with bookings from South Walsham Village Hall following the recent fire.

Allotments:

It was agreed that the allotment land at the West end of the playing field should be incorporated into the playing field as the land is hard to work and unpopular. The trees will be kept.

Boat Dyke and Staithe:

1. The clerk read out a letter of objection to the proposed work to the trees at the staithe, which was discussed. The concerns were noted but it was felt that the village would benefit from opening up the picnic area and allowing more light in. Some trees are leaning and some are not in good condition. It was then agreed to remove dead and leaning trees and to remove one or two trees from each group of 3 or 4. The ivy will be cut on all trunks and the elder will be removed. The logs will be cut up and left for residents to remove as wanted.
2. Anne Whelpton offered to contact BESL to ask for some Type 1 to be put on the track by the staithe.

Trees at Churchyard:

It was reported that the quinquennial inspection has just been carried out at the Church and churchyard. The Council asked for any details on the trees in the churchyard.

Standing Orders:

The clerk explained that the Localism Act 2011 had changed the rules on declaring interests at meetings. After some discussion it was agreed to incorporate into the Council's Standing Orders the following:

- **Councillors who have a disclosable pecuniary interest are to declare it and are to withdraw from the room during the discussion and voting on that issue.** (Old style prejudicial interests)

- **Councillors who have an interest because of close family members or close friends should declare it and are to withdraw from the room during the discussion and voting on the issue if they consider their continued presence is incompatible with the Council's code of conduct or the Seven Principles of Public Life.** (Old style prejudicial interests)

- **Councillors with an interest that is not a disclosable pecuniary interest which they do not consider to be incompatible with the Council's code of conduct or the Seven Principles of Public Life are to declare it. They may then continue to participate in the item.** (Old style personal interests)

Any Other Business:

1. The next meeting will be on Thursday, 13th December 2012.

Co-option of two councillors:

Six residents had put their names forward for consideration for co-option.

At this point it was resolved under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 to exclude members of the public to discuss the co-option of two councillors and to receive quotes for the work on the trees at the staithe.

After some discussion it was agreed to co-opt Debbie Durrant and Mike Brown as councillors. The other candidates were thanked for expressing an interest and the clerk was asked to encourage them to stand at the next election.

Staithe:

It was agreed to accept a quote from Apex Tree and Garden Care for a day's work for £350, and £25 for the removal of the lower limbs on the lime tree at Horses Head.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.

Signed.....
Chairman

Dated: 13th December 2012.