

Minutes of the Meeting of Upton with Fishley Parish Council held on Thursday, 10th January 2013 in the Village Hall

Present:

Mr Crane	Mr Armes	Mrs Whelpton
Mrs Pitchers	Mrs Durrant	Mr Brown

Apologies:

Mr Leonard-Morgan

There were three members of the public present. Matters raised included the local oil purchasing syndicate and the mooring fees.

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

The meeting was reminded that a dispensation has been given to Anne Whelpton so that she may discuss any issues at the boat dyke despite the proximity to her business.

Minutes:

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13th December 2012 were agreed to be correct, and were signed by Nicholas Crane, as Chairman of the Parish Council.

Matters Arising:

1. There will be a meeting at the churchyard on Saturday at 2.00.
2. The sheds were removed from the old school playing field.
3. The clerk will place the order for a green bin. It is cheaper to buy a refuse bin for the cemetery than to rent one and pay a higher weekly charge.
4. Ginny Pitchers reported that there are two men who died as a result of the Second World War, but who are not on the Roll of Honour in Upton Church; Cecil Roll and Alfred Chapman. The clerk will contact the Parochial Church Council for their views on whether to add the names.

James Carswell (District and County Councillor) entered the meeting at this point and gave a report: Norfolk County Council is about to exchange contracts on the purchase of the former RAF base at Coltishall. James also said he had written to the planning inspector to express his objections to the proposal for a wind turbine on The Windle.

Correspondence:

1. PCSO Paul McAllister sent a report that there had been one recorded crime since the last meeting, a domestic incident.
2. George Taylor will be asked to re-fix the dog bins at Horses Head and Marsh Road.

3. The Diocese has sent notification of tree surveys on its land, which will include the Sandhole allotment on Hanging Hill. Nicholas Crane reported that the Council's tenant is not sure whether he will continue to rent the allotment because of the increased rent, set by the Diocese.
4. The ambulance service has sent details on its proposals to improve local services and to monitor call out times.

<u>Treasurer's Report:</u>	£
Balance b/f at 13th December 2012	950.20
Receipts:	
Mooring fees	144.00
Grazing fees	85.00
Village Hall – ground rent	1.00
Allotment rent	9.00
Cheques for payment:	
Anglian Water dd – standing charge old playing field	12.35
Broadland Homewatch – donation	10.00
Pauline James – clerk's fee and exps	303.09
Norfolk Pension	94.61
HMRC – PAYE	69.20
Norfolk Accident Rescue Service – donation	85.00
Age UK – donation	110.00
Acle PC – share of exps	<u>47.44</u>
Balance c/f at 10th January 2013	457.51
Savings Account	11,165.27
Play area account	2.49
Repairs and Renewals Accounts	<u>35,192.42</u>
Total monies	<u>£46,817.69</u>

The clerk reported that the quarterly VAT return had just been submitted and would result in a refund of over £5,000. (Note that £11,741 of the Council's money is reserved to pay to the Environment Agency for the share of the net profits on mooring fees since 1.4.2010.)

The clerk was asked to find out about longer-term investments to achieve a higher rate of return on the Council's money.

Planning Matters:

1. **Mrs Molineux, Old Mill, Fishley** – replacement of existing timber quay heading. The councillors had no objections to the plans.

Planning results from Broadland District Council:

1. **Upton White Horse** – change of use of storage room – full approval with restrictions on the hours of use for weekdays and Saturdays of 10.00 – midnight, and 10.00 – 23.00 on Sundays and Public Holidays.

Planning results from Broads Authority:

1. **Richardsons, Horizon Craft, Old Road, Acle** – proposed replacement dwelling on footprint of existing – approved.

Village Hall and Playing Field:

Nothing to report.

Budget and Precept:

The clerk presented the draft budget for the year to 31st March 2014. Owing to Government changes to the way council tax benefit is paid, the number of houses paying council tax, and the parish council precept, will decrease, meaning that a slightly smaller number of properties will share the cost of the parish council precept. Broadland District Council is offering to subsidise the precept if a parish council opts for a zero percentage increase, so that households do not pay any increase in the charge resulting from the changes.

The draft budget showed an expected surplus of income over expenditure for 2013-14 of £5,104, before the transfer of the annual provision of £7,195 to the repairs and replacement reserve. It was noted that the Council has provided for a significant amount for the percentage owed to the Environment Agency for the share of net profits from the mooring fees.

After some discussion it was agreed to keep the precept at £5,550, increase the mooring fees by £1 per foot, to £19/ft + VAT, increase the cemetery fees by 3% and set the clerk's fee of £4,571.

Boat Dyke and Staithe:

There has been no correspondence from the Environment Agency.

Any Other Business:

1. The editor of The Mardler has asked the new councillors to write a profile for the magazine, to introduce themselves.
2. The next meeting will be on Thursday, 14th February 2013.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.25 p.m.

Signed.....
Chairman

Dated: 14th February 2013.