

## **Upton with Fishley Parish Council – Chairman’s Report**

Chris Eaves, Wendy Stocker and Bill Boyle resigned from the Parish Council in 2012 and we thank them for their contribution to the village during their time on the Council. We were pleased to co-opt Ginny Pitchers, Debbie Durrant and Mike Brown in their place and we welcome them to the Council.

We were very pleased to be awarded significant grants towards the new play equipment for older children, and some outdoor exercise equipment for adults. On a very sunny Autumn day we had a lovely “Grand Opening” of the new equipment and it was lovely to see so many families enjoying the new play equipment.

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 many local and national 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 have a Parish Council 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 and events. Take a look at : [www.uptonwithfishley.pc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk](http://www.uptonwithfishley.pc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk)

PCSO Paul McAllister is our local police officer from Acle and we thank him for his regular reports on local crimes. We’d also like to thank our district and county councillor, James Carswell, for attending our meetings and for keeping us up-to-date with local issues.

The meeting on Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> 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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