

Minutes of the Meeting of Upton with Fishley Parish Council held on Thursday, 13th June 2013 in the Village Hall

Present:

Mr Armes Mrs Whelpton
Mrs Pitchers Mrs Durrant Mr Brown

In the absence of Nicholas Crane, Philip Armes chaired the meeting.

Sue Lawn, Broadland District Councillor, introduced herself and reported on district council matters. She explained that the Community Infrastructure Levy would be implemented on new developments from 1st July. Lana Hemsall, Broadland District Councillor for Acle, also attended the meeting and explained that she has been appointed to the Broads Authority and was attending local parish council meetings to find out about local issues. There was one resident present at the meeting; matters raised included the need to overhaul the noticeboards and the poor state of local roads. The Rev'd Nick Garrard was present to discuss the issues concerning the churchyard and roll of honour.

Apologies:

Mr Crane
Tom Garrod, County Councillor

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

Anne Whelpton reminded the meeting of her interest in the boat dyke.

Minutes:

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9th May 2013 were agreed to be correct, and were signed by Philip Armes, as Chairman of the meeting.

Matters Arising:

1. Ross Ingham, of Ingham Pinnock, who is working for Acle Parish Council on their Neighbourhood Plan, has stated that any infill behind properties in The Street would seek to ensure that there is no loss of public parking. The plans for area around The Green were for realignment and reduction in width of certain parts of the highway and the increase of public green space. It is accepted that the roads at the centre of Acle will always need to be capable of handling large vehicles.
Details have been received for the first public consultation event for the Acle Neighbourhood Plan, on 29th June. The councillors were invited to attend. The clerk has put up posters around the village.
2. Norfolk County Council has stated that reflectors are not needed on the verges of the visibility splay at the top of Church Road.

Correspondence:

1. Acle Academy has requested financial support towards the cost of a feasibility study into proposed new sports hall. (Debbie Durrant declared a personal interest as her children attend or will attend Acle Academy). It was agreed to send a letter of support with a cheque for £100.
2. NRCC will attend the Acle Parish Council meeting on Monday, 24th June at 7.30 to talk about the Good Neighbour Scheme. Councillors were invited to attend that meeting to find out more about the scheme.
3. The clerk has completed the controlled waste transfer note for the new green bin at the cemetery. The councillors thanked Ginny and Keith Pitchers for their work emptying the compost bin into the new bin.
4. There has been a request for a new dog litter bin in Boat Dyke Road. BDC are not allowing new bins because of the cost of emptying them. It may be possible to move one from elsewhere in the village. The clerk will contact BDC.
5. Details were received of meetings with the new Police and Crime Commissioner.
6. It was reported that there will be a public exhibition shortly on the current plans for the Northern Distributor Road, but no dates are available yet.

(Mr Leonard-Morgan entered the meeting at this point.)

7. PCSO Paul McAllister sent a report of two recorded crimes since the last meeting; heating oil was stolen from an external fuel tank on Prince of Wales Rd and a garden solar light was stolen from a garden on Church Rd.
8. Mike Powell is giving up as coordinator for the Community Speedwatch scheme. If the scheme closes then the equipment will be returned to the Police.

Treasurer's Report:

	£
Balance b/f at 9th May 2013	923.22

Receipts:

Mooring fees	638.40
Funeral and memorial fees	455.00
Grazing fee	88.34
BDC – recycling credit	136.76
BDC – Green Deal referral fee	50.00
NCC – grasscutting fee	136.72
Transfer from savings account	2,500.00

Cheques for payment:

BDC – waste collection and bin	452.13
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Table tennis table	2,814.00
Pauline James – clerk’s fee and exps	308.24
HMRC – PAYE	71.20
Norfolk Pension	99.07
Garden Guardian – grasscutting	857.56
Acle Academy – grant towards reports	<u>100.00</u>
Balance c/f at 13th June 2013	226.24
Savings Account	11,436.76
Savings Account	0.29
Active Saver	21,340.00
Repairs and Renewals Accounts (£7,383 + £35,000)	<u>42,383.00</u>
Total monies	<u>£75,686.29</u>

The table tennis table is to be delivered on 3rd July.

The above cheques were approved for payment.

Planning Matters:

None.

Village Hall and Playing Field:

1. It was reported that there has been a request for an allotment. It was agreed to offer the lower piece of land on the corner of the playing field.
2. It was also agreed to get the grass cut around the small trees by Westfield from time to time over the season.
3. Ginny Pitchers and Philip Armes were nominated as trustees for the village hall committee.
4. Ginny Pitchers reported on a very successful plant sale which raised over £600 for the village hall.
5. It was stated that there seemed to be much more litter on the village hall car park recently.

Boat Dyke and Staithe:

1. Anne Whelpton reported on repairs to the fencing around the litter bins and the removal of a tree which was leaning over the bins.
2. The clerk was asked to contact the solicitor to find out if there has been any correspondence from the Environment Agency.

Churchyard:

1. The clerk has arranged a memorials safety check with Abbey Memorials on 24th July at 9.00 am. The clerk requested that a councillor attend the inspection with her in case any decisions have to be taken about memorials. The inspection will be advertised in The

Mardler and with posters at the church. The Parochial Church Council has also been informed.

2. There are two options for the badly cracked memorial for Maria Porter. To take the stone off site, drill and dowel the two pieces of stone for £325 + VAT or to remove the cracked piece and put the remainder of the stone deeper into the ground, for £50. It was agreed to try to find if there is any family locally, but otherwise to chose the cheaper option.
3. The clerk met with Abbey Memorials to discuss the repair of eleven table tombs. Most are not dangerous but will become dangerous over time. One was considered to be dangerous and has been staked, with hazard tape. The work will require a bricklayer to make good the tombs. The appropriate mortar and reclaimed bricks will be used.
4. It was agreed to put up some small notices with the clerk's contact details.
5. It is believed that there are two names omitted from the wooden WW2 board. It was suggested to overlay a new piece of wood with the full list, with bevelled edges and the names machine cut. Nick Garrard stated that a faculty will be required for this and said that it was unlikely that the Diocese would give permission for machine cut lettering. The wood must be sustainable. Mr Leonard-Morgan offered some lime wood for the project. The councillors felt the cost of hand carving would be prohibitive.
6. For the WW1 brass memorial it will not be possible to add the omitted name to the plaque. There was the suggestion of adding a brass strip below the plaque with the extra name on. Nick Garrard suggested that this would not be acceptable and proposed carving the name in the wood below the brass plaque. These issues will be considered at the next meeting after quotations have been received.
7. Councillors were invited to meet with church architect David Lemon on Monday, 24th June to discuss options for the front wall of the churchyard. Mr Lemon requested that some ivy be removed so that he can see the condition of the wall but the councillors felt that this might leave the wall in a worse state.

Any Other Business:

1. The clerk invited councillors to a meeting with a NCC Highways engineer to consider improvements to the Lodge Corner.
2. It was reported that the verge on Boat Dyke Road opposite Back Lane has not been cut, which reduces visibility.
3. Litter picking in the village will be discussed at the next meeting.
4. It was reported that local residents have been contributing very generously to the food bank collection point in Upton church.

5. It was reported that someone is putting horse manure in the ditch in Marsh Road and that a resident in Southend was seen putting grass clippings on the verge. The clerk was asked to send a letter to all residents in the area.
6. Councillors raised concerns about the old blacksmith's forge site looking untidy.
7. Councillors were pleased that the old school playing field is being very well maintained.
8. The next meeting will be on Thursday, 11th July 2013.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

Signed.....
Chairman

Dated: 11th July 2013.