

Minutes of the Meeting of Upton with Fishley Parish Council held on Tuesday, 20th August 2013 in the Village Hall

Present:

Mr Crane	Mr Armes	Mrs Whelpton
Mr Leonard-Morgan	Mrs Pitchers	Mr Brown

Apologies:

Mrs Durrant

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

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

Boat Dyke Lease:

A letter has been received from the Environment Agency, together with their latest draft of the lease. The councillors were disappointed to learn that the EA will not agree to a change in commencement date, currently stated as 1st April 2011, with the first payment being on the net profits of the year to 31st March 2011. The EA also wants a clause whereby they could terminate the lease with 3 months' notice to the Council. The councillors felt that this was unacceptable not only because of the capital money already spent on the whaling boards and mooring posts, but also because of the impact on the village of the loss of moorings. The councillors also decided to continue to press for the maintenance costs of the car park to be included in the allowable expenses to be charged against mooring income. The councillors were also concerned that the EA wants to allow moorings on the right hand side of the dyke, which would cause congestion. The clerk was asked to raise these issues with Nick Hancox, the Council's solicitor.

There has been no correspondence on the agreement for the staithe. The councillors felt that this should be agreed at the same time as the boat dyke lease.

It was agreed to meet with Nick Hancox to discuss these matters.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance b/f at 11th July 2013	£ 326.08
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Receipts:

Mooring fees	262.20
VAT refund	265.99

Cheques for payment:

Anglian Water DD – standing charge	15.17
J Nudd – work at Westfield	100.00
I Nicholls – work at Westfield	100.00
Playsafety Ltd – RoSPA inspection	114.00
SJB Safety – H & S inspection	<u>90.00</u>
Balance c/f at 20th August 2013	435.10
Savings Account (int rec'd £0.93)	9,437.69
Savings Account	0.29
Active Saver	21,340.00

Repairs and Renewals Accounts	<u>42,383.82</u>
Total monies	<u>£73,596.90</u>

These amounts were agreed for payment.

Planning Matters:

Mr & Mrs Jones, 6 Riverview Drive – single storey front extension (20130916). The councillors had no objections to the plans.

Any Other Business:

1. The RoSPA Inspection report on the old play area has been received. Nothing is marked as needing repair.
2. There has been a request for a third youth football team to use the pitch. After some discussion it was agreed that this would cause difficulties for the village hall so it was agreed not to allow a third team to use the pitch, except for one-off use.
3. A tree was reported to be leaning at the staithe. The clerk will contact the EA as owners of the land.
4. The next meeting will be on Thursday, 12th September 2013.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

Signed.....
Chairman

Dated: 12th September 2013.