

## **Minutes of the Meeting of Upton with Fishley Parish Council held on Thursday, 14th November 2013 in the Village Hall**

### **Present:**

Mr Crane                      Mr Armes                      Mrs Whelpton  
Mrs Pitchers                Mrs Durrant                Mr Brown  
Tom Garrod, county councillor

There was one parishioner present, Kerry Durrant, who gave a report on behalf of the White Horse committee. Tom Garrod gave a report on the NCC's decision to continue with the incinerator project and the proposed cuts to the NCC budget.

### **Apologies:**

Mr Leonard-Morgan  
Sue Lawn, district councillor

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

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

### **Minutes:**

The minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2013 were agreed to be correct, and were signed by Nicholas Crane, as Chairman of the Parish Council.

### **Matters Arising:**

1. The Council has given a loan of £565 to the Acle and Brundall Lions to enable the defibrillator to be ordered.
2. Acle has set up a Good Neighbour Scheme.
3. Acle Neighbourhood Plan held its second open consultation event.
4. Nicholas Crane laid the wreath at the recent Remembrance Service on behalf of the Council.
5. NCC Highways have agreed to paint a SLOW marking on Church Road at the crossroads with Cargate Lane, in the Spring.
6. NCC have no proposals yet for improving the safety at Lodge Corner.
7. The Highways Agency has stated that proposals for improvements at the White House junction on the A47 have been put on hold. It was said that no accidents have been recorded, that relate to the junction, in the past three years so the junction is not high priority. The clerk has asked for statistics as to the frequency of speed monitoring by the Police and the results of those surveys. The councillors were disappointed by the news that improvements have been "shelved".

### **Correspondence:**

1. Fairhaven Primary School has written to request assistance with the cost of a residential trip in 2014. It was agreed to give a grant of £114.50, being half the cost required for the trip.
2. Contractors working for UK Power Networks damaged a phone cable, resulting in many homes and businesses in the village being without phone lines and internet for ten days. Several residents contacted the Parish Council about this. The clerk has sent a complaint to BT and copied to MP Keith Simpson.
3. Acle with Fishley PCC have requested a grant towards the grasscutting at Fishley Church. The total cost for the year was £195. It was agreed to give a grant of £175 towards the cost.
4. Acle Parish Council is working with the Broads Authority to raise funds for an improved path between Acle village and Acle Bridge. As some of the land adjacent to Acle Bridge is within the parish boundary for Upton, the Broads Authority will be seeking Upton Parish Council's support for the project as the project proceeds.
5. Upton History Group sent a letter of thanks for the Parish Council's support over the past year, in paying for the room hire for two events.
6. Lloyds Bank has asked if the Council wishes to close its accounts; the accounts were set up as a back up to the Barclays Bank accounts. It was agreed to keep the accounts for now.
7. BDC has sent details of the Draft Supplementary Planning Document for a Food and Agriculture Hub. This was noted.
8. Some of the NCC proposals for cost cutting were considered. It was agreed to object to the proposal to charge for residents using the recycling centre at Strumpshaw as it was felt that this would result in increased fly tipping in the district.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

	£
Balance b/f at 12th September 2013	2,958.48
<b>Receipts:</b>	
VAT refund	468.39
Football ground rent – 6 months	420.00
Burial fees	420.00
Transfer from savings account	3,500.00
<b>Payments:</b>	
Norwich Diocese – allotment rent (dd)	1,401.00
Acle and Brundall Lions – donation for defibrillator	500.00
Acle and Brundall Lions – loan for defibrillator	565.00

Pauline James – clerk’s fee and exps	317.67
HMRC – PAYE	71.80
Norfolk Pension	100.01
Garden Guardian – grasscutting	857.56
CPRE – subs	29.00
Nicholas Hancox – solicitors fees	428.40
Eastwood Whelpton – materials for noticeboards	56.26
Information Commissioner – Data Protection fee	35.00
Justin Nudd – work on Westfield former allotments	67.50
Acle PC – share of exps	29.54
BADCOG – subs	10.00
Upton Village Hall – room hire	132.00
Room hire for History Group	22.00
Abbey Memorials – repairs to memorials	<u>2,520.00</u>
Balance c/f at 12th September 2013	621.13
Savings Account (int rec’d £1.32) + 1,398	4,337.01
Savings Account	0.29
Active Saver	21,340.00
Repairs and Renewals Accounts (- 1,398)	<u>40,986.74</u>
Total monies	<b><u>£67,285.17</u></b>

The above cheques were agreed for payment.

**Planning Matters:**

1. **Mrs Molineux, Fishley Hall** – conservatory and indoor swimming pool. The councillors had no objections to the plans.

**Village Hall and Playing Field:**

1. The committee is considering the installation of CCTV around the hall.
2. It was noticed that there is a gap in the bank along Cargate Lane where vehicles could get onto field. Nicholas Crane was asked if he could fill the space with some soil.
3. The village hall is to be closed for one week for redecoration.

**Boat Dyke and Staithe:**

No correspondence has been received from the Environment Agency, apart from an acknowledgment of the letter from the Council’s solicitor.

**Churchyard:**

1. No quote has been received from the wood carvers for the additional plaque for the WW2 names. Anne Whelpton offered to seek a quote.
2. The clerk has written to four more contractors for a quote for the repairs to the twelve tombs.

3. Nicholas Crane is to contact the church architect to arrange a time to dig a hole to inspect the foundations of the front wall.

**Noticeboards:**

Mike Brown gave a report on the noticeboards. He is currently working on the refurbishment of the Southend noticeboard. It was agreed to consider one lockable noticeboard solely for Parish Council notices.

**Any Other Business:**

1. There was a report of four domestic burglaries in Acle over one weekend.
2. Anne Whelpton reported that David Burton is working on the refurbishment of the village sign from the pond.
3. It was reported that Cargate Lane is to be closed shortly for drainage works.
4. It was agreed to carry out a village “walkabout” on 23<sup>rd</sup> November.
5. The next meeting will be on Thursday, 12th December 2013.

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

Signed.....  
Chairman

Dated: 12th December 2013.