

Minutes of the Meeting of Upton with Fishley Parish Council held on Thursday, 12th December 2013 in the Village Hall

Present:

Mr Crane Mrs Whelpton
Mrs Pitchers Mrs Durrant Mr Brown

Apologies:

Mr Armes Mr Leonard-Morgan

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 14th November 2013 were agreed to be correct, and were signed by Nicholas Crane, as Chairman of the Parish Council.

Matters Arising:

1. Some further correspondence has been received from the Highways Agency; no improvements are planned for the White House junction on A47.
2. Fairhaven Primary School sent a letter of thanks for the donation towards the school trip.
3. Acle with Fishley Parochial Church Council thanked the Parish Council for the donation towards the grasscutting at Fishley Churchyard.
4. The clerk paid £5 into the Council's Lloyds Bank Account, to keep the account open.
5. The clerk has submitted the Council's objections to several of the Norfolk County Council's proposed spending cuts.
6. It was reported that there had been another accident at Lodge Corner. Norfolk County Council has not yet given any indication as to whether any improvements are planned for that location.

Correspondence:

1. It was agreed to give grants of £110 to Age UK, £200 to Citizens Advice Bureau and £50 to Vitalise. It was further agreed to give £100 to the EDP Flood Appeal.
2. It is not expected that Broadland District Council will pay any Council Tax Support Grant to parish councils for 14/15 so council tax payers will see an increase in their share of the parish precept of 10%, even if parish councils do not increase the precept. This was noted.

<u>Treasurer's Report:</u>	£
Balance b/f at 14th November 2013	334.63
Receipts:	
Grazing fee – 2 months	176.68
Village Hall – ground rent	1.00
BDC – glass recycling	166.38
Transfer from savings account	200.00
Cheques for payment:	
Pauline James – clerk's fee and exps	336.35
HMRC – PAYE	72.00
Norfolk Pension	100.01
D Starkings Ltd – hedge cutting	210.00
Acle PC – share of exps	<u>65.40</u>
Balance c/f at 12th December 2013	94.93
Savings Account	4,137.77
Savings Account	0.29
Lloyds Bank Account	5.00
Active Saver	21,340.00
Repairs and Renewals Accounts £35,000 + £5,987.66	<u>40,987.66</u>
Total monies	<u>£66,565.65</u>

The above cheques were agreed for payment.

Planning Matters:

None.

Village Hall and Playing Field:

1. Ginny Pitchers reported on a successful Christmas fair, raising £493 for the hall.
2. The village inspection raised various issues; the gap in the bank, goalposts need painting in Spring, Philip Armes to repair the rear gate of the play area, swing frames need painting in Spring.

Boat Dyke and Staithe:

1. The bins for boat users were removed from the staithe by BDC, for the winter. It was reported that litter is still being left at site. BDC will not fund a bin over the winter. Anne Whelpton kindly offered to dispose of the rubbish in her bins.
2. Village Inspection; it was agreed to remove the dead willow overhanging the footpath north of the staithe for £110. Justin Nudd will be asked to cut the ivy on the trees, type 1 is needed on staithe, work in car park to be left until the agreement with the Environment Agency has been signed.
3. The Broads Authority has announced the closure of the boat dyke in early 2014 for dredging. The boat owners will be contacted to ask them to remove their boats before the work is started.

Churchyard:

1. Four quotes were received for the repairs to the various table tombs, ranging from £1,855 to £11,150. After some discussion it was agreed to consider this at the next meeting.
2. The village inspection noted; some sunken graves, broken plastic edging around a plot and sunken ground at lightning conductor (reported to PCC).
3. Nicholas Crane will arrange to dig test holes to ascertain the depth of the foundations of the front wall to find out if the wall can be rebuilt or whether it should be removed. There was some discussion about alternative options for the problem.

Noticeboards:

Mike Brown was thanked for the repair of the noticeboard at Southend. He will repair another board in the New Year.

Any Other Business:

1. It was reported that a contractor has cut many thin branches along the Acle/ South Walsham in preparation for the transportation of a large load. The clerk will contact NCC to ask that the arisings be removed as soon as possible.
2. The budget will be set at the January meeting.
3. The next meeting will be on Thursday, 9th January 2014.

There being no further business the meeting was closed.

Signed.....
Chairman

Dated: 9th January 2014.