

## **Minutes of the Meeting of Upton with Fishley Parish Council held on Thursday, 9th January 2014 in the Village Hall**

### **Present:**

Mr Crane                      Mr Armes                      Mrs Whelpton  
Mrs Pitchers                Mr Brown

There were three members of the public present. Matters raised included the mooring fees and the proposals for repairs of memorials at the churchyard.

### **Apologies:**

Mr Leonard-Morgan  
Mrs Durrant  
Sue Lawn, district councillor  
Tom Garrod, county 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 meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2013 were agreed to be correct, and were signed by Nicholas Crane, as Chairman of the Parish Council.

### **Matters Arising:**

1. NCC Highways have been informed of the further traffic accident at Lodge Corner.
2. The Norwich Citizens Advice Bureau sent a letter of thanks for the recent donation. They wrote to say that they saw 75 residents from the Blofield and South Walsham Ward during 2013.
3. The Broads Authority has written a letter to the boatowners about the dredging works planned for 27<sup>th</sup> January – 14<sup>th</sup> March. This has been posted to every boatowner and put on the Parish Council's website.
4. The branches cut by a contractor along the Acle Road were cleared away shortly after the works were completed.

### **Correspondence:**

1. Norfolk County Council sent notice of the closure of Prince of Wales Road at the junction with Marsh Road from 29<sup>th</sup> January for 3 days. This has been advertised on the Parish Council's website.
2. NCC has announced that the Government has given approval for the improvement of the Postwick A47 junction. The councillors expressed their concern about the design of the junction and its possible impact on drivers joining the A47 from Thorpe St Andrew.

3. PCSO Paul McAllister sent a report of two recorded crimes during December.
4. Acle Parish Council has published its Consultation Draft Neighbourhood Plan.

**Treasurer's Report:**

	£
Balance b/f at 12th December 2013	94.93
<b>Receipts:</b>	
Allotment rent	1,400.00
Grazing fee	88.34
Mooring fee	100.00
<b>Cheques for payment:</b>	
Age UK – donation	110.00
Citizens Advice Bureau – donation	200.00
Vitalise – donation	50.00
EDP Flood Appeal – donation	100.00
Pauline James – clerk's fee and exps	316.87
HMRC – PAYE	72.00
Norfolk Pension	<u>100.01</u>
Balance c/f at 9th January 2014	734.39
Savings Account	4,137.77
Savings Account	0.29
Lloyds	5.00
Active Saver (int rec'd £64.12)	21,404.12
Repairs and Renewals Accounts £35,000 + 5,987.66	<u>40,987.66</u>
Total monies	<b><u>£67,269.23</u></b>

The above cheques were agreed for payment. It was noted that the £35,000 term investment has matured and it was agreed to reinvest it for 6 months.

**Planning Matters:**

1. **Mrs Candice Molineux, Fishley Hall** – conservatory and indoor swimming pool – approved by the Broads Authority.

**Village Hall and Playing Field:**

1. It was reported that the Village Hall Committee is considering ways to mark the 100 year anniversary of the beginning of World War 1.

**Boat Dyke and Staithe:**

1. There has been no further correspondence from the Environment Agency.
2. The dead tree at the staithe has been cut down.

**Churchyard:**

1. It was noted that Rev'd Nick Garrard is unwell and is off work for a month.

2. The PCC sent a copy of their Accounts for the 11 months to 30.11.2013, showing a loss of £6,150, as well as a debt of £7,000 for the parish share which will not be paid to the Diocese.
3. The Diocesan Advisory Committee has stated that it is highly unlikely that a request to remove the brick sides and lay the top slabs of the table tombs directly on the ground would be permitted. The councillors felt that this was still the best thing to do and asked the Parochial Church Council to consider this at their next meeting.
4. Nick Garrard had suggested that, given the age of the front wall, it is likely that an archaeologist would be required to oversee its removal, if permitted by the DAC, which would add to the cost. There was some discussion about removing the top layers of the wall, level with the ground inside the churchyard. The PCC will also consider this.
5. It was reported that there was a proposal from the Diocese to change the parish boundaries so that Fishley Church came under the Upton and South Walsham benefice, rather than the Acle benefice. This was noted.
6. It was agreed to proceed with the revised Roll of Honour for World War 2.

**Noticeboards:**

It was agreed to budget for the repairs of the existing boards and for a new lockable board for Parish Council notices.

**Budget and Precept:**

The draft budget was considered. After some discussion it was agreed to increase the precept by 4.5% to £5,800, being £21.89 per annum per average Band D property. It was also agreed to increase cemetery fees by 10% with the grant of exclusive right being increased to £50. The clerk's salary increases to £4,746 pa in line with national guidelines. The mooring fees were increased by 50 pence per foot to £19.50 per foot, plus VAT. These increases were made to reduce an expected deficit.

**Any Other Business:**

1. A hole in the verge in Prince of Wales Road will be reported to Highways.
2. It was agreed to consider emergency planning at a future meeting.
3. The next meeting will be on Thursday, 13th February 2014.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.35 p.m.

Signed.....  
Chairman

Dated: 13th February 2014.