

**Minutes of the Meeting of Upton with Fishley Parish Council held on Thursday, 13th March 2014 in the Village Hall**

**Present:**

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

There were four members of the public present.

**Apologies:**

PCSO Paul McAllister

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

Anne Whelpton reminded councillors of her interest in the boat dyke. Nicholas Crane declared an interest in the planning application for 33 Church Road as he owns the adjacent property.

**Minutes:**

The minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2014 were agreed to be correct, and were signed by Nicholas Crane, as Chairman of the Parish Council.

**Correspondence:**

1. There was a request for a grant for equipment for a local First Responder. It was agreed to convert the loan of £565 given earlier, to a grant.
2. It was decided not to give a grant to MAGPAS, which is a helicopter rescue service, as it was not believed to be operational in the local area.
3. PCSO Paul McAllister sent a report that there were no recorded crimes in the village since the last meeting.
4. Acle Scouts requested a donation towards the cost of air rifles. It was agreed to give £50.
5. Norfolk County Council has arranged a meeting to discuss the future maintenance of public footpaths.
6. Confirmation was received that the Employer's rates for Norfolk Pension Fund will be 20% for 14/15, 20.5% for 15/16 and 21% for 16/17. This was noted.
7. Notification was received of the road closure of Church Road from 31<sup>st</sup> March – 2<sup>nd</sup> April. This has been advertised on the Parish Council's website.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Balance b/f at 13th February 2014

£  
901.87

**Receipts:**

Mooring fees

12,631.67

VAT on mooring fees	2,526.33
Cemetery fees	579.00
Wayleaves	23.46
Grazing fee	88.34
Grazing fee – Old School Playing Field	388.00
<b>Cheques for payment:</b>	
Pauline James – clerk’s fee and exps	353.03
HMRC – PAYE	72.00
Norfolk Pension	100.01
Acle PC – share of exps	25.94
N Hunter Ltd – stationery	<u>100.80</u>
Balance c/f at 13th March 2014	16,486.89
Savings Account	4,137.77
Savings Account	0.29
Active Saver	21,404.12
Repairs and Renewals Accounts £35,000 + 5,987.66	<u>40,987.66</u>
Total monies	<b><u>£83,016.73</u></b>

It was noted that this total includes VAT payable on moorings of £2,526.33 and the profit share on the moorings that will be payable to the Environment Agency.

The above cheques were agreed for payment.

### **Planning Matters:**

1. **Mr & Mrs Frost, 33 Church Road** – two storey side extension. The councillors had no objections.
2. **Ms Tulk, Cherry Tree Cottage, Marsh Road** – extension and conversion of outbuilding to form annex accommodation. The councillors had no objections but requested that the annex be limited to use ancillary to the main dwelling.
3. **Acle Parish Council, land to the north of cemetery** – change of use from agricultural land to cemetery and playing field extensions. The councillors had no objections to the plans. William Leonard-Morgan asked for it to be recorded that he objected to the expected Compulsory Purchase Order for the land.

### **Village Hall and Playing Field:**

There was further discussion about the need for a staggered barrier to encourage people to use one location to walk through the hedge around the car park, rather than cutting through in various places, whilst still preventing motor bikes from accessing the field. It was agreed to consider a post and rail construction with some post and wire through the remainder of the hedge to protect the hedge plants. It was suggested that the Parish Council might share the costs with the village hall committee.

### **Boat Dyke and Staithe:**

Anne Whelpton reported that the Broads Authority has completed the dredging of the dyke.

**Churchyard:**

Gareth Hughes, Conservation Officer at Broadland District Council, will be in touch shortly to discuss the options for the churchyard wall. David Lemon, the church architect, has quoted £60 per hour for his work.

South Walsham and Upton PCC have written to say that they support the proposal to remove the front wall to the level of the ground inside the churchyard so long as the roots of the new hedge would not damage the wall further.

**Noticeboards:**

The clerk has obtained a quote for a new lockable noticeboard (6 x A4 size). After some discussion it was agreed to purchase a larger board, with one half lockable and one half for local notices, to be sited by the pond and that the board currently at the pond would replace the board by the play area in Cargate Lane.

**Any Other Business:**

1. There was some discussion about a request to permit people to camp on the playing field while attending the beer festival at the White Horse. This will be on the agenda for the next meeting.
2. A request for a grant towards the cost of providing meals on wheels for local residents will also be on the agenda. The clerk will raise this with the Acle Good Neighbour Group to see if this could be included under the scheme.
3. It was decided to ask Antony Millward if he would be interested in being the Council's litter picker for the village.
4. Parking on the verges at Southend was raised. This will be raised with Norfolk County Council as they own the verge.
5. The clerk was asked to check on the Broadland District Council's enforcement process concerning the old boats in a front garden in Chapel Road.
6. Some rubbish has been left along the verges in Hanging Hill and South Walsham Road. This will be reported to BDC.
7. The next meeting will be on Thursday, 10th April 2014.

There being no further business the meeting was closed.

Signed.....  
Chairman

Dated: 10th April 2014.