

Minutes of the Meeting of Upton with Fishley Parish Council held on Thursday, 11th December 2014 in the Village Hall

Present:

Mr Crane
Mr Leonard-Morgan

Mr Armes
Mrs Durrant

Mrs Whelpton

Apologies:

Mrs Pitchers
Mr Brown

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

Anne Whelpton reminded councillors of her interest in the boat dyke. Debbie Durrant reminded the meeting that she has shares in The White Horse pub and that she moors her boat at the boat dyke. Anne Whelpton also had an interest in a cheque for Eastwood Whelpton.

Minutes:

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13th November 2014 were agreed to be correct, and were signed by Nicholas Crane, as Chairman of the Parish Council.

Matters Arising:

1. Broadland District Council is trying to find a contact at the Environment Agency to discuss the Agency's responsibility for disposing of waste. People hiring boats will be able to use the skip at Eastwood Whelpton's yard. BDC confirmed that it only has a duty to collect rubbish on relevant land i.e. land that it owns, or that Norfolk County Council owns.
2. The Royal British Legion sent a letter of thanks for the recent donation.
3. Nick Garrard wrote to thank the Council for their donation towards the Church Organ Appeal.
4. Fairhaven Primary School thanked the Council for the assistance with the forthcoming school trip.

Correspondence:

1. The Broads Authority is consulting on adopting the name "Broads National Park", for marketing purposes only. This is to raise awareness of the importance of the Broads, and to enable the Authority to obtain sponsorship. The councillors had concerns that this was the first stage of a process to become an National Park and that this would affect the needs of the navigation side of the Broads. It was agreed to object to the name change.
2. District Councillor Sue Lawn sent her Autumn Report; she talked about changes to recycling, registering for voting, community safety and funding for young people.
3. Councillors were invited to attend a workshop at BDC on Neighbourhood Plans.

4. The CPRE sent a questionnaire on light pollution. It was agreed to confirm that the Council does not support street lighting for the village and appreciates the CPRE's efforts to reduce light pollution.
5. The Broads Authority has asked communities what topics should be included at the forthcoming Community Forum.
6. The clerk drew councillors' attention to the old Map of Norfolk published on the EDP website, believed to be from 1574.

Treasurer's Report:

	£
Balance b/f at 13th November 2014	774.02
Receipts:	
Transfer from savings	1,000.00
Mooring fees	35.10
Grazing fee	88.34
Allotment rent	10.00
Football club rent of field	120.00
BDC – recycling credit	111.48
Cheques for payment:	
Upton Organ Fund - grant	500.00
Norfolk Pension Fund	104.73
P James – clerk's fee and expenses	338.19
HMRC- clerk's PAYE	77.60
Acle Parish Council – share of expenses	121.08
Antony Millward – litter picking	112.45
Nfk Rural Community Council subs	20.00
Eastwood Whelpton – reimbursement costs	36.00
Balance c/f at 11 th December 2014	828.89
Savings Account	6,643.05
Savings Account	0.29
Active Saver	31,382.00
Repairs and Renewals Account	47,580.42
Total Monies	86,434.65

The above cheques were agreed for payment.

The clerk presented a report showing income and expenditure compared with budget, for the nine months to 31st December. There were no questions on the report.

Planning Matters:

1. **The White Horse** – conversion of existing outbuilding to provide community shop. The councillors supported the application, noting that the Parish Council is a shareholder.

Community Shop:

Peter Crook sent a copy of the report to the recent AGM; the pub made a profit of £22,700 after tax for the year to 27th July 2014. The councillors were pleased to note this.

Village Hall and Playing Field:

Ginny Pitchers sent a report:

1. The recent fundraising event made £200 for a second defibrillator, to be sited at the boat dyke. There has been a proposal for signage to say where the defibrillators are located. This will be on the agenda for the next meeting.
2. The Christmas Bazaar raised £480 for village hall funds. Booking fees have been increased for 2015.
3. Philip Armes reported that no decision has yet been made about the additional storage building.

Boat Dyke and Staithe:

No correspondence has been received.

Churchyard:

Roger Tyrell and his son have started work repairing the tombs. They found one tomb to be in a very poor state when they removed the ivy so more work will be required on that one. They will only do re-pointing work when the temperature allows. This was noted.

Any Other Business:

1. The clerk reported that the tenant at the old playing field would like to connect a water supply to the stopped off supply. It was agreed that he should contact Anglian Water to find out what would be permitted. The Council would expect the tenant to pay for the costs but would reimburse 1/5th of the cost for each full year remaining out of five years from the date of installation, if the tenant gave up renting the field.
2. It was agreed to do a parish inspection in the Spring.
3. Nicholas Crane reported that the vegetation had been cut back by the ditch at Horses Head, but that the ditch needed clearing out, as noted at the last parish inspection. It was agreed to proceed with this.
4. The next meeting will be on Thursday, 8th January 2015.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.

Signed.....
Chairman

Dated: 8th January 2015.