

Minutes of the Meeting of Upton with Fishley Parish Council held on Thursday, 8th January 2015 in the Village Hall

Present:

Mr Crane	Mr Armes	Mrs Whelpton
Mrs Pitchers	Mrs Durrant	Mr Brown

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. Debbie Durrant reminded the meeting that she has shares in The White Horse pub and that she moors her boat at the boat dyke. Mike Brown also has shares in The White Horse pub.

Minutes:

The minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 9th October 2014 were agreed to be correct, and were signed by Nicholas Crane, as Chairman of the Parish Council.

Matters Arising:

1. The repairs to the tombs have been completed. It was agreed to send copies of the before and after photos to the village archive.

Correspondence:

1. Norfolk Constabulary sent details of a scheme for communities to part-fund a Police Community Support Officer. Norfolk Constabulary has funding for ten PCSOs. With match-funding, the number of PCSOs would be increased to twenty. The cost of 50% of the employment of a PCSO is £16,782. This scheme has operated in Suffolk for seven years. It was agreed to find out whether neighbouring parishes were considering funding a PCSO.
2. It was agreed to pay up to £60 for two signs indicating the location of the village defibrillators.
3. PCSO Paul McAllister sent a note that there were no reported crimes for Upton in December.
4. Residents were invited to the next meeting of Woodbastwick Parish Council on 14th January to hear more about the Thinking Wisp scheme, which connects homes and businesses to broadband wirelessly from a series of masts.
5. A request from the Broads Authority for information on water, mills and marshes was forwarded to Barbara Eaves at the History Group.

<u>Treasurer's Report:</u>	£
Balance b/f at 11 th December 2014	828.89
Receipts:	
Mooring fees	110.10
UVHG ground rent	1.00
Transfer from savings	3,000.00
Cheques for payment:	
Information Commissioner dd	35.00
Norfolk Pension Fund	103.06
P James – clerk's fee and expenses	334.25
HMRC- clerk's PAYE	76.40
George Taylor – work at pond and hall	95.00
Antony Millward – litter picking	117.00
J Barber – cleaning bus shelter	25.00
Roger Tyrrell – mending tombs	2,814.00
Balance c/f at 8 th January 2015	340.28
Savings Account	3,643.05
Savings Account	0.29
Active Saver	31,382.00
Repairs and Renewals Account	47,580.42
Total Monies	<u>82,946.04</u>

The above cheques were agreed for payment.

Planning Matters:

None.

Upton Community Shop:

Broadland District Council has awarded The White Horse a grant of £5,000 to the White Horse, for refurbishment of the shop and The Pub is the Hub (NCC) has awarded £4,000.

Village Hall and Playing Field:

It was reported that the hire fees have been increased slightly, but bookings are good. It was also reported that the farewell party for Bob Belson, the local milkman, was very well attended.

Boat Dyke and Staithe:

There was nothing to report.

Churchyard:

1. The clerk has left a message with John Jewell, a surveyor recommended by David Lemon. It was agreed to appoint him to carry out the work, if suitable.
2. The new Diocesan Board Secretary has said that a faculty is not needed for the WW2 roll of honour after all.

Budget and Precept:

The clerk presented a budget for the year to 31st March 2016. After some discussion it was agreed to set a precept of £7,000, which works out at £26.41 per Band D property, for the year. Mooring fees were set at £20/ft + VAT. The clerk's fee is £16.552 per hour, for 5.6 hours per week. Cemetery fees were rounded up to the nearest £5. It was agreed to increase the grasscutting to 22 cuts per season in all areas. An additional £1,000 was added to the budget for grants. (Debbie Durrant took no part in the discussion of the mooring fees.)

Any Other Business:

1. Potholes were reported on Hanging Hill and in Prince of Wales Road. A hedge was also reported to be overhanging the highway.
2. It was noted that there was litter on Hanging Hill.
3. The next meeting will be on Thursday, 12th February 2015.

There being no further business the meeting was closed

Signed.....
Chairman

Dated: 12th February 2015.