

## **Upton with Fishley Parish Council – Chairman’s Report**

The Parish Council pays for the grass cutting around the village and looks after the churchyard, cemetery, play area, playing field, boat dyke, staithe and pond. We give our comments on local planning applications and are consulted on many local and national issues. Residents are welcome to ask questions at the beginning of each meeting, and any issues for the agenda should be sent to the clerk, Pauline James, about a week before the date of the meeting. After May, the Parish Council meetings will be moving to the first Thursday of each month, (no meeting is planned for August), at 7.30 pm in the village hall. The agenda for each meeting is posted on the noticeboards around the village and on the website.

After many years of negotiating we hope that we have finally agreed terms for the lease of the moorings from the Environment Agency. This will give the parish financial security for the next few years. We have paid for the repair of twelve old tombs in the churchyard and the purchase of a new noticeboard by the pond. Mike Brown kindly repaired the existing boards. We have also been glad to give a grant to the new community shop at the pub.

The other parish councillors are Vice-chairman Philip Armes, Mike Brown, Debbie Durrant, William Leonard-Morgan, Ginny Pitchers and Anne Whelpton and I thank them for giving their time as volunteers. There are also some people who help behind the scenes, keeping the village clean and tidy, and I thank them too.

We have a Parish Council website and by “subscribing,” (at no cost), you will receive email notices when anything is added to the site, both Council matters and local events and reminders. Take a look at: [www.uptonwithfishley.pc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk](http://www.uptonwithfishley.pc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk). There is also a Parish Council Facebook page.

PCSO Paul McAllister is our local police officer from Acle and we thank him for his regular reports on local crimes. Your county councillor, Tom Garrod, can be contacted on 07515 356 821 or [thomas.garrod@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:thomas.garrod@norfolk.gov.uk). Sue Lawn is finishing as your district councillor and there will be elections on 7<sup>th</sup> May for the District Council, on the same day as the Parliamentary Elections.

All the parish councillors also stand down in May. If 7 or fewer people are nominated as parish councillors then they are all elected automatically. If more than 7 are nominated, then there will also be a Parish Council election on 7<sup>th</sup> May. I shall not be standing again as, after 27 years as parish councillor, I feel it is time for someone new to be a councillor.

The **Annual Meeting of the Parish** is on **Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 p.m, with refreshments from 7.00pm**, in the village hall. This is **your** meeting and not the Council’s. Please do attend. There will be reports from the Police, from Sue Lawn and Tom Garrod, but there is also plenty of time for you to raise issues or concerns about village matters.

This meeting is followed by the next meeting of the Parish Council.

**Nicholas Crane, Parish Council Chairman**

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