

**Minutes of the Meeting of Upton with Fishley Parish Council held on Thursday, 12th March 2015 in the Village Hall**

**Present:**

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

**Apologies:**

Mrs Whelpton  
District Councillor Susan Lawn sent a report

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

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

**Minutes:**

The minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2015 were agreed to be correct, and were signed by Nicholas Crane, as Chairman of the Parish Council.

**Matters Arising:**

1. Rev'd Nick Garrard sent a letter to say that the Parochial Church Council's grant application to the Heritage Lottery Fund had been turned down. They will resubmit as soon as possible. The fundraising events planned for May will be postponed until September.
2. Election nomination forms are now available and are on the Parish Council's website.

**Correspondence:**

1. It was agreed to give grants of £50 each to the Citizens Advice Bureau and to AgeUK.
2. No additional information was available about crayfish in the village pond.
3. Broadland District Council has sent a consultation on modifications to the Site Allocations Development Plan Document – there are no changes to Upton where no new housing is planned. The District Council is also proposing that people who want to join the waiting list of housing will have had to have lived in the Broadland area for a minimum of two years, previously six months. These were noted.
4. BDC has banned the release of sky lanterns from all their property. It was agreed to support this by banning the release of lanterns on the Parish Council's land.
5. One shed burglary in the village was noted.

**Treasurer's Report:**

	£
Balance b/f at 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2015	274.10

**Receipts:**

Mooring fees	13,769.25
VAT on mooring fees	2,753.85

Grazing fee	90.00
Football ground rent	130.00
Memorial fee	18.00
Wayleaves	24.20
<b>Cheques for payment:</b>	
Norfolk Pension Fund	103.06
P James – clerk’s fee and expenses	63.37
s.o.	300.00
HMRC- clerk’s PAYE	74.80
Acle Parish Council – share of expenses	84.68
Nicholas Crane – petrol to Peterborough	85.50
Justin Nudd – strimming field at Westfield	60.00
Balance c/f at 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2015	16,287.99
Savings Account	3,908.80
Savings Account	0.29
Active Saver	31,382.00
Repairs and Renewals Account	47,580.49
Total Monies	<u>99,159.57</u>

The above cheques were agreed for payment. It was noted that Philip Armes and the clerk will be set up for dual authority online banking with Barclays to manage online payments.

**Planning Matters:**

1. **Environment Agency**, Flood bank at Fishley Marshes, Right bank of River Bure, by clubhouse – install piles to raise height of floodbank BA/2015/0068/FUL. It was agreed to support the plans.

**Planning Results from Broadland District Council:**

1. **Peveril,5 Chapel Road** – single and two storey rear extension – full approval
2. **1 Marsh Road** - Demolition of Existing Dwelling and Outbuildings and Erection of Replacement Detached Dwelling and Detached Garage – full approval

**Village Hall and Playing Field:**

Ginny Pitchers reported on a new, regular booking and on repairs to the brickweave paving.

Justin Nudd has strimmed around the new trees next to Westfield.

**Boat Dyke and Staithe:**

Nicholas Crane reported on the meeting with the Environment Agency in Peterborough earlier that day, attended by himself, Philip Armes, the clerk and Nick Hancox, the Council’s solicitor.

A lease has been agreed for 30 years, backdated to 2007. After some negotiation, a fixed rent has been agreed, at £9,000 pa, for the 5 years to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019. The £31,382 which had been put into reserves by the Parish Council as a percentage of net mooring income over the past few years will be paid to the Environment Agency as rent for the years from 2007 to 31<sup>st</sup> March

2014. Future rent reviews will be carried out every 5 years, and will be 32% of the average gross mooring income for the previous 5 years. This future rent will be calculated to reflect any significant reduction in the length of moorings available in case any piling fails.

The picnic area at the staithe and the area of the car park registered by the Environment Agency will be included under the lease for the moorings.

It was noted that the Environment Agency retains the right to determine the lease for their statutory purposes such as flood defence, with 24 months notice.

It was clarified that the Parish Council has no responsibility for the metal piling, which is expected to have a remaining life of 10 – 15 years.

The Council approved these terms.

**Churchyard:**

Ginny Pitchers, the clerk and Rev'd Nick Garrard met with structural engineer John Plummer to examine the front wall of the churchyard. Mr Plummer was of the opinion that the wall is in a poor but stable condition, maintained by the front and rear earth banks, and by the ivy. He recommended no action at present, until funding can be obtained for significant repairs.

It was agreed to meet with the neighbours again to discuss the ownership of the boundary trees. The clerk was asked to try to contact the earlier owner to ascertain whether there was any information about the ownership of the trees.

**Community Shop:**

The White Horse committee has requested a grant or loan of £2000 to finish the project. The shop will be opening shortly. It was agreed to repeat the offer of a loan, up to £2,000. The councillors had visited the new shop before the Council meeting and were impressed by the work done.

**Any Other Business:**

1. Councillors welcomed the news that some walks around the village have been organised by the Norfolk Wildlife Trust for April.
2. The hedge at the pumping station in Prince of Wales Road needs cutting back. The clerk will contact Anglian Water.
3. Potholes were reported in Prince of Wales Road and Hanging Hill.
4. The next meeting will be on Thursday, 9th April 2015.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.

Signed.....  
Chairman

Dated: 9th April 2015.

