

Minutes of the Meeting of Upton with Fishley Parish Council held on Thursday, 9th April 2015 in the Village Hall

Present:

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

There were three members of the public present.

Apologies:

Mrs Durrant
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. Mike Brown reminded the meeting that he has shares in The White Horse pub.

Minutes:

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

Matters Arising:

1. The written report has been received from the structural engineer for the churchyard wall. He states, "whilst I recognise that the wall is in poor condition I do not think that it is at imminent risk of failure. It is clear that parts of the wall have rotated but there is no obvious evidence to suggest that this has been recent or is progressive." The report has been forwarded to the Parochial Church Council and to the owners of the adjacent Vicarage. The previous owners stated that they did not have any evidence as to the true boundary but did not regard the boundary trees as belonging to them.
2. The White Horse management committee was pleased to accept the offer of a loan of £2,000 towards the completion of the community shop. The official opening of the shop is on 14th April at 4.30 pm

Correspondence:

1. The clerk finalised a contract with Berryman for the glass recycling bank at the boat dyke car park, with effect from 1st April 2015; the charge is £15 per tonne collected. The recycling facility has also been registered with Norfolk County Council. Ginny Pitchers reported that some residents are collecting rubbish around the village, on a voluntary basis.
2. Posters have been received for the forthcoming parliamentary, district and parish council elections.
3. Nicholas Crane reported that someone is hitting golf balls into the field south of the Playing Field. As the inside of golf balls is poisonous it is very important that they do not end up in food production. He asked residents to be vigilant.

<u>Treasurer's Report:</u>	£
Balance b/f at 12 th March 2015	16,286.59
Receipts:	
Mooring fees	6,203.10
Grazing fee	90.00
VAT refund	337.42
Online payments:	
P James – clerk's fee and expenses - SO	300.00
- balance	50.48
Norfolk Pension Fund	106.79
Acle Parish Council – share of expenses	36.58
John Plummer - engineer	420.00
Whitworth Partnership - architect	466.80
Nicholas Hancox - solicitor	2,381.40
HMRC- clerk's PAYE	77.60
Parish Online – mapping agreement	33.60
HMRC - VAT	3,264.33
Transfer to Active Saver	9,000.00
Transfer to savings	1,000.00
Cheques for payment:	
White Horse - loan	2,000.00
Nfk Rural Community Council - subs	20.00
Nfk Playing Fields Ass'n – subs	20.00
Nfk AgeUK - donation	50.00
Citizens Advice Bureau - donation	50.00
Nfk ALC - subs	147.37
Garden Guardian – grasscutting	868.35
Balance c/f at 9 th April 2015	2,623.81
Savings Account	4,908.82
Savings Account	0.29
Active Saver	40,382.00
Repairs and Renewals Account	47,580.56
Total Monies	<u>95,495.48</u>

The above cheques and online payments were authorised. Ginny Pitchers has checked the clerk's bank reconciliation for the financial year end, 31st March 2015.

Planning Matters:

None.

Village Hall and Playing Field:

Ginny Pitchers reported on a very successful History Group event, with over 50 people attending.

Boat Dyke and Staithe:

The councillors reviewed the revised lease, drafted by Nick Hancox, following the meeting with the Environment Agency on 12th March. This draft lease has already been sent to the Environment Agency for their comments. This was noted.

It was also noted that Anne Whelpton regularly picks up rubbish left in the enclosure and puts it in the skip at her boatyard. The Broads Authority has promised signage to direct people to the skip. It was noted that much of the flytipping is domestic and not boat waste.

It has been reported that the sign at the river end of the boat dyke has been obscured by opaque film. This has been reported to the Broads Authority.

Any Other Business:

1. It was reported that backboard of the Southend noticeboard is in poor condition. Mike Brown kindly offered to investigate longer lasting boards.
2. There was some discussion of residents “adopting” a part of the village to collect litter and keep it tidy.
3. It was noted that the wall at the end of the garden backing onto the pond is damaged. William Leonard-Morgan offered to speak to the owners.
4. It was agreed to consider creating a wildflower conservation area at the churchyard.
5. The next meeting will be on Thursday, 14th May 2015, following the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.

Signed.....
Chairman

Dated: 14th May 2015.