

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Upton with Fishley Parish Council held on Thursday, 14th May 2015 in the Village Hall

Present:

Nicholas Crane	Philip Armes	Anne Whelpton
Ginny Pitchers	Debbie Durrant	Mike Brown
Nigel Brennan		
Parish clerk Pauline James		

There were two members of the public present.

The new district councillors, Frank O'Neill and Chris Harrison, introduced themselves.

Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman:

Nicholas Crane invited nominations for Chairman of the Parish Council. Philip Armes was elected Chairman unanimously and signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Chairman of the Parish Council. Debbie Durrant was elected as Vice-Chairman unanimously.

Nicholas Crane had not stood for re-election as a councillor and was thanked by the councillors for his time on the Council and then left the meeting at this point.

The seven people who stood for election were Philip Armes, Nigel Brennan, Mike Brown, Debbie Durrant, William Leonard-Morgan, Ginny Pitchers and Anne Whelpton. Nigel Brennan was welcomed to the Parish Council. All the councillors had signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office before the meeting started. Those councillors present also completed Register of Interests forms and Election Expenses forms.

Apologies:

William Leonard-Morgan
PCSO Paul McAllister and PC Ian Kennedy

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

Anne Whelpton and Debbie Durrant reminded councillors of their interests in the boat dyke. Debbie Durrant, Mike Brown and Anne Whelpton reminded the meeting that they have shares in The White Horse pub. Ginny Pitchers declared an interest in the planning application at 32 The Green as she is a near neighbour.

Minutes:

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9th April 2015 were agreed to be correct, and were signed by Philip Armes, as Chairman of the Parish Council.

Matters Arising:

1. Letters of thanks have been received from the Citizens Advice Bureau and AgeUK for the recent donations.
2. Mike Brown was thanked for repairing the backboard of noticeboard at Southend.

3. Ginny Pitchers reported that several residents had offered to collect litter on a voluntary basis.
4. Further details are awaited for the proposed wildflower area at the churchyard.

Correspondence:

1. The Insurance is due for renewal. Two quotes are awaited. The clerk was authorised to pay the insurance premium for the lower quote.

Treasurer's Report:

	£
Balance b/f at 9 th April 2015	2,623.81
VAT payable	-316.69
Transfer to Repairs Account	-6,055.00
Transfer to Savings Account	-7,945.00

Receipts:

Mooring fees	10,476.00
Grazing fee	90.00
1 st half precept	3,500.00

Online payments:

P James – clerk's fee and expenses - SO	300.00
- balance	102.31
Norfolk Pension Fund	105.08
Acle Parish Council – share of expenses	43.44
HMRC- clerk's PAYE	76.40
Garden Guardian - grasscutting	868.35
Environment Agency – drainage rates	27.04

Cheques for payment:

John Barber – cleaning noticeboard	25.00
Justin Nudd – work at playing field	65.00
Balance c/f at 14 th May 2015	760.50
Savings Account	12,853.82
Savings Account	0.29
Active Saver	40,382.00
Repairs and Renewals Account	53,635.56
Total Monies	107,632.17

It was noted that £40,382 is payable to the Environment Agency for several years rental of the boat dyke moorings.

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

It was agreed to remove Nicholas Crane from the cheque signatory list and add Mike Brown.

Accounts and Annual Return:

The clerk presented the Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2015, which were then approved and adopted.

An analysis of actual results versus budget had been circulated, with explanations for the variances.

The Annual Return Section 1 was approved. Section 2 was completed and approved. Philip Armes was authorised to sign both sections on behalf of the Council.

General Power of Competence:

The Council re-confirmed its eligibility to adopt the General Power of Competence. This power, introduced by the Localism Act 2011, give a parish council the power to do anything which a person may legally do, and removes the need to act only in accordance with council laws. The clerk needs to be qualified and at least 2/3rds of the councillors must have stood for election. The Council meets both requirements.

Planning Matters:

1. **Mr Goode, The Conifers, 32 The Green** – erection of carport (retrospective) (20150618).
The councillors had no objections to the plans.
2. **Result from Broads Authority - 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. Full approval

Village Hall and Playing Field:

It was agreed to nominate Ginny Pitchers and Philip Armes to the Village Hall Committee, with Debbie Durrant to attend meetings when the other councillors were unable to attend.

Boat Dyke and Staithe:

No correspondence had been received from the Environment Agency.

Any Other Business:

1. It was agreed to discuss the registration of the pond at the next meeting.
2. A proposal to introduce some ducks onto the pond will also be considered.
3. The clerk was asked to follow up the issues reported at the Prince of Wales Road/Hanging Hill crossroads.
4. The regrowth of the trees in the churchyard will be resprayed.
5. The next meeting will be on Thursday, 4th June 2015 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

Signed.....
Chairman

Dated: 4th June 2015.