

Minutes of the Meeting of Upton with Fishley Parish Council held on Thursday, 5th November 2015 in the Village Hall

Present:

Philip Armes (Chairman)	Debbie Durrant (Vice-chairman)
Anne Whelpton	Ginny Pitchers
Mike Brown	William Leonard-Morgan
Nigel Brennan	
Pauline James (Parish Clerk)	

There were no residents present.

Christine Wheeler, from Brundall First Responders, updated the Council on the two defibrillators in the village; one at The White Horse and one at the boat dyke. Both are currently being checked by local volunteers. She asked the Parish Council to take on the ownership of the defibrillators and to take on the management should the local volunteers give up. This will be considered at the December meeting.

Apologies:

Frank O'Neill (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 and Debbie Durant reported that she keeps her boat in the dyke.

Minutes:

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 1st October 2015 were agreed to be correct, and were signed by Philip Armes, as Chairman of the Parish Council.

Matters Arising:

1. Foxy Lodge and the Citizens Advice Bureau each sent a letter of thanks for the recent donations.
2. Broadland District Council's legal department said that the only action with the boats in Chapel Road is to request they be repainted or covered. Since they have been covered, no further action should be taken.
3. The White Horse committee sent their thanks for the decision to extend the £2,000 loan for a further 12 months.

Correspondence:

1. It was agreed to give a grant of £100 to the East Anglian Air Ambulance.
2. It was agreed to give £61 to Fairhaven Primary School to assist with costs for an Upton family towards a school trip to Holt Hall, being one half of the cost for one pupil.

- District Councillor Frank O'Neill sent a report; BDC has decided to award a discretionary reduction to Community Interest Companies for their Business Rates. This will help The White Horse which had faced a large rates bill because of a revaluation following the construction of the community shop.
- PCSO Paul McAllister sent a note that there were no crimes to report.

Treasurer's Report:

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Receipts:

VAT refund	226.24
Mooring fee	44.00
Allotment rent - Norman	1,400.00
Allotment rent – Alexander	10.00
Grazing rent	90.00

Cheques for payment:

Upton Village Hall – room hire	132.00
- History Group	24.00
Justin Nudd – strimming at playing field	65.00
CPRE – subs	36.00
Electricity for pump at pond	50.00
Fairhaven Primary School grant	61.00
East Anglian Air Ambulance – grant	100.00

Online payments:

Norfolk Pension Fund	105.08
P James – clerk's fee and expenses	335.16
HMRC- clerk's PAYE	76.40
Mazars – external audit	240.00
Berryman – recycling	10.98
George Taylor – various works	304.00
Garden Guardian – grasscutting	868.35
Balance c/f at 5th November 2015	<u>103,577.07</u>

The balance includes a reserve of £40,382 payable to the Environment Agency.

The above payments were agreed.

Planning Decisions from Broadland District Council:

- Mr Moore, Edgefield, Marsh Road** – change of use of land from agricultural to residential curtilage (retrospective) (20151483). Full approval.

Planning Decisions from the Broads Authority:

- F P Molineux, Fishley Hall** – change of use of barns for use as a wedding venue (BA/2015/0271/CU) – approval for one year. A visibility splay must be constructed where the access road meets the highway, amplified music may only be played between midday and midnight, subwoofer speakers are not permitted at any time.

Village Hall and Playing Field:

1. The village hall committee asked for assistance with the cost of installing a bike rack for users of the hall and play area. It was agreed to pay up to £250 + VAT.
2. A youth team has approached the Council to use the pitch for training sessions. It was agreed that this was acceptable so long as it fitted in with events at the hall.

Boat Dyke and Staithe:

1. No correspondence had been received from the Environment Agency.
2. BESL replied that they had decided that it is necessary to remove the piling on the right hand side of the dyke (South-East). Re-piling is estimated to cost £300,000. The planning application will therefore be submitted to the Broads Authority shortly. BESL states that it has successfully removed piling in other locations and found no evidence of significant erosion that would cause an impact on the navigable channel. BESL undertakes to do remedial dredging at their own expense were there to be a problem (trigger levels to be agreed with the Broads Authority.) The design will include a relatively high “lip” along the re-graded edge which will ensure that the edge is clearly visible to boat users.

A site meeting has been arranged for Tuesday, 10th November.

Blakes Pit:

1. Ginny Pitchers reported on a conversation with a local resident, Ian Lomas, who is a member of a conservation group which is interested in carrying out some maintenance works on the small pond in Boat Dyke Road, also known as Blakes Pit. The ownership of the pond is not known but it is believed to be for highways drainage. The clerk will contact Anglian Water to find out if they believe that they own the pond. The councillors were supportive of maintenance work at the pond.

Any Other Business:

1. The clerk will contact BT about the poor condition of the phone box in Church Road.
2. The hedge at the entrance to Riverview Drive is overhanging the footway. The clerk will contact the owners.
3. The councillors were invited to attend the Remembrance Service on Sunday 8th November at 10.45am. Ginny will lay the wreath on behalf of the Council.
4. There was a report of a car being parked very close to the junction of Boat Dyke Road and The Green.
5. The next meeting will be on Thursday, 3rd December 2015.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.

Signed.....
Chairman

Dated: 3rd December 2015.