

Minutes of the Meeting of Upton with Fishley Parish Council held on Thursday, 3rd December 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)	
Frank O'Neill (District Councillor)	

There was one resident present. Matters raised include maintenance of the pond in Boat Dyke Road.

Apologies:

County Councillor Tom Garrod.

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. Anne Whelpton, Debbie Durrant and Mike Brown have shares in The White Horse Pub and Shop. Ginny Pitcher's husband, Keith, also has shares in the Pub. Debbie Durrant's husband is Director of the Pub.

Minutes:

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5th November 2015 were agreed to be correct, and were signed by Philip Armes, as Chairman of the Parish Council.

Matters Arising:

1. Fairhaven Primary School sent a letter of thanks for the donation towards the costs for an Upton family towards a school trip to Holt Hall.
2. South Walsham and Upton and Fishley Parochial Church Council sent a letter of thanks for the donation towards the grasscutting costs at Fishley Church.
3. It was agreed to send a letter of thanks to Janet Southgate who picks up litter around the village, voluntarily.

Correspondence:

1. Debbie Durrant reported on the management of defibrillators. There are insurance implications and the responsibility of maintaining the equipment if the Parish Council takes over the ownership of the defibrillators. They are currently looked after by the First Responders. It was agreed not to take on the ownership of the equipment at this time.
2. It was agreed to give a donation of £50 to Fairhaven Pre-school.
3. NCC sent Memorandum of Understanding for councils who are purchasing the temporary speed awareness bin stickers – the posters may not be placed in a permanent position and

may only be placed on wheelie bins. This was noted.

4. NCC has sent details of its consultation on its Strategic Planning. The councillors felt they were unable and unqualified to comment on the plans.

Treasurer's Report:

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Receipts:

Mooring fee	44.00
Grazing rent	90.00

Cheques:

Fairhaven Pre-School - donation	50.00
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Online payments:

Norfolk Pension Fund	105.08
P James – clerk's fee and expenses SO	300.00
- balance	43.77
HMRC- clerk's PAYE	76.40
Berryman – recycling	6.30
Nigel Brennan – travel exps	21.24
Balance c/f at 3 rd December 2015	<u>103,043.47</u>

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

The above payments were agreed.

Planning:

1. **Broadland Environmental Services Ltd, South side of Upton dyke** – driving/removal of piling along the southern bank of Upton dyke, regarding the dyke edge and the original bank and crest raise existing bank with the material grained from the old bank. Letters of objection had been received from the local Boating Association, and from The White Horse Pub. After some discussion it was agreed to object to the plans; risk of going aground along the re-graded edge, the likelihood of the dyke silting up, the instability of the peat, loss of casual moorings and effect on tourism.
2. **Upton White Horse – Land at South Walsham Road** – 2 x non-illuminated mounted signs. After some discussion about the size of the signs it was agreed to report no objections to the plans.

Village Hall and Playing Field:

1. Acle United Youth Football Team had asked if they could use floodlights for early evening training sessions. Anne Whelpton, Ginny Pitchers and the clerk had seen an example of the lighting and it was felt to be wholly acceptable. It was agreed to permit the temporary lighting. It was also agreed to permit the group to site additional goalposts on the field to allow additional teams to use the field.

2. Ginny Pitchers reported on a successful Christmas Fair at the village hall.
3. Philip Armes reported that he will be making three cycle racks for visitors to the hall and play area.

Boat Dyke and Staithe:

No correspondence had been received from the Environment Agency.

Blakes Pit:

Land Registry documents suggest that it is not Anglian Water's property and is therefore probably a highways drainage pit. The clerk has written to NCC Highways to ask their permission for work to be done.

Any Other Business:

1. The next meeting will be on Thursday, 7th January 2016.
2. The clerk was asked to follow up the complaint about gravel from drives spilling onto the highway.
3. The clerk will contact NCC Highways about the silting up of the highway at Lodge Corner, and the loss of reflector posts at the junction of Church Road with Acle Road.

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

Signed.....
Chairman

Dated: 7th January 2016.