**Upton with Fishley Parish Council – Chairman’s Report**

The Parish Council pays for the grass cutting around the village and looks after the churchyard, cemetery, play area, playing field, boat dyke, staithe and pond. We give our comments on local planning applications and are consulted on many local and national issues. Residents are welcome to ask questions at the beginning of each meeting, and any issues for the agenda should be sent to the clerk, Pauline James, about a week before the date of the meeting. The meetings are usually held on the 1st Thursday of each month, (no meeting is planned for August), at 7.30 pm in the village hall. The agenda for each meeting is posted on the noticeboards around the village and on the website.

After a trip to Peterborough last March we really thought that we had finally agreed terms for the lease of the moorings from the Environment Agency but, unbelievably, no further correspondence has been received from the Agency since that meeting, despite reminders.

The other parish councillors are Vice-chairman Debbie Durrant, Nigel Brennan, Mike Brown, William Leonard-Morgan, Ginny Pitchers and Anne Whelpton and I thank them for giving their time as volunteers. Nicholas Crane retired from the Council after 27 years as a parish councillor. There are also some people who help behind the scenes, keeping the village clean and tidy, and I thank them too.

We have a Parish Council website and by “subscribing,” (at no cost), you will receive email notices when anything is added to the site, both Council matters and local events and reminders. Take a look at: www.uptonwithfishleypc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk. There is also a Parish Council Facebook page.

PCSO Paul McAllister is our local police officer from Acle and can be contacted via the 101 number or at sntacle@norfolk.pnn.police.uk. Your county councillor, Tom Garrod, can be contacted on 07515 356 821 or thomas.garrod@norfolk.gov.uk. Frank O’Neill was elected as your district councillor and can be contacted on 1493 752111 or frrank.oneill@gmail.com.

The **Annual Meeting of the Parish** is on **Wednesday, 4th May at 7.30 p.m, with refreshments from 7.00pm,** in the village hall. (This meeting had to be moved from the Thursday because of the elections for Police and Crime Commissioner on 5th May). This is **your** meeting and not the Council’s. Please do attend. There will be reports from the Police, from Frank O’Neill and Tom Garrod, but there is also plenty of time for you to raise issues or concerns about village matters.

This meeting is followed by the next meeting of the Parish Council.

**Philip Armes, Parish Council Chairman**