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

We’ve just heard that our bid for funding for a vehicle activated sign has been approved – Norfolk County Council will pay half the cost of a mobile flashing sign which we can put up around the village to remind drivers of the speed limit. The device also gathers information of vehicle speeds so that we can then let the police know where there are issues of drivers regularly exceeding the speed limit.

During the past year the Parish Council has paid for two more dog litter bins and planted some more daffodils around the village. We arranged for some trees and general vegetation to be removed at the boat dyke car park and at the churchyard and cemetery. We also put up a fence at the side of the churchyard alongside the adjacent pond, to make it a bit safer. We are gathering support from residents to ask for the village to be designated a No Cold Calling Zone. If you’ve not yet sent your support, please contact the clerk, Pauline James, at the address below.

Another year on and there is still no signing of the lease for the moorings at the boat dyke with the Environment Agency! We have received a “final” draft version, which we accepted, but since then, nothing….

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 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 three village noticeboards and on the website.

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. I also thank the people who help behind the scenes, keeping the village clean and tidy.

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.

The **Annual Meeting of the Parish** is on **Thursday, 11th May at 7.30 p.m, with refreshments from 7.00pm,** in the village hall. (This meeting had to be moved back a week because of the County Council elections on 4th May). This is **your** meeting and not the Council’s. Please do attend. There will be reports from the Police, from District Councillor Frank O’Neill and County Councillor 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, May 2017**

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