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

The good news this year is that we bought the vehicle activated sign and this has been up in Church Road for a while. It will be moved about the parish, and shared with other local parishes, to reinforce the speed limit.

Also, we were successful in getting the whole village designated as a No Cold Calling Zone, which we think will be a great help in reducing unwanted callers in the area. If someone does knock on your door, remind them that it is a No Cold Calling Zone, take their name, and the registration of their vehicle, and ring Citizens Advice on 08454 04 05 06. The scheme is not aimed at charity collectors such as for the Royal British Legion/ Poppies.

The Parish Council has ordered a new bench for the pond and we’ve had some more trees and general vegetation removed at the boat dyke car park and at the churchyard and cemetery.

Unbelievably we have still not signed the lease for the moorings at the boat dyke with the Environment Agency! There was a question about the accuracy of the map, and then silence!

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, 3rd May at 7.30 p.m, with refreshments from 7.00pm,** in the village hall. 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 the is also the opportunity 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 2018**

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