**Annual Meeting of the Parish of Upton with Fishley held on Thursday, 3rd May 2018 at Upton Village Hall at 7.30 pm**

**Present:** Parish councillors - Philip Armes, Nigel Brennan, Mike Brown, Ginny Pitchers, Parish Clerk Pauline James and six residents. District Councillor Frank O’Neill.

**Apologies:** Parish councillors Debbie Durrant, William Leonard-Morgan and Anne Whelpton.

**Minutes:**

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 11th May 2017 were agreed to be correct, and were signed by the Parish Council Chairman, Philip Armes, as Chairman of the meeting.

**Matters Arising from the Meeting held on 11th May 2017:**

The lease for the boat dyke has still not yet been completed, due to delays by the Environment Agency.

**Police Report:**

PC Ian Kennedy sent details of 13 reported crimes in Upton over the past 12 months compared with 15 last year.

**Tom Garrod, County Councillor:**

No report was received. *(It was confirmed later that Tom had sent a comprehensive report in April detailing matters concerning Norfolk).*

**Frank O’Neill, District Councillor:**

Frank gave a report on District Council matters. He will not be standing at the 2019 elections. Broadland District Council is discussing options to work with South Norfolk Council to save costs and to share good practice. BDC has increased its share of the Council Tax by £5 per Band D dwelling, the first increase for some years. BDC is beginning to acquire homes for private rented accommodation for homeless families. The final stage of the NDR, now called the Broadland Northway, has opened. Dualling of the A47 at North Burlingham is being discussed for 2021 and Norfolk County Council must look at the impact on The Windle. The Greater Norwich Local Plan is being consulted on at present.

Frank was thanked for his report.

**Parish Council Chairman’s Report:**

Phillip Armes’ report was noted. This report is published at

http://uptonwithfishleypc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/category/annual-parish-meeting/

It was noted that the information packs for the No Cold Calling Zone will be distributed shortly.

**Parish Council Accounts for the Year Ended 31st March 2018:**

The parish clerk presented the Accounts for the year and explained the figures.

http://uptonwithfishleypc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/category/accounts-and-audit/

There were no questions on the Accounts.

**Parishioners’ Forum:**

1. There had been a problem with the number of rabbits in the area around the village hall in 2017 but it was agreed that the numbers were much lower in 2018. This will continue to be monitored.
2. There was a complaint that vans are being parked on grassed verges, resulting in the grass being churned up. It was agreed to consider bollards if this recurred.
3. It was also reported that some grassed verges are being eroded by large vehicles.
4. A resident has successfully applied for some trees under the Queen’s Canopy scheme and has been awarded 5 saplings which will arrive in October. This was welcomed.
5. Ginny Pitchers and Anne Whelpton were thanked for the provision of refreshments.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.10 p.m.

Signed................................................ Dated: …………………………………

 Chairman of the Parish Council