**Annual Meeting of the Parish of Upton with Fishley held on Thursday, 16th May 2019 at Upton Village Hall at 7.30 pm**

**Present:** Parish councillors - Philip Armes, Nigel Brennan (also district councillor), Laura Davey, Debbie Durrant, William Leonard-Morgan and Ginny Pitchers.

Parish Clerk Pauline James and nine residents.

County councillor Fran Whymark

PC Steve Clarke

**Apologies:** Parish councillor Anne Whelpton and district councillor Justine Thomas.

**Minutes:**

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 3rd May 2018 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 3rd May 2018:**

1. The lease for the boat dyke has still not yet been completed, due to delays by the Environment Agency.
2. The number of rabbits on the playing field appears to have decreased since last year.
3. Some new trees were planted at the playing field.
4. Verges continue to be eroded by large vehicles.

**Police Report:**

PC Steve Clarke gave a report: the Acle officers cover 12 parishes around the Acle area. There were 21 crimes reported in Upton over the year, including 7 domestic crimes, and no crimes since January 2019. Steve was thanked for attending the meeting.

**Fran Whymark, County Councillor:**

Fran Whymark introduced himself as the newly appointed county councillor; he is a parish councillor in Rackheath, and also a district councillor for Wroxham (and portfolio holder at BDC for Housing & Wellbeing). He has experience as a social worker and in education. He has also been appointed by BDC to the Broads Authority.

The councillors asked Fran to speak to NCC about the impact on local roads and communities if The Windle is closed once the A47 dualling has been completed.

**Nigel Brennan, District Councillor:**

Nigel told the meeting that he was honoured to represent Upton as part of the Blofield with South Walsham ward and looked forward to representing the communities at BDC. He had been busy attending various training sessions at BDC. He has been appointed to the Awards Panel, the Overview & Scrutiny Committee, the Place Shaping Panel and Chairman of the Standards Committee.

The councillors asked Nigel to find out more about the joint working arrangements between BDC and South Norfolk.

**Parish Council Report:**

This report is published at

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

There were no comments on the report.

**Parish Council Accounts for the Year Ended 31st March 2019:**

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. It was reported that the hedges need trimming at the Anglian Water pumping station on Boat Dyke Road.
2. Issues with parking at the village hall when there are football matches being played were discussed.
3. A resident asked about whether signage could be put up warning drivers of deer. Fran Whymark said he would raise this with NCC Highways.
4. There was further discussion about the lease with the Environment Agency.
5. Ginny Pitchers and Anne Whelpton were thanked for the provision of refreshments.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.

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

 Chairman of the Parish Council