**Upton with Fishley Parish Council – Annual Report**

The parish councillors are Philip Armes (Chair), Debbie Durrant (Vice-Chair), Ginny Pitchers, Anne Whelpton, Nigel Brennan, William Leonard-Morgan and Laura Davey.

The extension to the cemetery is taking shape behind the Old Vicarage. The grass is growing well and we hope to have it fenced and a hedge planted shortly. We are very pleased with the lovely replacement gates that we commissioned for the entrance to the old churchyard.

We’ve sorted out replacement fencing around the little pond on Boat Dyke Road and have purchased a robust grasscutter which Philip Armes is using to cut the footpaths in the village. We’ve been lucky to receive donations for three new benches this year, one for the churchyard and two for the boat dyke.

Parish councillor Nigel Brennan continues to move our vehicle-activated sign to various locations around the village. Disappointingly it confirms suspicions that some people are driving in and out of our village faster than is safe for pedestrians and for other drivers. We would like to set up a Community Speedwatch scheme for the village, whereby three volunteers stand by the road to monitor speeds. People recorded as driving in excess of the speed limit would be reported to the Police. If you have a little free time and would like to help out, please get in touch with the parish clerk.

The No Cold Calling Zone has been in place for a few years now and is aimed at preventing salespeople calling at your door uninvited. If someone does knock on your door, trying to sell you something, 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. Please point out to them that there are signs at all entrances to the village and ask them to leave the village.

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 agenda for each meeting is posted on the three village noticeboards and on the website.

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.

We have a Parish Council website and by “subscribing,” (at no cost), you will receive email notices when anything is added to the site, for Council matters and local events, and useful information. 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, 5th May at 7.30pm, in the village hall.** This is **your** meeting and not the Council’s. This is a great opportunity for you to raise issues or concerns about village matters, although you can of course contact the parish clerk all year round.

This meeting is followed by the next meeting of the Parish Council. Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2022 will be available at the meeting and on the website after the meeting.
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