**Annual Meeting of the Parish of Upton with Fishley held on Thursday, 11th May 2023 in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm**

**Present:** Parish councillors - Philip Armes, Nigel Brennan (re-elected district councillor), Debbie Durrant, William Leonard-Morgan, Lee Smith and Ian Cook, parish clerk Pauline James, former parish councillor Ginny Pitchers and new district councillor Paul Newstead.

**Apologies:** Parish councillor Laura Davey.

**Minutes:**

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 5th May 2022 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 5th May 2022:**

1. There has been no correspondence regarding the Parish Council’s lease with the Environment Agency for the moorings and staithe.
2. NCC has agreed to pay half of the cost of a new “gateway” at Southend and another one for Cargate Lane. The Parish Council has paid the other half. NCC has erected “pedestrians in road” signage in Boat Dyke Road.

**Police Report:**

The local police sent a short report. There have been very few crimes reported in Upton.

The clerk reported on the recent Safer Neighbourhood Action Panel meeting; the priorities for the Acle area have been set as Speeding and Anti-Social Behaviour in Public Places.

**Nigel Brennan, District Councillor:**

Nigel Brennan gave a report: he said that he is honoured to have been re-elected as district councillor. South Norfolk Council and Broadland District Council move to their new premises shortly, which will reduce costs.

**Upton Village Hall:**

Upton Village Hall Group report for Parish Council, May 11th 2023.

Bookings continue to be good. The hall was used as a Polling Station for the Local Council elections. The new dog training club, subject of the recent correspondence with the Parish Clerk, may now start in early June and sessions may now take place on Thursday afternoons rather than evenings.

The Easter Fair (Monday 10th April) was hampered by poor weather but was well supported by a steady flow of local families who enjoyed the activities and games.

Coffee and Chat sessions have started.

Coronation Celebrations. The concert by Broadland Ukelele Band on Saturday 6th was thoroughly enjoyable and attended by 45 local residents.

The Village Hall Group has decided to purchase a defibrillator.

**Keith’s Meadow:**Local resident Simon Taylor has set up a working party to transform the former school playing field into an open space for the village, with wildflower areas.

**Parish Council Report:**

This report is published at:

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

and a copy is filed with these minutes.

There were no comments on the report.

**Parish Council Accounts for the Year Ended 31st March 2023:**

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

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

**Parishioners’ Forum:**

1. A complaint about the Acle Medical Partnership was noted.
2. The Parish Council will make a donation to FAITH in recognition of the litter picking done by Janet Southgate.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.05p.m.

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

Chairman of the Parish Council