# Minutes of the Meeting of Upton with Fishley Parish Council held on Thursday, 3rd March 2022 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

## Present:

Philip Armes (Chairman), Debbie Durrant (Vice-Chairman)

Nigel Brennan (also District Councillor), Laura Davey, William Leonard-Morgan, Ginny Pitchers and Lee Smith

Also present: Pauline James (Parish Clerk)

There were no members of the public present.

Apologies:   
County councillor Fran Whymark sent a short report.

## Declarations of Interests in Items on the Agenda and Requests for Dispensations:

Philip Armes told the meeting that he is a friend of the applicant for the planning permission for land south of Horses Head. Ginny Pitchers had an interest in a payment in the February minutes.  
  
**Minutes:**The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 3rd February 2022 were agreed to be correct, and were signed by Philip Armes as Chairman of the Parish Council.

**Matters Arising:**

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| 1. | The clerk reported that the grazing has not yet started on the old playing field. |
| 2. | A County Court Judgement has been issued against the boat owner who has not paid their mooring fees. |
| 3. | The new memorial bench has been fitted in the churchyard. |
| 4. | George Taylor has repaired the fence around the pond in Boat Dyke Road. A letter of thanks has been received from the neighbour. It was agreed to pay for the Creocote to treat the wood in future. |

**Correspondence:**

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| 1. | A resident had asked about the possibility of an allotment. The clerk has explained that there is no land available at present. |
| 2. | It was agreed to give a donation of £25 for a gift for Mundy Ellis who has retired as the editor of the Mardler after many years. |
| 3. | Hugh Crane (Cleaning Equipment) Ltd have offered to transport items to Peterborough for onward transfer for the displaced people in Ukraine, but need a collection point. The councillors had no suggestions for this, but agreed to donate £250 to the Disasters Emergency Committee fund. |
| 4. | After some consideration it was agreed that it would be problematic to lend the new mower to another parish council. |
| 5. | The clerk informed the councillors of a Norfolk Association of Local Councils event at Acle on Tuesday, 22nd March. |

**Treasurer’s Report:**

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| **Receipts:** | | £ |
| Mooring fees | | 275.81 |
| HMRC – refund of VAT | | 2,782.83 |
| UK Power Networks – wayleaves | | 24.96 |
| **March payments:** | |  |
| Pauline James – clerk’s fee and exps | | 280.91 |
| Standing order | | 300.00 |
| Norfolk Pension Fund - E’ers and E’ees | | 210.55 |
| Julie Boram – cleaning bus shelter | | 26.00 |
| Acle PC – share of expenses | | 57.56 |
| HMRC – PAYE | | 137.20 |
| Balance c/f as at 3rd March 2022 | | 209,578.44 |
| Ginny Pitchers had checked the February online payments to the relevant bank statement. The clerk had circulated a report of actual v budget for the 12 months, prior to receipt of mooring fees, and the invoices for payment. The payments were approved.  Earmarked reserves are £104,486, the reserve for the Environment Agency is £96,748.  General monies are therefore £8,344. | | | |
| Planning: | | | |
| Land south of Horses Head – erection of dwelling and garage, with access (20212310) – amended plans. The councillors repeated their objections to the plans. | | | |
| Decisions by Broadland District Council: | | | |
| 1. | **Gilgolds, 3 Chapel Road** - Proposed bungalow and detached garage to replace the existing detached garage. (20212213) – full refusal. | | |
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## Cemetery and Churchyard:

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| 1. | Lee Smith presented a map showing the areas to be left uncut during 2022, and will mark these sites in the churchyard, for the contractors and for any visitors to the site.  The councillors discussed the grasscutting regime for the year. It was agreed to request no weedkilling at all in the churchyard and cemetery. It was agreed to appoint someone to do some weeding around the headstones. |
| 2. | It was agreed not to permit glass vases in the churchyard or cemetery, for safety reasons. |
| 3. | Philip reported that he had obtained a quote of £1,500 for fencing the cemetery extension, including the fitting of the gate and posts. The clerk was asked to find out if there is any hedging available under the Jubilee grant schemes. |

## Boat Dyke:

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| 1. | It was agreed to obtain a second sign for the staithe, explaining that it is for 24-hour moorings only. |
| 2. | The clerk has sent out the invoices for the moorings for the year from 1st April 2022. |

**Ponds:**

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| 1. | The area around the pond has been registered by the Parish Council. |
| 2. | Some of the neighbours have removed vegetation along the boundary, and fencing. |

**Village hall, car park and playing field:**

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| 1. | Anne Lubbock sent a report about bookings and events at the village hall. Since Covid restrictions have been lifted, the maximum number in the hall is 50, with masks advised to be worn. |
| 2. | The Jubilee events include a brass band concert on 4th June, and a picnic and fete on 5th. It was agreed to give a grant of £400 towards these costs. |

## Highways:

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| 1. | The potholes in Prince of Wales Road have been mended recently. |
| 2. | The drains need clearing out near the pumping station. |
| 3. | The drains still need clearing out in The Green near to Broadlands Park. |

**Jubilee Bench:**

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| 1. | One of the seats at the pond will need replacing in the next few years. It was agreed to buy a new wooden bench to match the other ones. Ginny will do some planters. |

**Any Other Business and Items for the Next Agenda:**

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| 1. | It was agreed to suggest that residents plant their verges and front gardens with colourful plants for the Jubilee. |
| 2. | The next meeting will be on Thursday, 7th April at 7.30pm, in the village hall. All residents very welcome to attend, to raise local issues. |

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 20.55pm

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