

Minutes of the Meeting of Upton with Fishley Parish Council held on Thursday, 13th November 2014 in the Village Hall

Present:

Mr Armes Mrs Whelpton
Mrs Pitchers Mrs Durrant Mr Brown

There were three members of the public present.

Apologies:

Parish councillors Mr Crane and Mr Leonard-Morgan
Sue Lawn, district councillor
Tom Garrod, county councillor

In the absence of Nicholas Crane, Philip Armes was chairman of the meeting.

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

Anne Whelpton reminded councillors of her interest in the boat dyke. Debbie Durrant reminded the meeting that she has shares in The White Horse pub and that she moors her boat at the boat dyke.

Minutes:

The minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 9th October 2014 were agreed to be correct, and were signed by Philip Armes, as Chairman of the meeting.

Matters Arising:

1. A letter was received from MP Dan Rogerson, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Water, Forestry, Rural Affairs and Resource Management stating that waste that is produced from boats “used in the course of a business for the provision of self-catering accommodation” is to be treated as commercial. The councillors felt that this would not seem to apply to boats without self-catering accommodation, and private boats, and asked the clerk to contact Broadland District Council to ask about waste collection for non-commercial waste.

The clerk also asked Lana Hemsall, BDC member appointed to the Broads Authority, to ask the Navigation Committee to consider increasing toll charges to fund additional waste collection. This was discussed by the Committee but no decision was taken to pay for waste collection at sites not under the ownership of the Authority.

The Environment Agency has not commented on waste collection on its land.

2. The Norfolk Accident Rescue Service sent a letter of thanks for the donation of £100.

Correspondence:

1. The Parochial Church Council wrote to request a donation towards the repairs of the church organ, estimated at a total of £85,000. After some discussion it was agreed to give

a grant of £500 to support the appeal and to enable the PCC to show local support on its grant applications. The PCC was invited to re-apply at a later date once the success of its applications is known.

2. Fairhaven Primary School requested a grant towards a school trip. It was agreed to give £58 being half of the cost of one place.
3. Acle Academy requested a grant towards a food composter as part of its educational programme. (Debbie Durrant declared a personal interest as her children attend the school.) (It was noted that the school had refunded the Parish Council for its earlier donation of £100 for the sports hall as it had not been possible to continue with this proposal.) It was agreed to give a grant of £150.

Treasurer's Report:

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Balance b/f at 9 th October 2014	1,511.67
Receipts:	
Mooring fees	35.10
Grazing fee 2 months	176.68
VAT refund	389.69
Transfer from savings	2,000.00
Acle Academy – refund of earlier grant	100.00
Cheques for payment:	
Norwich Diocese – rent of allotment land s.o.	1,401.00
Norfolk Pension Fund	100.85
P James – clerk's fee and expenses	330.40
HMRC- clerk's PAYE	74.80
Acle Parish Council – share of expenses	32.84
Antony Millward – litter picking	104.00
Campaign to Protect Rural England subs	29.00
Upton Village Hall – room hire	132.00
Garden Guardian – grasscutting	857.56
Mike Brown – expenses re noticeboards	168.67
Fairhaven Primary School - grant	58.00
Acle Academy – grant	150.00
Balance c/f at 13 th November 2014	<u>774.02</u>
Savings Account	7,643.05
Savings Account	0.29
Active Saver	31,382.00
Repairs and Renewals Account	<u>47,580.42</u>
Total Monies	<u>87,379.78</u>

The above cheques were agreed for payment.

Planning Matters:

Broadland District Council Planning Committee approved the application for a two-bedroomed house on the site of the **former Church Institute**, ignoring the Parish Council's concerns about the safety of anyone exiting the site. County Councillor Tom Garrod spoke on the Highways concerns and District Councillor Sue Lawn sent a written representation.

Norfolk County Council stated that the "site has a previous vehicular generating use and single residential dwelling would be least intensive form of development in traffic generating terms that could happen here" and that the access "is best that can be achieved in circumstances."

The applicant reassured the Planning Committee that it was possible to exit the site in forward gear by doing a 3-point turn. BDC said, however, that it was not appropriate to add a condition that vehicles should exit in forward gear.

Upton Community Shop:

The Committee was pleased with the results of the consultation; 81 replies were received, with 88% of the replies stating that a community shop was important for the community. Twenty seven people volunteered to help with the shop. The committee is applying for a grant from Broadland District Council. Councillors were invited to the White Horse AGM on 24th November at 7.00. It was agreed to release the Council's cheque for the purchase of shares, following this confirmation of public interest for the shop.

Village Hall and Playing Field:

Ginny Pitchers reported on the recent Tea & Talk for the History Group and the forthcoming Christmas Bazaar.

Boat Dyke and Staithe:

The Environment Agency's Area Manager is reported to have said that the piling will not be removed at Upton dyke because the negotiations for the lease are advanced. An update on the lease was promised for late October but none has been forthcoming. The EA hoped to arrange a meeting before the end of November.

It was agreed that possible waste disposal costs should be included in the lease.

Any Other Business:

1. The clerk contacted the Diocesan Advisory Board to explain that the Parish Council was not satisfied that the ivy should be removed from the church wall and the wall repointed, believing that the wall is unsafe. The new Diocesan Advisory Board Secretary, Matthew McDade, agreed that it might not be appropriate to remove the ivy and suggested that a surveyor should be appointed by the Council to check the structure of the wall. The clerk was asked to get quotes for a surveyor/structural engineer.
2. The next meeting will be on Thursday, 11th December 2014.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25 p.m.

Signed.....
Chairman

Dated: 11th December 2014.