

Acle Parish Council

Meeting Date: Monday, 22nd February 2010
Venue: Methodist Church, Bridewell Lane, Acle
Time: 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mr B Brooks, Mr R Clarke, Mr B Coveley, Mr D Dickeson,
Mrs E Elliott, Mrs D Fisher, Mr B Grint, Mr J Harriss,
Mrs L Hemsall, Mr N Law, Mr B Tibbenham (Chairman).

1. PUBLIC FORUM

There were ten members of the public present, together with PC Paul Fox who gave a report on the seven recorded crimes in the village since the last meeting. Matters raised included the poor state of the footway in Reedham Road.

2. APOLOGIES Mr R Perry and Brian Iles (County Councillor)

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

None.

4. MINUTES The minutes of the meeting held on 25th January 2010 were agreed to be correct and were signed by the Chairman.

5. MATTERS ARISING

5.1 Broadland District Council has put up additional signs about dog fouling in De Carle Smith Road. There are also reports of dog fouling in Peter Avenue and St Edmunds Road.

5.2 Broads Authority Planning forum on 28th April – Nigel and John will attend.

5.3 The damaged piece of pavement outside the Methodist Church appears to be part of the land managed by the Recreation Centre. The clerk was asked to contact Norfolk County Council to suggest that the roadway should be adopted as it is used by people using the library, the doctors' surgery and the residential home.

5.4 Tony Hemmingway is working on removing the adverts from the bus shelter.

5.5 The footway on South Walsham Road has been repaired.

5.6 Network Rail has replied about the concerns about the new communications mast at Acle station; it is stated that the railway-only communications masts operate well within international safety guidelines.

5.7 A letter has been received from the Recreation Centre chairman, Chris Dove; he was unhappy at the report in the Mercury about the financial management of the Recreation Centre. There was some discussion about this and it was agreed that the Parish Council

as a whole was happy with the financial management. There was a proposal that the issue should be discussed further, but it was agreed that this should be done in private, at the next meeting.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- 6.1 Mrs Monument has asked if she may purchase a memorial bench for the cemetery. The councillors were pleased to accept the offer of the bench in principle but agreed that the siting of the bench must be agreed by the cemetery committee.
- 6.2 BDC has sent a draft single Equality Scheme for comments. This was noted.
- 6.3 NCC has sent details of the diversion order for footpath no: 6 alongside the River Bure owing to the flood alleviation works.
- 6.4 The clerk attended the BDC site meeting and meeting of the Appeals Panel concerning trees on land at Mitre House. The TPO was repealed after hearing evidence from the owners of the land.
- 6.5 The Department for Communities and Local Government has decided to implement a unitary council for Norwich.
- 6.6 The grass cutting contract for the Fletcher Room is £478.29 for the year. This was accepted.
- 6.7 The local Royal British Legion has requested that the Council consider applying for the war memorial to be listed. (Basil Tibbenham declared a personal interest as a member of the Legion.) It was agreed to invite members of the Legion to the next meeting to explain why listing is necessary.
- 6.8 The Recreation Centre has requested confirmation of the Council's nominations for trustees for the forthcoming AGM on 16th March; Barry Brooks, Barry Coveley, Chris Dove, Brian Grint, Nigel Law, Rodney Perry and Norman Pryor were nominated. There are two vacancies on the parish council nominations.
- 6.9 There was some correspondence about insurance for the Speedwatch scheme but this appears to have been sorted out by the Police.

7. PLANNING MATTERS

- 7.1 Plans discussed at the meeting:
 - i) **Mr Shorten, land adj. 27 Mill Lane** – bungalow (outline). The councillors had no objections to the plans.
 - ii) It was reported that the plans for the extension to the Acle Library are on display at Acle Library.

8. HIGHWAY MATTERS

8.1 NCC has approved the replacement bin by the Fletcher Room but has refused permission for the bin at the bottom of Fletcher Way. A bin has been approved for the top of De Carle Smith Road, but not where it meets Habgood Close, as was requested. Bins will only be approved where they would serve a large number of residents, and not where only a few residents would benefit.

The councillors discussed purchasing grit privately for the village, if the bins can be placed on private land. It was agreed to consider this again at the next meeting.

8.2 Reedham Road, from the railway bridge to past Monies Farm is to be closed for 10 days for maintenance works from 19th April, also the small roundabout at Norwich Road by the A47 sliproad.

8.3 There was a report of flytipping on the old piece of Beighton Road. Also a report of litter on New Road.

8.4 A pothole was reported on South Walsham Road.

9. STREET LIGHTING

Nothing to report.

10. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMNET

The following documents were discussed and **approved**:

10.1 Duties of the responsible financial officer

10.2 Financial standing orders

10.3 Financial risk assessment

10.4 Review of internal audit

10.5 Review of internal controls

11. FINANCE

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Receipts:

VAT refund 3,575.08

BDC – delegated functions 1,019.20

Cheques for payment:

Veolia dd 114.31

E.On – electricity dd 140.06

M Ward – cleaning 563.70

Inland Revenue – PAYE & NIC 522.63

Hugh Crane Cleaning Eq. 47.67

P. James – clerk’s fee and exps	1,029.50
Wilkersons – consumables	18.62
Norfolk Pension Fund	180.49
T T Jones – lighting repairs	356.77

The above cheques were approved for payment.

