

# Acle Parish Council

Meeting Date: Monday, 18th May 2009  
Venue: Methodist Church, Bridewell Lane, Acle  
Time: 7.30 p.m.

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

## 1. PUBLIC FORUM

There were ten members of the public present, together with Brian Iles (County Councillor) and PC Paul Fox. Brian Iles talked about the budget for highways repairs. PC Fox gave a report on recent crimes in the village. There was a report that a resident with a disability scooter was refused access to the trains.

## 2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chairman: Basil Tibbenham was re-elected Chairman. He has been chairman since 1968.

Vice-chairman: John Harriss was re-elected Vice-Chairman.

### Committees:

<b>Lighting</b>	John Harriss and Rodney Perry
<b>Planning</b>	John Harriss, Diane Fisher, Rodney Perry and Nigel Law
<b>Acle Poor Charity</b>	Rodney Perry
<b>Youth</b>	Diane Fisher
<b>Finance</b>	Basil Tibbenham, John Harriss and Nigel Law
<b>Fletcher Room</b>	Basil Tibbenham and John Harriss
<b>Parish Plan</b>	Brian Grint, Diane Fisher, Nigel Harriss, Barry Coveley and Lana Hempsall
<b>Acle Recreation Centre</b>	Barry Brooks, Barry Coveley, David Dickeson, Chris Dove, Brian Grint, Nigel Law, Rodney Perry and Norman Pryor.
<b>Acle Lands Trust</b>	Barry Brooks, Barry Coveley, Adam Fisher, Brian Grint and Rodney Perry.

3. **APOLOGIES** Mr B Coveley and Charlotte Casimir (District Councillor)

## 4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

None.

5. **MINUTES** The minutes of the meeting held on 27th April 2009 were signed as correct by the Chairman.

## 6. MATTERS ARISING

6.1 Broadland District Council has written about the request for assistance with the compulsory purchase of land for the cemetery extension; they state that the land is within the Broads Authority area so they cannot help.

6.2 Keith Simpson MP has sent a copy of the reply from Lord Adonis, Minister at the Department of Transport about the proposal for an East-West railway line. The minister regards the route as “significant”, and believes that there is a financial case for the line between Oxford and Bedford. The line between Bedford and Cambridge would be more costly and more difficult as some of the original land has been used for other things. It is reported that it is the responsibility of local authorities to assess local transport needs and to seek funding as appropriate.

6.3 A letter of thanks has been received from the Norfolk Accident Rescue Service for the donation of £75.

6.4 The beer and music festival has been cancelled since no venue could be agreed.

6.5 The councillors were pleased with the new signboards for Burlingham Woods, which have been erected in several places in the village. The councillors sent their thanks to Norfolk County Council for this project.

## **7. CORRESPONDENCE**

7.1 There have been complaints about the reductions in the bus service between Acle and Norwich. It was reported that since the matter was raised with the bus companies, some additional buses had been laid on and the situation was improving.

7.2 It was agreed to send a donation of £50 to Acle District Girl Guides for their centenary projects.

## **8. PLANNING MATTERS**

None.

## **9. HIGHWAY MATTERS**

9.1 It was reported that the fence and handrail on the south footpath to the railway station have broken.

9.2 The footway has sunk on New Road.

9.3 It was reported that the Co-Op has offered storage for the water cart for the hanging baskets. The councillors sent their thanks for their assistance with this.

9.4 The WI has sent a donation of £50 towards the cost of the baskets. The councillors sent their appreciation of this kind gesture.

9.5 It was confirmed that the Acle Society planters on the Green would also be watered.

9.6 The clerk was asked to chase the new timetables for the bus shelter noticeboard.

## **10. STREET LIGHTING**

Some lights were reported for repair.

## **11. ACLE REGATTA**

It was reported that the Regatta was a success, with donations to the Acle Voluntary Aid and to Filby Schools Sailing Training.

## **12. SPEEDWATCH**

Lana reported that she was considering standing down as co-ordinator as she felt she had tried all methods to increase the volunteers, but with only limited success.

## **13. ACCOUNTS AND ANNUAL RETURN**

The Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2009 were presented and discussed. The Accounts were approved and Basil was authorised to sign on behalf of the Council. The Annual Return, sections 1 and 2, was discussed and approved. The councillors confirmed that the internal controls were adequate and effective for the size of the Council and that they were happy with the annual internal audit, by John Gallop. The risk assessments were approved earlier in the year.

## **14. FINANCE**

£

### **Receipts:**

BDC - delegated functions	5,655.15
BDC - first half precept	22,250.00
Bank interest	0.22
BDC - street numbering	38.80
Burials and memorials	560.00
Reimbursement costs	49.35
NCC - verge cutting	1,518.05

### **Cheques for payment:**

P James - clerk's fee and exps	874.58
Broker Network - NU insurance	2,528.24
East Norfolk Travel Users Ass'n - subs	5.00
Hugh Crane Ltd - consumables	13.84
BDC - refuse collection at Fletcher Rm and Cem.	115.15
T T Jones - lighting repairs	98.68
Garden Guardian - grass cutting	767.20
Norse Commercial Services - grass cutting	76.22
E.ON - electricity at public toilets	1,610.85
Acle Methodists - room hire	42.00
Blockbuster - repairs at toilets	103.50
HMRC - PAYE & NIC	534.24

M Ward - cleaning	642.80
NCC - village signs	1,212.78
Acle District Girl Guides	50.00

The councillors approved a quote for fencing additional land for allotments, at £1,000.

**15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Monday, 29th June 2009.**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.

Signed.....  
Chairman

Dated: 29th June 2009