

Acle Parish Council

Meeting Date: Monday, 30th March 2009
Venue: Methodist Church, Bridewell Lane, Acle
Time: 7.30 p.m.

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

1. PUBLIC FORUM

There were seven members of the public present, together with Brian Iles (County Councillor) who gave a report on County Council matters including the funding of highways repairs. The Police sent a report on recorded crimes for the village and changes to local police services from 6th April.

2. **APOLOGIES** Mr R Clarke and Mrs E Elliott.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

None.

4. **MINUTES** The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd February 2009 were agreed to be correct and were signed by Basil Tibbenham as Chairman.

5. MATTERS ARISING

5.1 There has been no reply from the landowner to the request to purchase additional land for an extension to the cemetery.

5.2 The bus stop has not yet been moved from outside Barclays Bank.

5.3 John Harriss reported on the training session on the changes to the planning system. It was suggested that residents should contact Broadland District Council for advice about when a planning application is needed. The planning portal gives details on plans for various parts of a house. (www.planningportal.gov.uk).

6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 There has been a request to use Damgate lane play area for beer festival. The councillors generally supported the request so long as it was properly run, but asked that the organisers contact the neighbours to let them know about the proposal and to answer any concerns.

6.2 The Acle Lands Trust trustees were confirmed as: Barry Brooks, Brian Grint, Rodney Perry, Adam Fisher and Barry Coveley.

6.3 There is a second date for the BDC planning training, on 22nd April.

6.4 BDC has suggested that a boxed set of low energy light bulbs might be given to large villages for people to try, with a view to encouraging more people to try low energy light bulbs in their homes. The councillors had concerns about how this would be administered, whether a deposit would be charged and what would be done to replace damaged bulbs. Nigel Law offered to have the box if the scheme went ahead in Acle.

6.5 The Broads Authority sent details of changes to the planning appeal process; in future, when an application goes to the inspector for appeal, not additional information will be able to be submitted, just the information from the original application.

6.6 Details have been received for the footway construction on South Walsham Road.

6.7 There is a consultation on the next stage of the Joint Core Strategy. The planning committee agreed to look at this for possible responses.

6.8 There is training on the planning portal on 14th April.

6.09 Details have been received of footway reconstruction work in Mill Lane, for the summer.

6.10 The next stage has been received of the Boundary Committee's consultation into unitary authority/ies for Norfolk. The Council agreed to reply that they preferred the status quo of a district and county council, but given the choice of a whole Norfolk unitary and one split into Norwich and the surrounding "doughnut", they preferred the former.

6.11 A letter has been received from Acle High School asking for £600 donation towards the cost of housing a defibrillator at the school for use by the school and by community groups. This was not received in time to put this on the agenda so will be discussed fully at the next meeting. The clerk was asked to find out more details for the next meeting. The councillors believed that the local first responders already had a defibrillator and questioned the need for a second one.

6.12 There was concern that the proposed closures to the riverside footpath would adversely affect the Acle Regatta.

7. PLANNING MATTERS

7.1 Plans discussed at the meeting:

i) **Mr & Mrs Cumpstey, Stone Cottage, Rotten Marsh** - alterations, extensions and new garage. The councillors had no objections to the plans.

7.2 Planning results from **Broadland District Council**:

i) **Mr Khan, Old Bank House** - change of use from A2 estate agents to A5 Indian Takeaway - full approval

i) **Mr Fisher, 2 Holmes Close** - single storey rear extension - full approval

iii) **Mr Spooner and Ms Crawford, 20 Nursery Close** - two storey rear extension incorporating first floor balcony - full approval, after amendment to reduce the size of the extensive balcony originally proposed.

8. HIGHWAY MATTERS

8.1 Results from the Parish Plan had indicated support for additional hanging baskets along The Street. It was agreed that Diane Fisher and Lana Hemsall would review the situation and decide where additional baskets could best be situated. It was also agreed that new baskets should be purchased if the old ones were in a poor condition. It was also agreed that the condition of the brackets would be checked when the baskets are put up.

8.2 The rough road surface near to the Co-Op was reported for repair.

8.3 Councillors expressed disappointment that the local young farmers group had stapled advertising signs to a tree in the village. The sign has been removed.

8.4 Councillors asked the clerk to chase up the electricity supply to the new speed activated sign on A1064 as it has been 4 months since it was put up.

8.5 It was confirmed that the new footway up Reedham Road to The Hill will only be constructed as far as the south entrance to The Hill.

8.6 The nameplates for Priory Close and Glebe Road need replacing.

8.7 The clerk reported that Norfolk County Council has confirmed that surveys will be carried out shortly to consider locations for the Gateway to the Broads signs. It may be possible to have more than the three first suggested.

8.8 It was agreed that the bus shelter by the public toilets should be pressure washed to remove graffiti and dirt.

9. STREET LIGHTING

No reports of any problems.

10. ALLOTMENTS

Brian Grint reported that it may be possible to get an extra five allotments next to the existing site. Quotes are awaited for the fencing.

11. BROADLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL - SITE ALLOCATIONS

Details of sites put forward for consideration as potential development sites have been received and are available for viewing on the internet. It was agreed that the planning committee should consider the documents and report their comments to the next full council meeting.

12. SPRINGFIELD LAND

(Brian Grint declared a personal interest as his house backs onto this land.)

Broadland District Council has requested the Parish Council's indication of a likely timescale for development of this land. It was agreed to report that it was likely to be a phased development, with some houses built within 5 years' time, with additional houses built in small groups after this time.

13. FINANCE	£
Cheques for payment:	
Veolia - skip hire DD 2 months	207.66
Siemens - copier hire DD	120.29
E.On - electricity DD 2 months	1,043.12
HMRC - PAYE & NIC	502.22
P James - clerk's fee and exps	856.06
M Ward - cleaning	600.00
D Fisher - travel exps	8.80
Nfk Playing Fields Ass'n - subs	25.00
Sth Walsham PC - share of exps	66.68
PHS Group - waste collection at toilets	1,122.84
Norfolk Pension	133.10
RBS Software - computer helpline	86.25
Aquaforce - pressure washing play area	184.00
Acle PCC - hire of room	25.00
Wilkersons - consumables	40.36
T T Jones - lighting repairs	454.49
Hugh Crane Cleaning - consumables	27.64
Citizens Advice Bureau (s.137)	75.00
Norfolk Accident Rescue Service (s.137)	75.00
Basil Tibbenham - chairman's allowance	45.00
S Taylor - electricity for Christmas lights	45.00

The Financial Standing Orders, Duties of the Responsible Financial Officer and the Financial Risk Assessment were reviewed and confirmed. Basil Tibbenham was authorised to sign the documents on behalf of the Council.

21. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS -

Annual Parish Meeting on Monday, 20th April 2009

Next Parish Council Meeting on Monday, 27th April 2009

There being no further business the meeting closed was closed.

Signed.....
Chairman

Dated: 27th April 2009