

Acle Parish Council

Meeting Date: Monday, 30th April 2007
Venue: Methodist Church, Bridewell Lane, Acle
Time: 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mr B Brooks, Mr C Dove, Mrs E Elliott, Mr B Grint,
Mr J Harriss, Mr A Hemmingway, Mr N Law, Mr R Perry,
Mr B Tibbenham (Chairman).

1. PUBLIC FORUM

There were eight members of the public present. PC Neil Hargreaves gave a report on recent crimes in the village.

2. **APOLOGIES** Mr R Clarke, Mr B Coveley, Mrs D Fisher and Brian Iles (County Councillor)

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

John Harriss declared a personal interest in the planning application at the Police Station as he is a close neighbour. Evelyn Elliott declared a personal interest in the application for the Parish Hall as she is a member of the PCC.

4. **MINUTES** The minutes of the meetings held on 26th March and 23rd April 2007 were signed as correct by the Chairman.

5. MATTERS ARISING

5.1 Norfolk County Council has said that no repairs are appropriate for the pavements in Hermitage Close at present.

5.2 Contact details for the NCC contractors have been delivered to residents in Aldis Road to report flooding.

5.3 The clerk has spoken to NCC about the specification for additional street lighting in Aldis Road. NCC also offered to discuss improvements to the village lights.

5.4 The deeds for the sale of land at Springfield make no mention of the hedge planted around the site and show no parish council ownership outside the land disposed of, so it is assumed that the hedge at Mardling Run is not under the ownership of the parish council.

5.5 Malcolm Porter inspected the bus shelter on A47 slipway and confirmed that it is beyond repair. Dennis Fisher has offered to remove it.

5.6 NCC has confirmed that Hillcrest is not adopted so will not be repaired by the County Council. The clerk was asked to contact Wherry Housing Association to ask that they request some residents to tidy up their gardens.

5.7 There was a query as to the nature of Charlotte Casimir's recent leaflet delivered to village homes, which discussed the state of the building site at The Limes; the developer has stated that he is working hard to minimise any disruption to neighbours.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 Charlotte Casimir contacted the clerk with a request for a step in Damgate Woods to be made into a ramp for wheelchair access; the clerk has contacted Brian Grint and Dennis Fisher to raise this matter with the Acle Lands Trust committee. It was reported that it would be impossible to make this step accessible, given the very limited budget of the Lands Trust.

6.2 BDC has sent details of a new Tree Preservation Order placed on a willow on land at the car park area at the end of Market Manor.

6.3 BDC has sent a copy of the draft Supplementary Planning Document on Recreational Open Space.

6.4 The Broads Local Access Forum has written to explain its role.

6.5 Details of the Acle Flexibus have been received; the bus will run between Acle and Wroxham, calling at Upton, South Walsham, Panxworth, Ranworth, Woodbastwick and Salhouse to connect to the Broadshopper to Aylsham. The bus will also serve Martham, Rollesby, Ormesby, Filby, Clippesby, Runham, Stokesby, Fleggburgh, Mautby and Billockby. The bus is demand responsive and will only run if passengers have booked by the day before.

6.6 The East of England Regional Assembly has invited councillors to attend a Regional Gypsy and Traveller Public Engagement Event.

6.7 Acle High School is to hold an event on 12th May to publicise its bid for a community sports hall.

7. PLANNING MATTERS

7.1 Plans discussed at the meeting:

i) **Acle Parochial Church Council, Parish Hall** - single storey extension to church hall. (Evelyn Elliott declared a personal interest in the application for the Parish Hall as she is a member of the PCC.) The councillors supported the plans.

ii) **Norfolk Constabulary, Norwich Road** - conversion of garage to locker room, new car park to front, erection of lock-up store. (John Harriss declared a personal interest in the planning application at the Police Station as he is a close neighbour.) The councillors had no objections to the plans.

iii) **Miss P Randell, 32 The Street** - extend boundary wall. The councillors had no objections to the plans.

7.2 Plans discussed between meetings:

i) **Mr & Mrs Cumpstey, Beaconsfield House** - erection of carport and garage (revised) - the councillors had no objections to the plans.

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

i) **Mr Vincent and Ms Dewath, Mill Farm, Old Road** - various plans - Broads full refusal.

ii) **Mr & Mrs Day, 33 Mill Lane** - raising of roof to form rooms in roofspace - full approval

iii) **Mr Shorten, 27 Mill Lane** - renewal of outline PP20040245 (bungalow and garage) - outline approval.

iv) **Mr Stott, Westview, New Road** - first floor side extension - full approval.

v) **Mr & Mrs Bruce, 8 Oxcroft** - two storey side extension.

vi) **Mr & Mrs Armes, adj. 72 Old Road** - dwelling (outline) - outline refusal.

vii) **Mr & Mrs Stimpson, 16 England Road** - erection of conservatory - full refusal.

viii) **Ms Singleton, 31 South Walsham Road** - ground and first floor side and rear extensions - full approval.

ix) **Mr & Mrs Abassi, 1 Charles Close** - single storey and first floor extensions - full approval.

x) **Mr Wallis, 1 Habgood Close** - single storey rear extension - full approval.

8. HIGHWAY MATTERS

8.1 A request for better dropped kerbs at the junction of Mill lane and The Street has been passed on to Highways and will be done shortly.

8.2 NCC have still not done the paving in front of the bus shelter at Hermitage Close.

8.3 The seats under the folly tree need a little repair and treating with wood preservative.

8.4 It was reported that a pipe has been damaged adjacent to Beighton Road.

9. STREET LIGHTING

9.1 A couple of lights were reported for repair.

9.2 A quote is expected shortly for an additional light in Aldis Road.

10. PARISH PLAN

A few residents have offered to help with the processing of the questionnaire replies.

11. ACLE REGATTA AND MAY DAY EVENT

Plans for both events are progressing well.

12. FLASHING SPEED SIGN FOR A1064

No quotation has been received yet.

Councillors discussed other methods of slowing down drivers' speed.

13. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

13.1 The fencing around the new allotments has been ordered.

13.2 It was agreed to investigate larger compost bins or alternative arrangements for the cemetery.

14. FINANCE

£

Receipts:

Acle Borderland Trust - reimb donation	590.00
SWPC - reimb costs	7.48
Memorial fee	15.00
May Day Event deposits	155.00
BDC - delegated functions	5,305.30

Cheques for payment:

EON - electricity DD	531.44
Inland Revenue - PAYE & NIC	616.19
Mick Ward - cleaning	740.17
Pauline James - clerk's fee and exps	790.32
Zurich Insurance	3,141.54
Acle Methodists - room hire	37.50
T T Jones - lighting repairs	279.53
Garden Guardian - grass cutting	721.16
Broads Internal Drainage Board	48.51
NCAPTC - subs	353.23
Acle PCC - grass cutting	1,000.00
Norfolk Pension	149.29
NCS - grass cutting	72.14
Wilkersons - supplies	21.05
Acle Village Events Committee - deposits	160.00
SWPC - share of costs	57.19
NPFA - subs	20.00

The above cheques were authorised.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Annual Parish Council Meeting - Monday, 21st May 2007.

Tony Hemmingway and Chris Dove were thanked for their time on the parish council. Tony offered to continue to hang the lights on the Christmas tree on The Green and to purchase some new strings of lights as some had been vandalised last year.

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

Signed.....
Chairman

Dated: 21st May 2007