

# **Acle Parish Council**

Meeting Date: Monday, 24th April 2006  
Venue: Methodist Church, Bridewell Lane, Acle  
Time: 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mr B Brooks, Mr R Clarke, Mr B Coveley, 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. Matters raised included the bus shelter at Hermitage Close. PC Hargreaves gave a report on recent crimes in the village.

## **2. APOLOGIES** Mrs D Fisher

## **3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

None.

**4. MINUTES** The minutes of the meetings held on 27th March and 10th April 2006 were signed as correct by the Chairman.

## **5. MATTERS ARISING**

5.1 Norfolk County Council has suggested refreshing the lines on the road, on A1064, and improve the conspicuousness of the terminal signs by cutting back vegetation and using yellow backing boards. It was agreed to request further assistance with this problem.

## **6. CORRESPONDENCE**

6.1 A resident has complained about some ground needing to be levelled at the cemetery. Mick Ward will be asked to do this shortly.

6.2 A letter was received from Richard Powell expressing his concern at the decision not to give a grant to the Acle Out-of-School Club. Nigel Law has advised the Out of School Club to consider merging with the Pre-School to obtain charitable status as this would help fundraising.

6.3 A resident has reported that the tiles at the Damgate Lane play area need cleaning as they are becoming slippery. These will be cleaned shortly.

6.4 Acle High School has requested permission to speak at one of the Council's meetings to increase councillors' awareness of the School's progress and plans for the future. The clerk has sent details of future dates.

6.5 The clerk distributed an article from the EDP on design advice for housing to reduce crime.

6.6 Don Wilkins, Home Watch Co-ordinator for Acle has sent some information on plans for increased policing in the area. The local Home Watch Association has nominated PC Paul Fox for an award.

6.7 There was a report of some ragwort at Acle Lands Trust. The trustees are aware and will try to cut it back before it flowers.

## **7. PLANNING MATTERS**

7.1 Plans discussed at the meeting:

i) **Acle Service Station** - two internally illuminated single sided 6 sheet free standing display units. The councillors objected to the plans feeling that the advertisement boards represented an over-development of the site and would be distracting to motorists.

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

i) **Mrs Lambert, First Floor Barclays Bank** - change of use and conversion of first floor offices to two flats- full approval

ii) **Mr & Mrs Harrison, Lilacs, Middlesex Lane** - erection of garage - full approval

iii) **Mr Minors, Church View, 2 The Street** - first floor side extension (revised proposal) - full approval.

iv) **Mr & Mrs Day, The Limes, The Street** - 1. Demolition of storage buildings, 2. Erection of 3 single storey dwellings and 10 two storey flats with associated facilities for communal housing of elderly - full approval.

The councillors agreed to write to BDC to raise the issue of the parking provision for this development.

## **8. HIGHWAY MATTERS**

8.1 It was agreed to thank NCC for removing the railings at the crossing in Norwich Road.

8.2 It was reported that the footpath between Acle Straight and the railway is in a poor condition.

8.3 It was also reported that the dyke at the entrance to Damgate Woods is full of weed and needs digging out.

## **9. STREET LIGHTING**

The clerk and Rodney Perry met with Couzens Lighting, who suggested more modern lighting for the Folly Tree and surrounding properties. The estimated cost for lighting for the Folly Tree is £1,000 plus installation. It was agreed to give this some consideration.

#### **10. PARISH PLAN**

The next meeting of the committee is Wednesday, 26th April.

#### **11. CEMETERY EXTENSION**

NCC has advised that the Parish Council would need to approach BDC to request that they make a compulsory purchase order on behalf of the Parish Council. Costs for the order will be about £2,000. It was agreed to write to BDC.

#### **12. ACLE REGATTA**

Insurance for this event is £52.50. Everyone taking part will be required to have their own insurance. Mike Kippen has confirmed that this is a requirement of entry. Brian Grint is to continue to liaise with the committee.

#### **13. FINANCE**

£

##### **Receipts:**

BDC - street naming	24.20
Bank interest	0.19
SWPC - reimb. costs	25.41
Memorial fees	265.00

##### **Cheques for payment:**

Inland Revenue - PAYE & NIC	577.06
M Ward - cleaning	717.11
P James - clerk's fee and exps	691.02
Nfk Pension	131.64
Nfk Pension - 05/06	38.84
Norfolk County Services - Grass cutting	69.63
Wilkersons - supplies	20.17
T T Jones - lighting repairs	126.98
J Fiddy - reimb. memorial fees	50.00
Nfk. Playing Field Ass'n - subs	20.00
Acle Rec'n Centre - Room hire	7.93
Acle Methodists - Room hire	36.00
Zurich Municipal - insurance	3,057.01
Zurich Municipal - Regatta insurance	52.50
Zurich Municipal - subs Health & Safety	153.34
Hugh Crane Cleaning Equip't	36.57
Garden Guardian - grass cutting	634.50
NCAPTC - subs	336.83
EON UK - electricity DD	455.35

#### **14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Monday, 22nd May 2006.**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.12 p.m.

Signed.....  
Chairman

Dated: 22nd May 2006