

# Acle Parish Council

## Chairman's Report for the year ended 31st March 2007

The Parish Council has commented on over thirty planning applications over the year, as well as having managed Pyebush Cemetery, paid for the grass cutting and street light repairs around the village and dealt with many items of correspondence and consultations. The councillors also manage the Fletcher Room which is let to the Acle Pre-School and Acle Out of School Club, including holiday play schemes. A new bus shelter was purchased for the A1064, by Hermitage Close, helped by a grant from Norfolk County Council. New Christmas lights were bought for the Folly Tree, to replace those which had broken, and more are planned for this coming year. The Council is also investigating the purchase of a flashing speed sign for A1064 to help to reduce drivers' speeds along that stretch of road.

The Parish Plan Committee has been busy processing the questionnaires returned by residents last year. If you are able to help process the forms and have access to Excel on your computer please contact Brian Grint on 750039 or [brian.grint@btinternet.com](mailto:brian.grint@btinternet.com). A leaflet detailing the results will then be delivered to all Acle homes and the village can then start working towards delivering some of the short and long-term aims highlighted in residents' comments and responses.

The Council has made several donations during the year including Acle PCC for grass cutting at the Churchyard, the Citizens Advice Bureau, the Norfolk Accident Rescue Service, the Royal British Legion and the Acle Archive Group.

The councillors put up the precept by 3.5% for the coming year, calculated such that expected parish income should equal expected spending for the year. The precept costs, on average, £1.64 per adult, per month. Accounts will be prepared in time for the Annual Parish Council Meeting on 21st May and copies can be obtained from the clerk, Pauline James, on 751070 or [Paulinejames@aol.com](mailto:Paulinejames@aol.com). Pauline can also be contacted about street lighting repairs, potholes, planning applications, details of the Fletcher Room and other village matters.

I should like to thank the eleven other councillors for their hard work and commitment over the past year. Thanks go also to the many other volunteers and voluntary groups who work in the village, including Acle Society and Acle Lands Trust. Mick Ward is employed by the Council to help keep the village tidy and Chris James kept our hanging baskets watered through the Summer.

I also wish to thank Brian Iles, our County Councillor, and Charlotte Casimir, our District Councillor, for their work behind the scenes. The councillors have also been very pleased by the regular attendance of PC Neil Hargreaves, PCSO Russell Oldham and PCSO Jonathan Morgan-Jones at the monthly meetings.

Parish Council meetings are held on the last Monday of every month, except when there is a bank holiday, when the date is moved forward by one week. There is no meeting planned for August. Meetings are held in the Methodist Church hall at 7.30 p.m., and all residents are very welcome. Details of the items to be discussed are published on the noticeboard in The Street.