

Acle Parish Council

Meeting Date: Monday, 18th December 2006
Venue: Methodist Church, Bridewell Lane, Acle
Time: 7.30 p.m.

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

1. PUBLIC FORUM

There were ten members of the public present. Matters raised included thanks to Nigel Law and his helpers for the successful Christmas Fair.

2. APOLOGIES Mr R Clarke, Mr B Coveley, Mr C Dove, Mr B Grint, Brian Iles
(County Councillor) PC Hargreaves

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

None.

4. MINUTES The minutes of the meeting held on 27th November 2006 were signed as correct by the Chairman.

5. MATTERS ARISING

5.1 NCC has stated that flashing speed signs cost £3,000 plus the connection to the electricity supply. The mobile "smiley face" signs are available for temporary sitings around the district and the clerk has requested the signs for the Reedham Road entrance to the village.

5.2 The new Christmas lights were put up in time for the Christmas Fair. An ants hill had filled the supply pillar with soil rendering the connections unusable. A lighting engineer was called out to fit new equipment. Thanks to Tony Hemmingway and Festivalite for helping with this.

5.3 Nicholas Crane has said that he does not wish to create a permissive path along his field between Mill lane and South Walsham Road at present because of health and safety concerns. He might be willing to consider this again at some future date.

5.4 The area around the new bus shelter needs filling in and the shrubs need pruning.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 BDC has invited councils to take part in a pilot project to create a network of local young people who would act as representatives for their area. It was agreed to investigate this further.

6.2 It was agreed to join the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England for a year.

6.3 A summary of the Government's White Paper has been received from NALC and will be circulated.

7. PLANNING MATTERS

7.1 Plans discussed at the meeting:

- i) **Mr O'Farrell, Mill Reach Farm, Halvergate** - infilling of mooring cut, demolition of boat shelter, new and replacement quay heading and boardwalk. The councillors had no objections to the plans.
- ii) **Mr & Mrs Pegram, 13 New Close** - single storey rear extension. The councillors had no objections to the plans.
- iii) **Mr & Mrs Nichols, Far End, Pyebush Lane** - single storey extensions. The councillors had no objections to the plans.

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

- i) **Executors of Mr Symonds, adj. 17 Damgate Close** - bungalow (outline) - outline refusal.
- ii) **Lloyds TSB** - replacement fascia and projecting sign - advertisement approval.
- iii) **Mr & Mrs Miller-Fik, 19 Mill Lane** - porch extension - full approval.
- iv) **Mr Sorrell, 2 Bensley Close** - erect 1.8m high close boarded fence - full approval.

8. HIGHWAY MATTERS

8.1 A pothole was reported at the exit of Barclays Bank car park.

8.2 Garden Guardian has agreed to match the contract price for the verge cutting.

9. STREET LIGHTING

No matters were raised.

10. PARISH PLAN

Barry Coveley has started processing the forms.

11. NORWICH CITY COUNCIL'S PROPOSAL TO BECOME A UNITARY AUTHORITY

NCC has sent information on the proposed bid by Norwich City Council to become a unitary authority; NCC and BDC oppose the move, believing that it will be costly, inefficient and unworkable. The councillors decided to object strongly to the scheme as they believe that it will be very costly to ratepayers and offers no advantages for Acle.

12. ACLE CHRISTMAS FAIR

Much good feedback has been received.

13. BUDGET

The finance committee presented a draft budget, which recommended a precept of £44,500, representing an increase of 3.49%. This was agreed. The clerk's fee of scale point 27 for 12.5 hours per week was agreed, and cemetery fees were increased slightly.

14. FINANCE	£
Receipts:	
UPC - reimb. Exps	6.93
SWPC - reimb. Exps	6.93
UPC - reimb. Exps	28.50
SWPC - reimb. Exps	20.00
Memorial fees	55.00
Grazing fee	212.00
 Cheques for payment:	
P James - office furniture	492.89
M Ward - cleaning	539.26
M Ward - reimb. Plumbing repairs	75.00
R Badham - plumbing repairs	160.00
Inland Revenue - PAYE & NIC	476.79
D Willgress - work at Beighton Rd play area	47.00
P James - clerk's fee and exps	613.40
First Glass - repairs to mirror	70.89
Festivelite - new Christmas lights	2,018.89
Flameskill - testing at Fletcher Room	30.74
T T Jones - lighting repairs	628.57
Sth Walsham PC - share of exps	32.39
Norfolk Pension	135.52
Acle Community Archive Group	500.00
B Tibbenham - chairman's allowance	45.00
NCAPTC - Link subscription	36.00
CPRE membership	25.00

These amounts were approved and the cheques signed.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Monday, 29th January 2007

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25 p.m.

Signed.....
Chairman

Dated: 29th January 2007