

Acle Parish Council

Meeting Date: Monday, 17th December 2007
Venue: Methodist Church, Bridewell Lane, Acle
Time: 7.30 p.m.

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

1. PUBLIC FORUM

There were twelve members of the public present, together with Brian Iles (County Councillor). Matters raised included changes to parking restrictions. The clerk was asked to arrange a site meeting with concerned residents and businesses to discuss the proposals further.

2. **APOLOGIES** Mr B Brooks, Mrs E Elliott, Mrs D Fisher and Mr N Law.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

John Harriss declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the Out of School Club as his granddaughter attends the Club.

4. **MINUTES** The minutes of the meeting held on 26th November 2007 were signed as correct by the Chairman.

5. MATTERS ARISING

5.1 A letter of thanks has been received from the East Anglian Air Ambulance for the donation of £75.

5.2 The Royal British Legion has written to say that the local appeal raised £5,034.

5.3 Broadland District Council has stated that it is not possible to add a clause to restrict light pollution to planning permissions, but that the Council can add its concerns about lights on a new property and this will be taken into account when determining the application.

5.4 The Council has been awarded Quality Parish Council Status; the presentation will be at the Annual Parish Meeting in April and Keith Simpson MP will attend to present the certificate. Thanks to all those who helped with the application.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 Councillors had no objections to a consultation on flight paths and emergency holding patterns at Norwich Airport.

6.2 The Parochial Church Council has written to request a donation towards the grass cutting at Acle St Edmunds Church. It was decided to give a grant of £1,000.

6.3 A report into monitoring of vehicle speeds along Reedham Road was received. The Police were to be asked to carry out further checks.

7. PLANNING MATTERS

7.1 Plans discussed at the meeting:

- i) **Mr Bayfield, Ivy House, The Street** - change of use of ground floor room to residential use (retrospective). Councillors had no objections to the plans.
- ii) **Mr Philpot & Mrs Pembroke, Charnwood, 52 Old Road** - erection of dwelling. The councillors decided to object to the proposals as they felt that the plans represented an over-development of the site and the house would be out-of-keeping with neighbouring properties.
- iii) Environment Agency - There were no objections to the plans for flood alleviation works.

7.2 John Harriss, Lana Hemsall and the clerk reported on a useful planning training session organised by the NCAPTC.

8. HIGHWAY MATTERS

Nothing to report.

9. STREET LIGHTING

9.1 The Christmas lights have all been switched on and it was agreed that the village centre looked very festive. Halls Builders Merchants in Reedham Road were thanked for transporting the Christmas tree.

9.2 It was agreed to investigate whether a new street light is needed by Crossway Terrace, when the existing light has been repaired.

10. PARISH PLAN

Processing of replies continues.

11. OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB

(John Harriss declared a personal and prejudicial interest as his granddaughter attends the Club and took no part in the discussion or voting.)

After some discussion it was agreed to extend the rent free period for the Club until the end of March while they considered further options.

12. BUDGET AND PRECEPT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2009

The estimated accounts for the year ending 31st March 2008 and the budget for the year ending 31st March 2009 were presented and discussed. The Finance Committee recommendations were approved; the precept remains at £44,500, the clerk's fee was approved at scale point 30 for 12.5 hours per week and cleaning wages were increased to £6.05 per hour. Cemetery fees were increased slightly. It is estimated that income will equal expenditure for the year. £26,050 was

transferred to earmarked reserves for repairs and renewal of parish assets and for future capital projects.

13. FINANCE

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Receipts:

SWPC - share of exps	21.50
Burial and memorial fees	210.00
Acle Recreation Centre - final repayment of loan	11,000.00

Cheques for payment:

Veolia - skip hire dd	85.61
EON - electricity dd	532.06
John Harriss - travel exps	15.60
PHS Group - waste disposal	57.58
Wilkersons - consumables	38.10
NCAPTC - Link Magazine	36.00
Hugh Crane Cleaning Equipment - consumables	44.58
SWPC - share of SLCC subscription	72.50
Acle Pre-School - fire safety signs	6.60
PSG Electrical - testing	74.02
G Rope - plumbing work at Fletcher Room	105.00
T T Jones - lighting repairs	609.54
Inland Revenue - PAYE & NIC	526.10
Norfolk Pension	159.08
Mick Ward - cleaning	555.32
P James - clerk's fee and exps	644.62
Basil Tibbenham - chairman's allowance	45.00

Brian Grint reported that the Acle Lands Trust is to apply for a grant from Shell UK.

21. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Monday, 28th January 2008.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

Signed.....
Chairman

Dated: 28th January 2007