

## **Acle Parish Council**

Meeting Date: Monday, 27th February 2006  
Venue: Methodist Church, Bridewell Lane, Acle  
Time: 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mr B Coveley, Mr C Dove, Mrs E Elliott, Mr B Grint,  
Mr J Harriss, Mr R Perry, Mr B Tibbenham (Chairman).

The meeting began with a talk by Jenny Manser from the Sustainable Communities Partnership. Jenny explained that she works to support parishes to keep communities sustainable, including affordable housing for local people. She investigates different ways of acquiring land and works with parishes and housing associations. Jenny was thanked for her talk and she was invited to attend the next Parish Plan meeting to advise on questions to add to the questionnaire.

### **1. PUBLIC FORUM**

There were ten members of the public present. Matters raised included flooding on the northern station footpath and graffiti on the underpass wall. PC Neil Hargreaves gave a report on recent issues.

**2. APOLOGIES** Mr B Brooks, Mrs D Fisher, Mr A Hemmingway, Brian Iles (County Councillor) and Charlotte Casimir (District Councillor).

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

None.

**4. MINUTES** The minutes of the meeting held on 30th January 2006 were signed as correct by the Chairman.

### **5. MATTERS ARISING**

5.1 John Harriss, Rodney Perry, Barry Brooks and the clerk met with an officer from NCC Highways. He confirmed that the request for a crossing on Bridewell Lane was already on the list for an assessment and it was hoped that this would be carried out in Spring 2007. NCC does not feel that funding for an additional crossing in South Walsham Road would be possible. He agreed to the need for a dropped kerb at the junction of Old Road and Bridewell Lane. He also agreed to ask his staff to investigate the noise levels at the crossing in The Street but felt that this had been set low because of the adjacent domestic properties.

The officer responsible for traffic issues was not able to attend and will arrange a later meeting to discuss traffic speeds on A1064 and parking around the Green,

5.2 Some of the barriers at the crossing in Norwich Road have been removed, as requested.

5.3 A further complaint has been received about the permissive path from Mill Lane to Norwich Road. The clerk was asked to contact Norfolk County Farms about this and about damage to the footway on A47 sliproad.

## **6. CORRESPONDENCE**

6.1 BDC has invited nominations for the Green Award 2006 - for projects completed between 31st May 2004 and 30th April 2006.

6.2 Nominations are requested for trustees for the Acle War Memorial Recreation Centre. It was agreed to re-appoint Mr B Brooks, Mr B Coveley, Mr C Dove, Mrs E Elliott, Mr A Hemmingway, Mr Brian Grint, Mr R Perry, Mr N Pryor, Mr B Tibbenham.

6.3 The Broads Authority has sent details of the Local Development Scheme.

6.4 BDC has sent formal notice that the electoral cycle for BDC will change from electing by thirds to a four year cycle. This will also affect parish council elections and means that the next election will be 3rd May 2007.

6.5 The Royal British Legion wishes to install a handrail to access the war memorial in the churchyard and to remove the box hedging to level the area around the memorial and to add paving. The councillors were happy to give approval for this work.

6.6 BDC has sent revised contracts for the delegated functions; monitoring of street cleaning, street naming and numbering and maintenance of public conveniences. These were approved and signed.

6.7 Acle Out of School Club has requested a grant towards its running costs. Since Government grants ceased the Club is running at a loss of about £300 per month. Those councillors who are members of the Fletcher Room Management Committee reported on a meeting with representatives of the Club who had explained that they believe the Club serves the community well as a childminding option, especially as it is more flexible than a childminder and because it links in with the Primary School. It was not believed that there are sufficient childminders in the area to absorb the children if the Club were to close. It is believed that further funding for Out of School Clubs will be available from the Government in a few months' time as the Government is keen for all schools to offer before and after school facilities.

Councillors expressed their concern that the Club was not financially viable but felt that they could not give a grant to an organisation which would benefit only a small number of local families in the village. They also felt it would be inappropriate to give money to the Club since it is a business in competition with local childminders

## **7. PLANNING MATTERS**

7.1 Plans discussed at the meeting:

- i) **Mr & Mrs Nicholls, Far End, Pyebush Lane** - single storey side extension replacing existing garage. There were no objections to the plans.
- ii) **Mrs N Lambert, Barclays Bank** - change of use and conversion of first floor offices into 2 flats. The councillors supported the plans.
- iii) **Mr & Mrs Harrison, Lilacs, Middlesex Lane** - erection of garage. There were no objections to the plans

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

- i) **P & J Adams, 19 Old Road** - 1. Non-compliance with condition No: 10 on PP 011517 (retention of hedge) 2. Replacement with 1.8m high close board fencing - full approval.
- ii) **Travelodge** - illuminated free standing monolith sign - Broads advertising approval.

### **8. HIGHWAY MATTERS**

8.1 The northern footpath to the station is badly flooded again. This has been reported but it was suggested that One Railways are reluctant/unable to carry out repairs as the land either side of the footpath is not owned by them.

8.2 It was reported that the surface of the footway in St Edmunds Road is damaged.

8.3 The Rev'd Dan Bond is hoping to obtain some grants toward the cost of an information board at the river directing people towards village facilities. It was agreed that the parish Council would take on the insurance for this.

### **9. STREET LIGHTING**

A few lights were reported for repair.

### **10. PARISH PLAN**

A grant of £205 has been awarded by BDC towards the cost of carrying out the plan. The Archive Group has offered to lend its projection equipment for the open day. The next meeting of the Parish Plan committee will be 17th March.

### **11. CEMETERY EXTENSION**

The clerk wrote on 2nd February asking Mr Molineux, the land owner, if he would be willing to meet to discuss selling additional land to the Parish Council and the Recreation Centre. No reply has been received. The councillors asked the clerk to obtain legal advice as to possible next steps.

### **12. BUS SHELTER**

A quote of £650 from Queensbury to install a concrete base for bus shelter was accepted. No information has been received from NCC about a possible grant but councillors accepted that the Council might have to bear the full cost of the shelter.

### **13. ACLE REGATTA**

A form has been received from Zurich Insurance and sent to the Sailing Club for completion so that a quote can be obtained for insurance for the regatta. Brian Grint has met with the committee organising the event.

### **14. EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES POLICY**

The policy was approved.

### **15. FINANCE**

#### **Receipts:**

	<b>£</b>
BDC - delegated functions	64.50

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

Inland Revenue - PAYE & NIC	129.38
P James - clerk's fee and exps	669.14
M Ward - cleaning and maintenance	456.18
Copy IT - copying	3.31
R Wilkersons - supplies	17.48
T T Jones - lighting repairs	191.16
Nfk Pension	118.86
SWPC - share of stationery	82.44
Zurich Municipal - training on cemeteries	80.00

### **16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Monday, 27th March 2006.**

### **17. CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR**

**At this point it was resolved under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 to exclude members of the public to discuss the co-option of a new councillor.**

Nigel Law, Lana Hemsall and Kirsteen Gilmour introduced themselves and explained their interest in the village. They were then asked to leave the room while councillors discussed the candidates. After some discussion it was agreed by a majority to appoint Nigel Law.

The candidates were thanked for their interest in the Parish Council, encouraged to attend the Parish Plan meetings and invited to stand for election in 2007.

There being no further business the meeting was closed.

Signed.....  
Chairman

Dated: 27th March 2006