

Acle Parish Council

Meeting Date: Monday, 26th February 2007
Venue: Methodist Church, Bridewell Lane, Acle
Time: 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mr R Clarke, Mr B Coveley, Mrs E Elliott, Mr B Grint,
Mr J Harriss, Mr A Hemmingway, 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 the forthcoming Safer Neighbourhood Team for the area, based at Acle. Brian also talked about the Stairway initiative which is to look into reasons for local crime. There was also a complaint about dog mess on pavements.

2. **APOLOGIES** Mr B Brooks, Mr C Dove, Mrs D Fisher, Mr N Law.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Brian Grint declared a personal interest in the plans for Oxcroft.

4. **MINUTES** The minutes of the meeting held on 29th January 2007 were signed as correct by the Chairman.

5. MATTERS ARISING

5.1 The clerk sent a second email to NCC confirming the Parish Council's objections to Norwich City Council's bid for Unitary Status. It was believed that the bid had been unsuccessful but it now appears that Norwich City Council is still hopeful that it will be successful.

5.2 The lights at the zebra crossing on Norwich Road have been moved as requested.

5.3 The Citizens Advice Bureau has sent a letter of thanks for the Council's donation of £50.

5.4 A letter of objection was received concerning the planning application at 72 Old Road.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 BDC has requested that the hedge adjacent to Mardling Run be cut back. The clerk was asked to check the deeds to see if the parish council handed over the ownership of the hedge on the sale of the land for housing.

6.2 The Home Office has sent details of the proposed use for RAF Coltishall; it is planned to use the property as a removal centre for failed asylum seekers, but it is stressed that no serving criminals will be housed there.

6.3 Residents are invited to attend the Broadland Flood Alleviation Project Stakeholder Forum on 3rd April at the Recreation Centre from 10.30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

6.4 BDC has sent a copy of the adopted cascade system for allocating affordably housing built on exception sites; the new system offers houses first to people who have lived in the village for at least three of the last ten years.

6.5 Details have been received of a review of the Quality Town and Parish Council Scheme; it has been confirmed that councils will require 80% of councillors to be elected to meet the requirements of the scheme. It is also anticipated that the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Bill, which received a first reading in the House of Commons in December 2006, may extend the power of well-being to all parish councils that satisfy the criteria based on the Quality Parish Scheme and there may be the introduction of a statutory scheme.

6.6 The revised contract with PSH for waste disposal at the public toilets was signed.

6.7 The Broads Authority has invited councillors to attend a meeting to explain the changes to the planning service in the Broads area at Upton Village Hall on Friday, 23rd March at 7.00 p.m.

7. PLANNING MATTERS

7.1 Plans discussed at the meeting:

i) **Mr Vincent and Ms Dewath - Mill Farm, Old Road** - demolition of house and erection of replacement two storey dwelling. There were no objections to the plans.

ii) **Mr Vincent and Ms Dewath - Mill Farm** - demolition of pole barn and erection of outbuilding for storage/garaging. There were no objections to the plans.

iii) **Mr Vincent and Ms Dewath - Mill Farm** - conversion of pole barn to one unit of holiday accommodation. There were no objections to the plans.

iv) **Mr Vincent and Ms Dewath - Mill Farm** - conversion of former dairy building to one unit of holiday accommodation. There were no objections to the plans.

v) **Mr & Mrs Bruce, 8 Oxcroft** - two storey side extension. There were no objections to the plans.

vi) **Mr Stott, Westview, New Road** - first floor side extension. There were no objections to the plans.

vii) **Mr & Mrs Armes, land adj 72 Old Road** - dwelling (outline) (amended). There were no objections to the plans.

8. HIGHWAY MATTERS

- 8.1 A drain was reported to be blocked at Barclays Bank.
- 8.2 Repairs to footways in Reedham Road have left a large depression.
- 8.3 Repairs are needed to the footway near to Damgate Wood.
- 8.4 There were repeated complaints about flooding in Aldis Road.
- 8.5 The northern footpath to the station has been badly flooded for several months.
- 8.6 There has been some graffiti at the cemetery.

9. STREET LIGHTING

No details have been received on improving lighting on Aldis Road.

10. PARISH PLAN

Replies are being processed.

11. ACLE LANDS TRUST AND RECREATION CENTRE

Barry Brooks, Barry Coveley, Adam Fisher, Brian Grint and Rodney Perry were re-appointed as trustees of the Lands Trust.

Barry Brooks, Barry Coveley, Chris Dove, Evelyn Elliott, Brian Grint, Tony Hemmingway, Nigel Law and Norman Pryor were re-appointed trustees of the Recreation Centre.

12. REVISED CODE OF CONDUCT

Changes - a member declaring a prejudicial interest may remain in the room to explain the situation under discussion before leaving the room while the council debates and votes on the issue.

Members who are also members of another public body need not declare a personal interest in matters concerning that body unless finance is being discussed.

The councillors had no comments on the revisions.

13. FINANCE

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Receipts:

Beighton Parish Council	17.18
Sth Walsham Parish Council	49.58
Burial fees	120.00
Acle Allotments - reimb water	36.74

Cheques for payment:

Inland Revenue - PAYE & NIC	562.81
M Ward - cleaning	477.06
P James - clerk's fee and training	835.06
Norfolk Pension	135.52
Wilkersons - supplies	28.64

Hugh Crane Cleaning Equipment	36.78
Audit Commission	411.25
Copy IT	45.28
PSG Electrical - repairs at Fletcher Room	468.35
Nfk RCC - subs	25.00
T T Jones - lighting repairs	92.53

The above amounts were approved.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Monday, 26th March 2007.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

Signed.....
Chairman

Dated: 26th March 2007