

Acle Parish Council

Meeting Date: Monday, 23rd February 2009
Venue: Methodist Church, Bridewell Lane, Acle
Time: 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mr B Brooks, Mr R Clarke,, Mr D Dickeson
Mrs E Elliott, Mrs D Fisher, Mr B Grint, Mr J Harriss,
Mr N Law, Mr B Tibbenham (Chairman).

1. PUBLIC FORUM

There were twelve members of the public present, together with Brian Iles (County Councillor) Matters raised included a request for more allotments, information on the website and comments on a planning application for Rose Farm. Brian Iles gave a report on the Councils' budgets and on funding issues for road maintenance.

2. **APOLOGIES** Mr B Coveley, Mrs L Hemsall and Mr R Perry.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Evelyn Elliott declared a personal interest in the application for a grant from the Parochial Church Council as she is a member of that organisation.

4. **MINUTES** The minutes of the meeting held on 26th January 2009 were signed as correct by the Chairman.

5. MATTERS ARISING

5.1 Basil Tibbenham and John Harriss reported on the Larger Parish Councils Meeting at Cromer and Nigel Law and John Harriss reported on the Police Authority Meeting.

5.2 There was no news on the proposal to start a Credit Union in the village.

5.3 Brian Grint gave a report.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 It was agreed to give a donation of £75 to the Norfolk Accident Rescue Service. (S.137)

6.2 It was also agreed to give a donation of £75 to the Citizens Advice Bureau.

6.3 There was a request for a grant towards the grass cutting at Acle St Edmund's Church. It was agreed to pay £1250 towards the cost, in the coming financial year. (Evelyn Elliott declared a personal interest as she is a member of the PCC.)

6.4 Details of a campaign to join up Cambridge to Bedford by a rail service have been received.

6.5 Broadland District Council has sent details of new gel-filled flood defence bags, to replace sandbags. This was noted but it was not felt necessary to purchase any for the village.

6.6 BESL has invited residents to attend a public exhibition on the flood alleviation project on 7th April from 10.30 am to 8 p.m..

7. PLANNING MATTERS

7.1 Plans discussed at the meeting:

i) **Mr Shepherd, Rose Farm, Carters Loke** - erection of 3.8m high walled enclosure, 4 greenhouses, storage hut and two single storey machinery/vehicle store. After some discussion it was agreed, by a majority, to object to the application. The councillors had no objection to the market garden as such, but were unhappy about the scale of the proposed wall and felt that the buildings were out-of-scale with surrounding properties. It was also reported that the statement of sole access was untrue. Roger Clarke wished to record that he voted against the Council's decision. Brian Iles offered to contact Charlotte Casimir to request that the application be called in to the Planning Committee.

7.2 Brian Grint reported that Norfolk County Council would be erecting two noticeboards showing the Burlingham Walks; one board at the Recreation Centre car park and one by the public conveniences.

8. HIGHWAY MATTERS

8.1 It was requested that bus stop markings be painted on the New Road by the new bus stop and that double yellow lines be considered on the other side of the road.

8.2 It was agreed to request prices for a new shelter.

8.3 Several pot holes were reported for repair.

9. STREET LIGHTING

Several lights were reported for repair.

10. RECREATION CENTRE TRUSTEES

It was agreed to appoint Barry Brooks, Barry Coveley, David Dickeson, Chris Dove, Brian Grint, Nigel Law, Rodney Perry and Norman Pryor as trustees. One vacancy remains.

11. DELEGATED FUNCTIONS

It was agreed to approve the revised contracts for the delegated functions. John Harriss was thanked for reviewing the contracts.

12. CEMETERY EXTENSION

The clerk was asked to contact the landowner of the land adjacent to the cemetery to ask if the Council could purchase some additional land.

13. FINANCE

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Receipts:

Grazing fee	220.00
Memorial and burial fees	615.00
BDC - street naming and numbering	61.58

Cheques for payment:

Veolia - skip hire DD	103.05
E On - electricity DD	521.56
Hugh Crane Cleaning Equipment	76.70
HM Rev & Customs - PAYE month 7	603.43
HM Rev & Customs - PAYE month 11	506.07
M Ward - cleaning	551.50
P James - clerk's fee, del functions and course	1,092.71
T T Jones - lighting repairs	2,131.03
Norfolk Pension	133.10
G Rope - repairs at Fletcher Room	25.00
Acle St Edmunds Primary - electricity	2,933.84
Blockbuster - maintenance	140.88
PSG Electrical - repairs	309.06
Shaw & Sons - new burial register	204.93
J Nudd - work at cemetery	80.00
B Green - work at cemetery	80.00
Nfk CC - design work for signage	250.00
J Harriss - exps	35.80
Sue Taylor - Christmas lights	100.00

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Monday, 30th March 2009.

At this point it was resolved under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 to exclude members of the public to discuss maintenance of the public conveniences.

15. MAINTENANCE AT PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

The clerk gave a report. It was agreed to await advice from Broadland District Council.

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

Signed.....
Chairman

Dated: 30th March 2009