

Acle Parish Council

Meeting Date: Monday, 30th January 2006
Venue: Methodist Church, Bridewell Lane, Acle
Time: 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mr B Brooks, Mr B Coveley, Mrs E Elliott, Mrs D Fisher,
Mr B Grint, Mr J Harriss, Mr A Hemmingway,
Mr B Tibbenham (Chairman).

1. PUBLIC FORUM

There were eight members of the public present, together with Brian Iles (County Councillor) and the Police Community Support Officers who answered questions from the councillors and the public. Peter Glanville gave a talk on the work of the Acle Churches Together Youth Project. Matters raised included the warning noise on the crossing in The Street being barely audible, progress on the traffic on A1064, dog litter bins and vandalism at the public toilets.

2. APOLOGIES Mr R Clarke, Mr C Dove, Mr R Perry,

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

John Harriss and Evelyn Elliott declared an interest in the donation to the Acle Churches Together Youth Project as members of the PCC.

4. MINUTES The minutes of the meeting held on 19th December 2005 were signed as correct by the Chairman.

5. MATTERS ARISING

5.1 There has been no request for an election so the councillors may co-opt a resident to fill the casual vacancy.

5.2 The youth club has requested a cheque made payable to NCC, instead of a donation. This was agreed.

5.3 NCC agreed to remove some of the railings at the crossing in Norwich Road but this has not been done yet.

5.4 Diane Fisher and John Harriss reported on the meeting they attended on the proposed amalgamation of the police forces in adjacent counties.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 The Office of the Deputy Prime Minister has sent a copy of a discussion paper on standards of conduct in local government.

6.2 NCC has announced that the Acle area Flexabus will end on 1st April; it is hoped to continue the Filby to Acle run at work times however.

6.3 NCC has sent a copy of the Norfolk Fire Authority's Safety Plan for 2006/07 for consultation.

6.4 The Broads Authority has sent its Local Development Framework: Core Strategy Preferred Options document for consultation.

6.5 Rev Glanville has presented the case for a grant towards the costs of the Acle Churches Together youth worker. The project aims to give alternatives to Acle young people. The youth worker works in the Primary School and the High School and does assemblies, runs sports sessions and a youth club. There is also a Monday Café after school, a meeting at the Stables for 17 & 18 year olds and it is hoped to set up a cinema club. A Saturday club has been started for younger children. The project costs £12,000 p.a. To run. Acle PCC contributes £3,000, Acle Methodists £3,500 and the Catholic Church £500. Several donations have been received, but it is expected that there will be a shortfall of about £5,000.

There was some discussion (John Harriss and Evelyn Elliott declared an interest and took no part on the discussion or voting,) and it was agreed to give a donation of £1,000.

6.6 The organisers of Acle Regatta have requested that the Parish Council takes on the insurance of the annual event. It was agreed that the Parish Council would get involved in the running of the event and would take on the insurance up to a cost of £100. Brian Grint offered to be the Parish Council representative and to report back to the full Council.

7. PLANNING MATTERS

7.1 During the month the Planning Sub-Committee considered the following applications:

i) **Ms Ludlow and Mr Dhesi, Hillside House, Damgate Lane** - change of use of annexe to holiday let. There were no objections to the plans so long as adequate off-road parking was provided.

ii) **Musgrave, Budgens, Norwich Road** - replacement signage. There were no objections to the plans.

7.2 Plans discussed at the meeting:

i) **Mr & Mrs Day, The Limes, The Street** - 1. Change of use of offices to single dwelling 2. Alterations to form two garages 3. Erection of wall. There were no objections to the plans.

ii) **Mr & Mrs Day, The Limes, The Street** - 1. Demolition of storage buildings 2. Erections of 3 single storey dwellings and 10 two storey flats with associated facilities for communal housing of elderly. After some discussion it was agreed to object to the plans as the councillors believed the parking provision was inadequate for the number of flats, especially as parking outside The Limes is already limited. It was agreed to note no objections to the concept of the building in principle.

iii) **Mr Debbage and Ms Stockwell, Bridgeside, Reedham Road** - alterations to form additional ground and first floor accommodation. There were no objections to the plans.

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

i) **Mr & Mrs Davis, 5 Englands Road** - single storey rear extension - full approval.

ii) **Acle Tennis Club** - replace 6 x 12m high floodlighting columns with 8 x 9m high floodlighting columns - full approval.

iii) **Travelodge** - illuminated signage - advertisement approval.

iv) **Mr & Mrs Lovett, 12 Nursery Close** - single storey extension - full approval.

v) **Mr & Mrs King, 34 Damgate Lane** - single storey side/rear extensions reposition conservatory at rear - full approval.

vi) The appeal by **Ms Trower, 2 Sydenham Close** against BDC's refusal of plans for a pitched roof over a single storey extension to provide an additional bedroom was dismissed by the Inspector. The decision concluded that the proposal would be an unacceptably dominant structure which would adversely affect the outlook of the occupiers of No:4 Charles Close.

8. HIGHWAY MATTERS

8.1 It was suggested that it might be useful to have road markings for the bus stop in The Street to avoid cars parking there.

8.2 There is some damage to the path at the end of Mill Lane, but it was agreed this was unavoidable with the farm traffic along this lane.

9. STREET LIGHTING

9.1 A few lights were reported for repair.

9.2 Quotes for replacement Christmas lights are to be obtained.

10. VILLAGE PLAN

The maximum grant of £1,500 has been awarded by DEFRA. The committee can now get on with the process of drafting the questionnaire.

11. CEMETERY EXTENSION

The Council would like to purchase additional land for an extension to the cemetery in Pyebush Lane. The clerk was asked to write to the landowner again to request a meeting to discuss the

possible sale. The Recreation Centre would like to request that an extension of land would include additional land for increase of its leisure facilities.

12. BUS SHELTER

The cost of the Queensbury 2m bus shelter is £4,084 + VAT, plus the cost of the base. Grants should be available from NCC. It was agreed to proceed with this.

13. FINANCE

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Receipts:

SWPC - reimb. costs	83.68
Upton PC - reimb. Costs	106.43
Cemetery fees	665.00
Nfk RCC - grant for village plan	1,500.00
Fletcher Room rent	8.50
EDF wayleaves	136.40
Christmas Event surplus	60.00
Sale of copier	25.00
Grazing rent - land at Springfield	208.00
BDC - del. functions income	86.70
Bank interest	0.45

Cheques for payment:

Wilkersons	17.20
Electricity DD	455.35
T T Jones - lighting repairs	427.12
Acle Methodists - room hire	36.00
Bunzl - cleaning supplies	394.87
Wilkersons - consumables	14.87
A C Clements - electrical work	70.26
Acle Recreation Centre - room hire	88.13
Inland Revenue - PAYE & NIC	373.72
Mick Ward - cleaning	513.56
P James - clerk's fee and exps	668.22
Norfolk Pension Fund	118.86
Hugh Crane Cleaning Equip.	49.68
SWPC - share of stationery	58.15
Nfk RCC - subs	25.00
Acle Primary School - electricity	888.09
NCC Youth Team	966.00
John Wilson - Christmas Tree	30.00
Acle Churches Together Youth Project	1,000.00

The signing of the lease for the new photocopier was approved at twenty quarterly payments of £84.60 + VAT.

It was further agreed to accept the maintenance contract from NCS at the Fletcher Room for £414.81 + VAT, although it was pointed out that some landscaping has taken place and the grass may be more difficult to cut this year and the cost may be higher.

The clerk had been asked by several councillors to ascertain the likely timetable for repayment of the remaining £21,000 of the loan to the Recreation Centre. It was confirmed that a part payment will be made this calendar year. Many councillors were unhappy that this letter had been written without full Council approval and it was agreed that decisions made by sub-committees should be reported to full Council meetings.

14. CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR

It was agreed to advertise the vacancy and to co-opt at the next meeting.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Monday, 27th February 2006.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.

Signed.....
Chairman

Dated: 27th February 2006