

Acle Parish Council

Meeting Date: Monday, 29th January 2007
Venue: Methodist Church, Bridewell Lane, Acle
Time: 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mr B Brooks, Mr R Clarke, Mr B Coveley, Mr C Dove,
Mrs E Elliott, Mr B Grint, Mr J Harriss, Mr A Hemmingway,
Mr N Law, Mr R Perry, Mr B Tibbenham (Chairman).

Before the meeting commenced there was a talk by Julia Hitchinson, head of PE at Acle High School, about the proposal to build a new sports hall at the school. It is planned to design an indoor sports facility with additional car parking, to which the local community would have access. It is expected to be the size of four badminton courts, with a spectators' gallery, storage and a fitness suite. The cost is estimated to be about £900,000.
The Parish Council gave its full support for the scheme.

1. PUBLIC FORUM

There were eight members of the public present, together with Brian Iles (County Councillor). PC Neil Hargreaves gave a report on recent crimes in the village and agreed to investigate the problem of cars being parked all day around the Green. Matters raised included the new bus shelter - Mr Weavers and John Harriss were thanked for their assistance in cutting back the shrubs around the shelter - and the post box on the corner of Englands Road. Brian Iles gave a brief report on County Council matters.

2. APOLOGIES Mrs D Fisher.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

John Harriss and Evelyn Elliott declared a personal interest in the consideration of a donation to the PCC for the grass cutting since they are both members of the PCC.

4. MINUTES The minutes of the meeting held on 18th December 2006 were signed as correct by the Chairman.

5. MATTERS ARISING

5.1 Reedham Parish Council has confirmed its objection to the proposed Unitary Status and offered to support Acle in its objections.

5.2 The Archive Group has sent thanks for the donation of £500 towards their running costs.

5.3 Mott Macdonald has said that the street light at the zebra crossing should be moved in early February.

5.4 A letter of thanks has been received from the Bridewell Home watch for the donation for the home watch sign.

5.5 There have been speed checks on Reedham Road.

5.6 John reported on the County Council's meeting to discuss Norwich City Council's bid for unitary status and the clerk was asked to send a further letter of objection from the parish council.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 BDC has asked if the parish would like any more recycling bins. It was agreed to await the result from a similarly worded question in the Parish Plan.

6.2 Acle Recreation Centre has sent its revised hire charges and agreement. Basil was authorised to sign the letting agreement on behalf of the Council.

6.3 Acle Pre-school has written with details of their changed proposal for the shading at the Fletcher Room. After some discussion it was agreed that this change cancelled the Parish Council's donation and the clerk was asked to request that the donation be repaid while the new scheme is considered.

6.4 BDC has invited councillors to attend a working day to launch its consultation on proposals to spend £220,000 government funding for play areas.

6.5 The Citizens Advice Bureau has asked for a donation. It was agreed to make a donation of £50.

6.6 Acle PCC has requested assistance with the grass cutting at the churchyard. It was agreed to make a donation of £1,000 for the 2007 season. (John Harriss and Evelyn Elliott declared personal interests in the request as members of the PCC.)

7. PLANNING MATTERS

7.1 Plans discussed at the meeting:

i) **Mr & Mrs Armes, land adj. 72 Old Road** - dwelling (outline) plot no: 1. The councillors had no objections to the plans.

ii) **Mr & Mrs Armes, land adj. 72 Old Road** - dwelling (outline) plot no: 2. The councillors had no objections to the plans.

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

i) **Mr & Mrs Day, the Limes, The Street** - demolition of building and provision of three residential units, staff accommodation and communal facilities - listed building approval.

ii) **Mr & Mrs Day, The Limes, The Street** - two storey development to provide 14 residential units - full approval.

iii) **Mr Littlewood and Mr Cushing, Pippins, Pyebush Lane** - erection of two houses and three bungalows with garaging and new vehicular access - full approval.

iv) **Mr & Mrs Gilham, 47 Damgate Lane** - single storey rear extension - full approval.

- v) **NWF Fuels, Station Yard** - new portable building for offices, storage tanks and hardstanding - full approval.
- vi) **Mr & Mrs Nichols, Far End, Pyebush Lane** - single storey extensions - full approval.
- vii) **Mr O'Farrell, Mill Reach, Halvergate** - quayheading and boardwalk - Broads full approval.
- viii) **Mr & Mrs Pegram, 13 New Close** - single storey rear extension - full approval.

8. HIGHWAY MATTERS

8.1 The situation with drivers speeding along A1064 past Hermitage Close was discussed again. It was agreed to request some further signage to warn drivers that they were approaching the village.

8.2 It was reported that a drain in New Road needs clearing out.

8.3 The councillors agreed that the folly tree needs reducing in height.

8.4 Atkins has sent some correspondence about the works in the underpass on Reedham Road.

9. STREET LIGHTING

A couple of lights were reported for repair.

10. PARISH PLAN

The processing of the replies is progressing slowly.

11. FINANCE

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Receipts:

Acle Recreation Centre - loan repay't	10,000.00
Stall holders fees - Christmas Fair	110.00
EDF wayleaves	138.13
Woodbastwick PC - reimb exps	23.14
Acle Pre-school - reimb exps	11.28
NCC - grant for bus shelter	3,500.00

Cheques for payment:

EON Electricity - street lighting	531.44
Inland Revenue - PAYE & NIC	231.00
P James -clerk's fee and exps	610.27
M Ward - cleaning	548.88
R Badham - repairs to toilets	135.00
Acle Methodists - rent of room	37.50
J Harriss - travel exps	12.40
J Wilson - Christmas tree	35.00
Acle Recreation Centre - room hire	31.25
T T Jones - lighting repairs	344.09

Wilkersons - supplies	37.78
G Nicholls - topsoil	103.40
Norfolk Pension	135.52
SLCC - training update	19.50
Hugh Crane Cleaning Equip - supplies	26.07
Acle PCC - grant for grass cutting 2006	1,000.00
PSG Electrical - repairs at Fletcher Room	10.29
Electrical Testing - Christmas lights	135.95
Calming Touch - reimb electricity for lights	228.69
Zurich Insurance - re Christmas Fair	52.50
P James - telephone bill	51.88
SWPC - reimb exps	21.77
CAB - donation	50.00

The grass cutting for the Fletcher Room will be £429.74 plus VAT, to cut and box the grassed area and to maintain the shrubs area. This was agreed.

The Annual Return has been signed by the Audit Commission with the comment that the Parish Council must review its level of reserves as such reserves should only be for capital purposes or for especially earmarked purposes. This was noted.

It was reported that two out of the eight strings of lights on the Christmas tree were vandalised and that new lights will need to be purchased for next December.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Monday, 26th February 2007.

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

Signed.....
Chairman

Dated: 26th February 2007