

Acle Parish Council

Meeting Date: Monday, 26th January 2009
Venue: Methodist Church, Bridewell Lane, Acle
Time: 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mr B Brooks, Mr B Coveley, Mr D Dickeson,
Mrs D Fisher, Mr B Grint, Mr J Harriss, Mrs L Hemsall,
Mr N Law, Mr R Perry, Mr B Tibbenham (Chairman).

The meeting began with a presentation by Alan Squirrell and David Williams from the Norfolk Credit Union who wish to set up a branch of the Broadland Community Bank in Acle. They explained that the directors and key officers of the bank are volunteers, but the bank is still regulated by the FSA. The bank is a small, community-based organisation, run on behalf of its members. Monies earned are shared out to members as a dividend. A room in the village is needed and volunteers to work 1 - 2 hours per week to check people's documents when applying for membership. A Paypoint card is used to withdraw money and can be accessed at the Post Office. Mr Squirrell and Mr Williams were thanked for attending the meeting.

1. PUBLIC FORUM

There were seven members of the public present, together with Brian Iles (County Councillor) who explained the progress with the county council budget. Matters raised included a planning application.

2. APOLOGIES Mr R Clarke and Mrs E Elliott.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Diane Fisher declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the planning application as it is for her son's house

4. MINUTES The minutes of the meeting held on 15th December 2008 were agreed to be correct, and signed by the Chairman.

5. MATTERS ARISING

5.1 The flashing speed sign is still not connected to the electricity supply.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 Acle Sailing Club has asked if the Council would be able to oversee and insure the regatta again, on 16th/17th May. This was agreed and Brian Grint was appointed as the Council's representative on the committee.

6.2 The Police have sent a report of recent reported crimes.

6.3 Norfolk Association of Local Councils has forwarded details of a pay-as-you-go car scheme. It was agreed that the Council was interested in finding out more.

6.4 The Clydesdale Bank has approached the Council to ask if a new service would be useful. It was not felt to be appropriate to change banks at present.

6.5 The grass cutting at the Fletcher Room has been agreed at £463.91 + VAT for the season.

6.6 The Norfolk ALC has invited councillors to attend the meeting organised for Larger Councils; for councils with an electorate of over 1,000 who have attained Quality Status. John Harriss and Basil Tibbenham agreed to attend.

6.7 Details have been received of the Central Norfolk Health Walks for the local area. Brian reported that a booklet listing the walks around the Burlingham Woods area has been published.

6.8 Revised details for the double yellow line parking restriction in South Walsham Road have been received. These were noted.

6.9 NCC has sent details of the Assistive Technology Service to enable people to live independently in their own home.

6.10 Acle and Brundall Carers Friendship Group has sent details of the forthcoming meetings.

6.11 The Department for Communities and Local Government has sent a consultation on the Code of recommended practice on local authority publicity.

6.12 A resident has enquired about a piece of land called "clerk's piece" in Damgate Lane, which is on the right hand side at the far end of the road. No councillors had any information on this.

6.13 Councillors have been invited to a training session at BDC on 2nd March at 7pm, on the new planning rules. John, Basil, Lana, Diane and Nigel offered to attend.

6.14 Nigel also offered to attend a Police meeting at Wymondham.

7. PLANNING MATTERS

7.1 Plans discussed at the meeting:

i) **Mr Khan, Old Bank House** - change of use from A2 estate agents to A5 Indian takeaway. One objection had been received from a neighbour. The councillors agreed that they had no objections to the plans so long as refuse collection issues were agreed by the District Council.

ii) **Mr Fisher, 2 Holmes Close** - single storey rear extension. (Diane Fisher declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the planning application as it is for her son's house, left the room and took no part in the discussion nor voting.)

iii) **Mr Spooner and Ms Cranford, 20 Nursery Close** - two storey rear extension incorporating first floor balcony. The councillors objected to the plans because they felt that the balcony was unneighbourly and would cause over looking of the neighbouring properties.

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

i) **The Co-op Pharmacy** - illuminated fascia sign and panel sign - advertisement approval.

ii) **Mr Ives, Joby Cottage, Damgate Lane** - extension to conservatory - full approval.

iii) **Mr Littlewood, Pippins, Pyebush Lane** - erection of boundary wall to rear of property (retrospective) - full approval.

iv) **Barn adj. Acle Rectory** - change of use and conversion of barn to dwelling - full approval

v) **Mr & Mrs Silverstone, 10 Old Market Close** - demolition of existing garage and erection of two storey side extension - full approval

vi) **Mr Katinc & Mr Polat, Calthorpe Green** - change of use of shop to hot food takeaway - refusal

8. HIGHWAY MATTERS

8.1 The footway in St Edmunds Road was reported to be needing repair.

8.2 Extra signage for Mill Court was requested.

8.3 The surface of the safer surfacing in Damgate Lane play area is slippery and needs cleaning.

8.4 The AGM of the Acle Lands Trust will be held on 26th February.

8.5 Acle High School is celebrating 25 years on 27th June.

8.6 An event called Wild About Norfolk will be held on 3rd October.

9. STREET LIGHTING

Several lights were reported for repair.

10. CREDIT UNION

There was some discussion about this proposal. The councillors supported the idea and agreed that they would sponsor the rent of a suitable room. Nigel offered to investigate whether there would be a conflict of interests if he were to approve applications in the private rooms at the post office.

11. FINANCE

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Receipts:

Burial and memorial fees	740.00
Share of exps	94.68
BDC - fees	4,645.51
Acle Borderland Trust	15,000.00
Wayleaves	148.10

Cheques for payment:

Veolia dd - skip hire	106.09
EON dd - electricity	521.56
Inland Revenue - PAYE & NIC	514.47
M Ward - cleaning	606.16
P James - clerk's fee and exps	875.76
Pension Fund	133.10
CPRE - sub	29.00
Acle Methodists - room hire	42.00
Bunzl - supplies	336.10
Hugh Crane - supplies	47.02
Wilkersons - supplies	20.54
Copy IT - copying	27.68
SWPC - share of stationery	49.77
Norfolk ALC - Link subs	36.00
Festivelite - Christmas lighting	1,713.73
T T Jones - lighting repairs	62.43
J Wilson - Christmas tree	50.00

The above cheques were approved for payment.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Monday, 23rd February 2009.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

Signed.....
Chairman

Dated: 23rd February 2009