

Acle Parish Council

Meeting Date: Monday, 31st July 2006
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, Mrs D Fisher, Mr B Grint, Mr J Harriss,
Mr A Hemmingway, Mr N Law, Mr R Perry,
Mr B Tibbenham (Chairman).

1. PUBLIC FORUM

There were nine members of the public present, together PC Hargreaves gave a report on recent crimes in the village. He informed the meeting that there should be additional PCSOs in the area by next April. Matters raised included street lighting and a Homewatch meeting.

2. APOLOGIES Brian Iles (County Councillor)

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

None.

4. MINUTES The minutes of the meeting held on 26th June 2006 were signed as correct by the Chairman.

5. MATTERS ARISING

5.1 Circle Anglia has replied that the footpath between Aldis Road and Mill Crescent has been closed because of the building works; it is not sure if it will be re-opened.

5.2 NCC has confirmed that the street light adjacent to the pedestrian crossing on Norwich Road will be relocated as soon as possible.

5.3 A letter of thanks has been received from Nfk Accident Rescue Service for the donation.

5.4 It was confirmed that the grass at Roman Wood was cut in mid July to allow the flowering plants to set seed.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 The clerk reported on a recent training session on health and safety.

6.2 An agreement has been sent by PC Hargreaves that he will try to attend at least six parish council meetings per year.

6.3 A questionnaire has been received on Emergency Response Standards. Councillors confirmed that they just wanted the best service for the community.

6.4 BDC has sent draft gambling policy. This was noted.

6.5 The NCAPTC has invited clerks and chairmen to attend a meeting on the Code of Conduct. John Harriss and the clerk are to attend.

6. A request has been received from Vitalise for a donation. The councillors decided it was not appropriate to spend parish money on this, however worth a cause.

6.7 A request for a donation from the Norfolk Autistic Society was dealt with in the same way.

6.8 NPS has suggested a ground rent of £550 for the land at the Fletcher Room, up from £350 p.a. This was felt to be too high an increase and the clerk was asked to reply asking for a lower rent.

6.9 BT has requested approval for 9m high pole for telephone line at the Fletcher Room to enable a phone to be installed. This was agreed.

6.10 It was reported that the cemetery gates need painting and the wooden seat at the cemetery needs staining. The clerk was asked to get these works done.

6.11 The RoSPA report has been received on the Damgate Lane and Beighton Road play areas. Repairs will be carried out as necessary.

7. PLANNING MATTERS

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

i) **Mr O'Farrell, Mill Reach Farm, Halvergate** - infilling of mooring cut, demolition of boat shelter, new and replacement quay heading and erection of footbridge. There were no objections.

7.2 Plans discussed at the meeting:

i) **Mr & Mrs Eglington, 4 Phoenix Close** - single storey side/rear extension. There were no objections to the plans.

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

i) **Miss S Trower, 2 Sydenham Close** - two storey front extension - full approval.

ii) **Mr Littlewood and Mr Cushing, Pippins, Pyebush Lane** - demolition of dwelling, erection of two houses and three bungalows and new vehicular access - full approval.

iii) **Mr & Mrs Browne, 4 Nursery Close** - pitched roof over existing garage - full approval.

iv) **Mr & Mrs Ashman, 12 Oxcroft** - first floor side extension, single storey rear extension - full approval.

v) **Mr Littlewood and Mr Cushing, Pippins, Pyebush Lane** - demolition of dwelling, erection of two houses and three bungalows and new vehicular access (outline) - full approval.

8. HIGHWAY MATTERS

8.1 There has been a report of speeding in Englands Road.

8.2 There are still some signs to the Village Experience, which has closed.

8.3 It was reported that the signs to the “new” style Budgens are still attached to street furniture in the village.

8.4 There was some discussion about advertising boards around the Green and on frontages to the shops.

8.5 Councillors commended the owners of the Station House for their dedication to the floral displays at the station over the Summer.

8.6 There was a report of a pothole on the road over the A47 and of graffiti on the underpass.

9. STREET LIGHTING

9.1 A couple of street lights were reported for repair.

9.2 It was suggested that the back of the street light at the Damgate Lane play area be blacked out to make the area less inviting for vandals.

10. PARISH PLAN

The committee is still finalising the questionnaire. It is hoped to deliver it to households in September.

11. FARMERS' MARKET

A monthly farmers' market is to be set up from 7th October. The councillors supported this initiative so long as stalls did not compete directly with existing village shops.

12. CHRISTMAS LIGHTING

One quote has been received for the lighting. Another is expected.

Tony Hemmingway was authorised to purchase additional strings of lights for the Christmas tree. Electrical Testing are to be asked to test and re-lamp the lights along the shop fronts.

13. FINANCE

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Receipts:

Cemetery fees	740.00
UPC - reimb. exps.	23.60

Cheques for payment:

C James - watering baskets 3 months	522.50
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Inland Revenue - July	488.20
Inland Revenue - August	382.30
P James - July	749.44
P James - August	694.93
Norfolk Pension - July	135.52
Norfolk Pension - August	135.52
M Ward - cleaning July	520.34
M Ward - cleaning, August	515.25
NCS - grass cutting, May and June	139.28
NCS - grass cutting July	69.64
Garden Guardian - June	634.50
Garden Guardian - August	634.50
T T Jones - lighting repairs	224.83
Acle Methodists - room hire	50.00
Playsafety - inspection	141.00
Wilkersons - supplies	33.02
Hugh Crane Cleaning Equipment	41.86
Bunzl - supplies	495.76
Malcolm Porter	180.50

These cheques were passed for payment in accordance with the budget.

14. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

The Broadland Local Development Framework Core Strategy has been received for comments. Councillors were asked to read through the documents in time for a meeting to be arranged for early September.

15. EXTENSION TO CEMETERY

Nothing further to discuss at this point.

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Monday, 25th September 2006.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

Signed.....
Chairman

Dated: 22nd September 2006