

Acle Parish Council

Meeting Date: Monday, 30th July 2007
Venue: Methodist Church, Bridewell Lane, Acle
Time: 7.30 p.m.

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

1. PUBLIC FORUM

There were eleven members of the public present, together with Brian Iles (County Councillor). Matters raised included the safety of Ivy House at the junction with Mill Lane and the Norwich Unitary bid. The Police gave a report.

2. APOLOGIES

None.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

None.

4. MINUTES The minutes of the meeting held on 25th June 2007 were signed as correct by the Chairman.

5. MATTERS ARISING

5.1 The village did not win the Pride in Norfolk competition but received a certificate for being a finalist.

5.2 Nigel Law and Lana Hempsall reported on the meeting with the Safer Neighbourhood Team; the meeting focussed on the Community Speedwatch initiative.

5.3 The "No Smoking" signs in the public toilets were removed by vandals shortly after they were put up. More signs will be put up as soon as possible.

5.4 It was reported that the plaque celebrating the restoration of the old school clock has been stolen.

5.5 It was felt that recent Highways repairs had been of poor quality.

5.6 It was reported that investigations into dirt biking had suggested that insurance would be difficult.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 The clerk has written to Christopher James to advise him that he should water all the baskets from the ground

6.2 Councillors are invited to attend the Broadland Housing Forum on Wednesday, 12th September

6.3 The Broads Authority has sent a copy of the Core Strategy: Issues and Options, for comments.

6.4 The clerk was asked to write to Dan Bond to thank him for his time as Rector of Acle and to wish him well in his new job.

6.5 It was reported that Acle High School conducted a successful archaeological dig on the land to the north of Springfield; over thirty pupils took part, assisted by several members of the community, including Bryan Banham. The clerk will send a letter of thanks to Mr Banham from the Council.

7. PLANNING MATTERS

7.1 Plans discussed at the meeting:

i) **Mr G Dawson, Whitegates, Middlesex Lane** - erection of conservatory to rear. The councillors had no objections to the plans.

ii) **Flood alleviation work for South Walsham, Tunstall and Halvergate marshes.** The councillors had no objections to the plans. Councillors commented that the maps sent with the plans were over 15 years old so no longer accurate.

iii) **Mrs Painter, Fairview, Pyebush Lane** - single storey side extension. The councillors had no objections to the plans.

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

i) **Mr & Mrs Hemsall, 21 South Walsham Road** - erection of single storey garage/workshop - full approval

8. HIGHWAY MATTERS

8.1 A low manhole was reported on Old Road.

8.2 It was reported that the culverts along Acle Straight need some weedkiller applied.

9. STREET LIGHTING

9.1 Some lights were reported for repair.

9.2 A quote of £664.50 + VAT to install a new light in Aldis Road was accepted. The quote for the electricity supply is still awaited.

10. PARISH PLAN

This will be discussed again at the September meeting.

11. PLAY AREA INSPECTIONS

The RoSPA reports were reviewed. A few items with low and medium risk were noted. The clerk was authorised to sort out the repairs.

12. FLASHING SPEED SIGN

Final details of the location and cost are expected.

13. COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

There will be a deposit payable of £750 for the equipment. It was agreed that this could be paid. Nigel Law kindly offered to store the equipment at Acle Post Office so that the volunteers could pick it up when they have time to carry out some monitoring of speeds. Six people are needed for the preliminary training.

14. PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Lana Hemsall and Nigel Law suggested a quarterly newsletter for the Parish Council to be delivered to all residents in the village, to publicise the Council's role in the community. Other councillors suggested inserting a flyer in the Acle Society Newsletter to reduce costs of delivery. The Council voted to investigate this route and John Harriss offered to discuss this with members of the Acle Society.

15. QUALITY PARISH COUNCIL SCHEME

The councillors voted to apply for Quality Parish Council Status. Lana and Nigel offered to help prepare the file for the accreditation process.

16. AMENDED PARKING RESTRICTIONS

Following a meeting with NCC, a revised plan had been submitted, with one hour parking around the village centre and with most of the Thursday restricted parking removed. This was agreed as it should mean easier parking for people wishing to use local businesses in the village centre.

17. RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

No further information had been received.

18. FINANCE

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Receipts:

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| Funeral and memorial fees | 685.00 |
| Reimb. from other parishes | 70.48 |
| VAT refund | 5,374.79 |
| BDC - re The Limes | 33.00 |
| BDC - street cleaning | 537.60 |

Payments:

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| D Croft - locksmith | 72.50 |
| Norfolk Pension - July | 149.29 |
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| NCC - Wherry Lines Partnership | 100.00 |
| Wilkersons - supplies | 57.09 |
| T T Jones - lighting repairs | 170.06 |
| C James - watering baskets - July | 117.00 |
| C James - watering baskets - August | 117.00 |
| P James - clerk's fee and exps - July | 677.20 |
| P James - clerk's fee and exps - August | 614.94 |
| Inland Revenue - July | 475.75 |
| Inland Revenue - August | 462.61 |
| M Ward - cleaning - July | 516.23 |
| M Ward - cleaning - August | 516.23 |
| M Ward - underpayment | 25.00 |
| Playsafety - RoSPA inspection | 141.00 |
| Garden Guardian - grass cutting - June | 721.16 |
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| BDC - waste collection at cemetery | 19.50 |
| Acle Recreation Centre - room hire | 19.50 |
| Moulton Nurseries - hanging baskets | 491.30 |
| Acle Methodists - room hire | 56.00 |
| NCS - grass cutting - July | 72.14 |
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| Hugh Crane -cleaning equipment | 48.92 |
| G Rope - plumbing work | 45.00 |

19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Monday, 24th September 2007.

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

Signed.....
Chairman

Dated: 24th September 2007