

Acle Parish Council

Meeting Date: Monday, 27th July 2009
Venue: Methodist Church, Bridewell Lane, Acle
Time: 7.30 p.m.

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

1. PUBLIC FORUM

There were seven members of the public present, together with Brian Iles (County Councillor), Inspector Dave Cuff and PC Paul Fox. Inspector Cuff introduced himself as the person in charge of the Safer Neighbourhood Team in Acle. PC Fox gave a report of recorded local crimes and Brian Iles talked about the system of flood sirens and that the County Council had received back the first instalment of monies from the Icelandic banks.

2. **APOLOGIES** Mr B Coveley and Mr B Grint.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Roger Clarke and Lana Hemsall declared personal interests in the planning application as the site is close to their homes.

4. **MINUTES** The minutes of the meeting held on 28th June 2009 were agreed to be correct and were signed by Basil Tibbenham as Chairman of the Parish Council.

5. MATTERS ARISING

5.1 A letter of thanks has been received for the donation to the Acle First Responders.

5.2 The grass at the land at Springfield has been cut. The archaeological dig has started. Brian Grint offered guided tours to anyone who is interested.

5.3 Following recent articles in the EDP, it was confirmed that the Parish Council is pressing for no more than 150 new houses in the village.

5.4 The clerk was asked to find out if there is any progress on the proposed footway for Reedham Road.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 The Broads Authority has invited councillors to attend a planning forum on Wed 30th September. John Harriss, Nigel Law and the clerk will attend.

2. Broadland District Council has sent details of the review of the Gambling Policy. This was noted.

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6.3 Norfolk County Council has sent details of the St Stephen's Street Area Masterplan for Norwich. It was not felt relevant for the Council to comment on this.

6.4 The RoSPA report on the play areas has been received. The clerk was asked to get the repairs carried out.

6.5 It was agreed to give a donation of £100 to the local Samaritans. (S.137 donation.)

7. PLANNING MATTERS

7.1 Plans discussed at the meeting:

i) **ELCA Properties Ltd - The White House, South Walsham Road** - erection of detached dwelling and garage. (Roger Clarke and Lana Hempsall declared personal interests as the site is close to their properties.) The councillors had no objections to the plans.

ii) **Mr Hancox, Middle Shop, Calthorpe Green, Old Road** - change of use to office A2. The councillors had no objections to the plans.

iii) Environment Agency, Compartment 37, River Bure - amendments to PP BA2008/0089 - to amend setback to rollback to reduce effect of reducing land-take in this important species-rich fen meadow. The councillors had no objections to the plans.

iv) The councillors queried whether there had been a change of use at Ivy House in the village centre.

8. HIGHWAY MATTERS

8.1 It was reported that the footway along the south side of South Walsham Road needs repair.

8.2 It was agreed that the lower branches on the Folly Tree should be removed.

8.3 The clerk was asked to chase up the connection of the flashing speed sign on A1064.

9. STREET LIGHTING

A couple of lights were reported for repair.

10. CEMETERY EXTENSION

A planning officer from the Broads Authority has acknowledged the Parish Council's letter requesting assistance with the possible purchase of land for an extension to the cemetery. It was agreed to appoint solicitor, Nicholas Hancox, to advise the Council on this matter. A committee was formed to meet with Mr Hancox; John Harriss, Lana Hempsall, Nigel Law and Diane Fisher.

11. INFORMATION BOARDS

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David Dickeson reported that it was time to update the adverts on the information boards, charging businesses £25 each for advertising. This was agreed. David kindly offered to visit the businesses and to sort out the new cards.

12. FINANCE	£
Receipts:	
Reimbursement costs	129.78
BDC - management toilets	1,001.70
Cheques for payment:	
Veolia - skip hire DD	114.31
Eon - electricity DD	552.00
Travis Smith - watering June	176.40
Peter Wrightson - watering June	77.18
Tom Larby - watering June	88.20
Playsafety Ltd - RoSPA inspection	144.90
Connor Hutchin - watering July	88.20
Travis Smith - watering July	121.28
Tom Larby - watering July	99.23
HMRC - PAYE & NIC - July	534.39
HMRC - PAYE & NIC - August	547.15
P James - clerk's fee - July	882.74
P James - clerk's fee - August	867.39
M Ward - cleaning - July	599.55
M Ward - cleaning - August	638.30
Norfolk Pension Fund - July	178.70
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NCC - Wherry Lines donation	100.00
J Gallop - internal audit	275.00
Garden Guardian - grass - June	767.20
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Wilkersons - supplies	53.92
NCS - grass - June and July	152.44
NCS - grass - August	76.22
Jack Angel - new allotments	1,000.00
SLCC - training	56.35
Bunzl - cleaning materials	336.10
Hugh Crane Cleaning Eq't	27.90
Samaritans (s.137)	100.00

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Monday, 28th September 2009.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.

Signed.....

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