

Acle Parish Council

Meeting Date: Monday, 26th June 2006
Venue: Methodist Church, Bridewell Lane, Acle
Time: 7.30 p.m.

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

Before the meeting commenced, Gerry Batty (Headteacher) and Debbie Bryant (Chair of Governors) gave a talk on Acle High School's role in the community. Basil Tibbenham thanked them both for attending the meeting and bringing the councillors up-to-date with school progress and future plans.

1. PUBLIC FORUM

There were seven members of the public present, together with Brian Iles (County Councillor) and Charlotte Casimir (District Councillor). The Police gave a report on recent crimes in the area. Matters raised included Roman Wood, path at Mill Crescent, A47 sliproad, funding for the NDR and the proposed merger of the police authorities.

2. APOLOGIES Mr B Coveley, Mr B Grint.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

4. MINUTES The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd May 2006 were signed as correct by the Chairman.

5. MATTERS ARISING

5.1 John Harriss and the clerk have calculated that about 100 plots remain at the cemetery, which should give at least ten years before it is full. They have also listed a number of graves which need levelling or raising to reduce trip hazards and to facilitate mowing. The clerk will send out details of the requirements for quotes. It was agreed to obtain some compost bins for biodegradable rubbish.

5.2 A letter of thanks has been received from Acle Pre-School for the donation towards the cost of the shade sails.

5.3 The tap at the cemetery has been replaced.

5.4 The clerk attended a Planning Conference organised by the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England and the NCAPTC. The topics included the proposals that Parish Councils should insist that any new buildings should be as energy efficient as possible and methods of achieving the building of affordable housing were also discussed.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 BDC has invited councils to send in details of local council initiatives in order to encourage residents to consider standing for election. The councillors decided to list various items including the Fletcher Room and the new buildings at the Recreation Centre.

6.2 The Norfolk Accident Rescue Service has requested a donation. It was agreed to donate £100 (S.137 donation.)

6.3 The Acle Pre-School is considering installing a landline for a telephone, at their own cost. The Council gave their approval for this.

6.4 The Broads Authority has sent details of the Local Development Framework.

6.5 BDC has invited councillors to attend a briefing event at the Recreation Centre on 10th July at 7.00 on the subject of the Local Development Framework. Basil, John and Nigel offered to attend.

7. PLANNING MATTERS

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

i) **Mr & Mrs Browne, 4 Nursery Close** - pitched roof over existing garage - no objections.

ii) **Mr & Mrs Ashman, 12 Oxcroft** - 1. First floor side extension 2. Single storey rear extension - there were no objections.

7.2 Plans discussed at the meeting:

i) **Ms S Trower, 2 Sydenham Close** - two storey front extension. There were no objections to the plans.

ii) **Mr & Mrs Cumpstey, Beaconsfield House** - 1. Conversion of outbuilding to two dwellings 2. Erection of car port. There were no objections to the plans.

iii) **Mr & Mrs Bunn, 12 Englands Road** - side porch. There were no objections to the plans.

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

i) **Halls Group Ltd - Colks Timber Yard** - change of use and extension of bungalow to class A1 use - retail sale of tools and ironmongery, car park - full approval.

ii) **Acle Service Station** - two internally illuminated single sided 6 sheet free standing display units - Broads advertisement refusal - BDC felt that the proposed units would represent a proliferation of signage, unduly prominent and intrusive in the locality.

8. HIGHWAY MATTERS

- 8.1 It was reported that trees are overhanging the road at 1 Hermitage Close and at A47 roundabout.
- 8.2 Councillors reported difficulty with visibility around the hedge at Living Waters.
- 8.3 Councillors were pleased with the new surfacing of A47 as it is much quieter.
- 8.4 Visibility when leaving Budgens is difficult at present.
- 8.5 A sign needs replacement in Damgate Lane.

9. STREET LIGHTING

- 9.1 A couple of lights were reported for repair.
- 9.2 Quotes are being obtained for Christmas lighting at the Folly Tree.

10. PARISH PLAN

There is another meeting shortly.

11. ANNUAL RETURN STATEMENT OF ASSURANCE AND RISK ASSESSMENT

The councillors approved the risk assessment. The clerk read out the Statement of Assurance and the councillors authorised Basil to sign on behalf of the Council.

12. FINANCE

Receipts:

	£
C & E - VAT refund	3,732.01
BDC - glass recycling	131.75
BDC - street numbering	49.60
NCC - grass cutting	1,380.13

Cheques for payment:

T Jones - lighting repairs	423.37
Garden Guardian - grass cutting	634.50
P James - clerk's fee and exps	753.85
Norfolk Pension Fund	143.52
M Ward - cleaning and sweeping	496.07
Inland Revenue - PAYE & NIC	404.92
Micro-Tec - repairs to computer	29.38
Bunzl - consumables	377.60
Copy IT - photocopying	13.32
Hugh Crane Cleaning - supplies for Fletcher Room	29.59
SWPC - share of stationery	10.47

Wherry Lines Partnership - donation	100.00
Moulton Nurseries - baskets	419.47
Wilkersons- consumables	41.62
Basil Tibbenham - chairman's allowance	45.00
Norfolk Accident Rescue Service (S.137)	100.00
Godfrey Rope - repairs to tap	45.00

Lloyds Banking has recommended the purchase of £4,000 of Treasury Stock 2008 to improve the portfolio liquidity position. This was agreed.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Monday, 31st July 2006.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

Signed.....
Chairman

Dated: 31st July 2006