

Acle Parish Council

Meeting Date: Monday, 30th June 2008
Venue: Methodist Church, Bridewell Lane, Acle
Time: 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mr R Clarke, Mr D Dickeson Mrs E Elliott, Mrs D Fisher,
Mr B Grint, 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) and PC Ian Kennedy. Brian talked about the Boundary Commission's report on proposals for unitary status for Norfolk. Ian summarised the reported crimes for the village for the month. Matters raised included the proposal for making Bridewell Lane a No Cold Calling Zone and work needed at the bus shelter.

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

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Lana Hemsall declared a personal interest in the planning application for Dr and Mrs Chapman as a friend of the family.

4. **MINUTES** The minutes of the meeting held on 19th May 2008 were signed as correct by the Chairman.

5. MATTERS ARISING

5.1 BT has replied that 5 phone calls have been made from the Acle Bridge phone box since September 2005. The councillors acknowledged that the phone box was not commercially viable but regretted the loss of a phone in this location next to the river as they felt it could be useful in an emergency. It was agreed to ask the Bridge Inn if visitors could be directed to the pub to use the payphone there.

5.2 The dog litter bin was moved. There was a complaint that the new location was not suitable and that the bin should be moved again.

5.3 The "Grand Opening" of the new noticeboards on Friday at 9.45, attended by Keith Simpson MP. All councillors and residents welcome to attend.

5.4 Bob Crowe was thanked for his help with the maintenance of the old school clock. John Harriss and Vernon Cumpstey were thanked for helping to clean the clock. A new perspex cover has been fitted.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 The BDC Annual Meeting with parishes will be on Wednesday, 16th July and will discuss the publication of the Boundary Committee's proposals for local government in Norfolk. John Harriss will attend and report back to Council.

6.2 Nigel Law attended the AGM of the Out of School Club. With the help of a grant from the Primary School the Club made a small profit for the year. The Club is considering suggestions to come under the umbrella of the School, rather than being run separately.

6.3 The Norfolk Deaf Association has sent the dates when their bus will visit Acle; advice and support is available to residents. A donation towards the service will be considered at the next meeting.

6.4 Acle Regatta committee reported on a successful event and thanked the Council for their support.

6.5 Brian Grint reported that work continues on the archaeological dig at the land behind Springfield.

(Nigel Law left the meeting at this point.)

7. PLANNING MATTERS

7.1 Plans discussed at the meeting:

i) **Dr & Mrs Chapman, Oak Lodge, 62 Damgate Lane** - two storey side extension. (Lana Hemsall declared a personal interest in the planning application for Dr and Mrs Chapman as a friend of the family.) The councillors had no objections to the plans.

ii) **The Chocolate Box, The Street** - change of use from class A1 shops to class A2 Financial and Professional Services. The councillors had no objections to the plans.

iii) **Land adj. Silverdale, Old Road** - erect bungalow and means of access. (previous plans withdrawn). The councillors had no objections to the plans.

iv) **Mr Lake, 8 The Drive - two storey side extension.** The councillors had no objections to the plans.

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

i) Land to rear of **The Cottage, The Green** - erection of dwelling, garage and formation of new access - full approval.

ii) **Mr & Mrs Dabbs, 16 De Carle Smith Road** - conservatory to rear - full approval.

8. HIGHWAY MATTERS

8.1 There were reports that sewage leaked from drains at the Damgate Industrial Units recently. The clerk was asked to write to Anglian Water to ask for their comments.

8.2 The clerk was asked to move on with the proposals for the Acle - Gateway to the Broads signs.

8.3 John Harriss reported that he recently cleaned the village sign and had noticed that the base is loose, but was unable to re-fix it. The clerk was asked to get this fixed.

8.4 An overgrown hedge was reported in South Walsham Road.

8.5 The clerk was asked to contact NCC to suggest that the lime tree at the junction of Damgate Lane with Reedham Road would benefit from having the crown lifted.

8.6 NCC will be informed about a raised manhole cover in Fletcher Way.

8.7 The clerk was requested to find out the proposals from the review of the need for a footway on Reedham Road. (Diane Fisher declared a personal interest in the scheme as she lives on Reedham Road.)

8.8 Councillors commented that the hanging baskets are looking good and thanked those involved with the watering.

9. STREET LIGHTING

A few lights were reported for repair.

10. PARISH PLAN

The forms are being processed.

11. ACLE RECREATION CENTRE TRUSTEE

It was agreed to advertise in the Acle News for someone who might like to be a trustee for the Recreation Centre.

12. NORFOLK PENSION SCHEME

Local Government Pension Scheme Statement of Decisions and Policy: the clerk presented a statement for parishes prepared by the NCAPTC. This was adopted by the Council.

13. FINANCE

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Receipts:

First half precept	22,250.00
Funeral fees	130.00
Reimbursement exps	38.88

Cheques for payment:

Veolia - skip hire DD	88.24
Siemens - copier hire DD	99.40
Anglian Water DD	12.29
Anglian Water DD	338.52
Broadland DC - rates DD	14.62
EON - electricity DD	532.90
David Dickeson - exps	23.40
Gt Yarmouth Glass - perspex for clock	66.30
Inland Revenue - PAYE & NIC	469.01
P James - clerk's fee and exps	866.08
M Ward - cleaning	587.88
Norfolk Pension Fund	129.94
Hugh Crane Cleaning Eq't	69.13
NPS - new noticeboard	100.00
Moulton Nurseries - hanging baskets	366.60
Wilkersons - supplies	68.53
Garden Guardian - grass cutting May	746.42
J Harriss - travel exps	16.80
T T Jones - lighting repairs	1,316.41
NCS - grass cutting	74.73
R James - processing parish plan forms	57.50
E Hodgson - processing parish plan forms	37.50
B James - processing parish plan forms	90.00
Travis Smith - watering hanging baskets	117.00
B Tibbenham - chairman's allowance	45.00
David Dickeson - exps	13.37

The above amounts were approved by the Council.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Monday, 28th July 2008.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.

Signed.....
Chairman

Dated: 28th July 2008