

Acle Parish Council

Meeting Date: Monday, 29th June 2009
Venue: Methodist Church, Bridewell Lane, Acle
Time: 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mr B Brooks, 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 twelve members of the public present, together with Brian Iles (County Councillor) and PC Paul Fox. Matters raised included the recent press report of a suggestion that Acle should have several thousand new houses built. The councillors confirmed that they have been suggesting 100 - 200 new houses in the next 15 years. Paul Fox gave a report on the crimes during the month. Don Wilkins, Acle Homewatch co-ordinator, formally thanked the Parish Council for its support for the Homewatch scheme.

2. **APOLOGIES** Mr R Clarke, Mr B Coveley, Charlotte Casimir (District Councillor)

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

None.

4. **MINUTES** The minutes of the meeting held on 18th May 2009 were signed as correct by the Chairman.

5. MATTERS ARISING

5.1 A letter of thanks has been received from the Citizens Advice Bureau for the recent donation of £75.

5.2 Acle District Girl Guides have also sent thanks for the donation towards their fundraising.

5.3 Maps have confirmed that the proposed extension to the cemetery does indeed fall within the jurisdiction of the Broads Authority. The clerk was asked therefore to contact the Authority to ask that they consider assisting the Council with its plans to acquire extra land.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 NCC has requested that the hedge at Damgate Lane play area be cut back. This will be done after 1st August, as advised to protect nesting birds.

6.2 The clerk will attend a training course on 28th July, on VAT, PAYE and the Freedom of Information Act.

6.3 Acle First Responders requested a donation towards the setting up of a second group. It was agreed to donate £500 towards the new equipment needed for the group. (S.137 payment.)

6.4 A resident has contacted Norfolk County Council to request a pedestrian crossing at The Hermitage on A1064. The clerk has answered the letter explaining that the Parish Council is currently campaigning for a crossing in Bridewell Lane and that limited resources limit the successful applications for crossings.

6.5 A revised consultation has been received on waiting restrictions at Acle High School. This was supported.

6.6 Broadland District Council has announced its commercial cleansing service for private land. This was noted.

6.7 There was a request for a dog litter bin in Mill Crescent.

6.8 John Harriss reported on an informative visit to the waste management facility at Costessey.

7. PLANNING MATTERS

7.1 Plans discussed at the meeting:

i) **Ms Dewath and Mr Vincent, Mill House Farm, Old Road** - demolition of existing and erection of new three-bedroomed dwelling. The councillors had no objections to the plans.

ii) **Mr & Mrs Bunting, 52 Old Road** - roof alterations and single storey rear extension. The councillors had no objections to the plans.

iii) **Acle High School** - various. The councillors supported the application.

iv) **Mr Russell, Hi-Grade House, The Street** - canopy to shop front. The councillors had no objections to the plans.

7.2 **Broadland District Council decisions:**

i) **Mr Casey, Ivy Farm Barn, The Hill** - conversion and extension of barn to form dwelling - full approval

8. HIGHWAY MATTERS

8.1 A deep pothole in South Walsham Road has been reported to the county council.

8.2 The clerk was asked to contact the grass cutting contractor to ask that Springfield be cut as soon as possible.

8.3 It was agreed that the Green should not be cut during this dry weather.

8.4 It was suggested that a new sign is needed for the women's public toilets as the existing sign has been defaced.

8.5 Nothing further has been heard about the new footway proposed for Reedham Road.

8.6 It was reported that the permissive path between Norwich Road and Mill Lane has become very narrow.

9. STREET LIGHTING

9.1 Several lights were reported for repair.

9.2 The contractor has carried out the annual clean of half the lights. He has suggested some additional repairs, at £230. This was agreed.

10. VILLAGE CELEBRATION

Nigel Law suggested that it might be appropriate to consider a village event for Forces Day in 2010. It was agreed that he should contact the Events Committee.

11. FINANCE

£

Receipts:

Wi - donation for baskets 50.00

Burial fee 355.00

Cheques for payment:

Skip hire dd 103.83

Copier hire dd 97.29

Eon - electricity dd 522.33

BDC - rates 15.06

PAYE & NIC 544.18

M Ward -cleaning 587.05

Nfk Pension Fund 178.69

P James - clerk's fee and exps 1,044.37

Acle PCC - room hire 25.00

Aquaforce - cleaning bus shelter 69.00

PSG Electrical 19.19

SLCC - reference book 22.00

Wilkersons - supplies 22.79

Zurich Management - course fees 109.25

Garden Guardian - grass 767.20

Copy IT - copying 117.60

Norse Commercial Services - grass 152.44

T T Jones - lighting repairs 1,585.77

Moulton Nurseries - baskets 690.00

Hugh Crane Cleaning - supplies 217.81

SWPC - share of stationery 57.98

LexisNexis - reference book 53.60

B Tibbenham - chairman's allowance	45.00
Acle First Responders (s.137)	500.00

The payments were approved for payment.

The clerk has passed the first year of the course in Local Policy at the University of Gloucestershire. She will therefore be paid at one scale point higher from this date.

Councillors confirmed that they were very pleased with the excellent condition of the hanging baskets and sent their thanks to those involved.

21. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Monday, 27th July 2009.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

Signed.....
Chairman

Dated: 27th July 2009