

# Acle Parish Council

Meeting Date: Monday, 26th March 2007  
Venue: Methodist Church, Bridewell Lane, Acle  
Time: 7.30 p.m.

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

## 1. PUBLIC FORUM

There were fourteen members of the public present, together with and Brian Iles (County Councillor) and PC Neil Hargreaves, who gave a report on recent crimes in the village. Residents reported cracked pavements in Hermitage Close and lights for repair.

2. **APOLOGIES** - None.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA** - None.

4. **MINUTES** The minutes of the meeting held on 26th February 2007 were signed as correct by the Chairman.

## 5. MATTERS ARISING

5.1 John Harriss and the clerk reported on a training session on the Quality Parish Status scheme which confirmed that the parish council is working towards this. One idea from other parishes was regular liaison with doctors.

5.2 The clerk spoke to NCC Highways about the repeated bad flooding in Aldis Road; the situation is being investigated and if a cheap solution can be found this could be carried out shortly. If a more expensive work is needed then this will have to be put in the forward planning scheme which is more lengthy. Residents are urged to report flooding to Highways Contractors as soon as it occurs and the water will be pumped out, as an emergency.

5.3 The flooding of the northern footpath to the station has been reported to the authorities. It was suggested that signs should be put up advising pedestrians of flooding.

5.4 Basil Tibbenham, John Harriss, Nigel Law and Roger Clarke reported on a meeting with the Broads Authority to explain the changes to the planning system from 1st April; whereas in the past Broadland District Council has processed all plans within the Broads area, referring any more difficult cases to the Broads Planning Committee, from 1st April the Broads Authority has its own planning department and will process all applications from start to finish. This will only affect a few areas of the village.

5.5 Correspondence has been received from Norwich City Council about the benefits of unitary status for the city. The clerk has requested details of the benefits for those parishes left out of the area.

5.6 No specification has been received for additional lighting in Aldis Road.

5.7 It was suggested that as the hedge adjacent to Springfield development was planted by NCC they may have details of the ownership to sort out the maintenance of the hedge at that location.

## 6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 BDC has invited the Council's comments on the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005.

6.2 The developers of the land adjacent to The Limes in The Street have sent a copy of the letter they sent to Charlotte Casimir in response to her newsletter complaining about the planning process for the building and the mess on the building site; they reply that they have kept neighbours informed of progress and have worked to minimise any inconvenience.

6.3 BDC has sent a copy of its draft guidelines for a planning forum - a group which would be set up where there is a proposal for a large development in the district, to consult early on with local people.

6.4 BDC has sent the Draft Parking Standards Supplementary Planning Document, with the results of the earlier consultation. It was agreed to write to Keith Simpson MP to explain the Council's concern at parking standards decided at a national level which seemed inappropriate for small villages.

6.5 A copy of the BDC Annual Monitor Report for 2005-6 has been received and will be circulated.

## 7. PLANNING MATTERS

i) **Travelodge, New Road** - extension to Travelodge to provide 19 bedrooms, linen room and plant room. Revisions to car park layout and additional parking spaces. The councillors objected to the plans as they felt the extension was too large for the plot and too close to the road. They asked for a footway to be conditioned as part of any approval to improve safety at this location.

ii) **Mr & Mrs Stimpson, 16 Englands Road** - erection of conservatory. The councillors objected to the plans as they felt it was an unneighbourly development and an over-development of the plot.

iii) **Mr Shorten, 27 Mill Lane** - renewal of outline PP20040245 (bungalow and garage). The councillors had no objections to the plans.

iv) **Mr & Mrs Gray, 33 Mill Lane** - raising the roof to form rooms in roofspace. The councillors had no objections to the plans.

## **8. HIGHWAY MATTERS**

8.1 The bus shelter on the A47 slipway eastbound has been damaged. After some discussion it was agreed to remove the shelter.

8.2 Some work is needed to the Weavers Way to improve the surface.

8.3 It was reported that NCC cut the grass recently on the North-east side of the A47 roundabout, land which belongs to the Acle Lands Trust. The clerk was asked to ensure they were aware of the ownership.

8.4 Hillcrest is in a poor state of repair. The clerk will check if this is adopted.

8.5 A sewer cover in Old Road is low and needs checking.

8.6 The noticeboard in Jubilee Wood is to be replaced shortly.

8.7 It was agreed to order the same number of hanging baskets as last year. Councillors felt that additional baskets, while attractive, would be difficult to maintain.

## **9. STREET LIGHTING**

A few lights were reported for repair.

## **10. PARISH PLAN**

It was agreed to ask for assistance with the processing of the forms via the annual report.

## **11. ACLE REGATTA AND ACLE MAY DAY EVENT**

It was agreed to support both events.

## **12. ADDITIONAL ALLOTMENTS**

The Allotment Association has requested additional land for allotments, adjacent to the existing ones. This was agreed. One quote of £2,000 has been obtained to erect the new fencing. The allotment association agreed to try for a lower price.

## **13. PURCHASE OF FLASHING SIGN FOR A1064**

The price of the flashing sign is quoted as £4,469 (£4,000 was budgeted). There was some concern that the proposed location near to the Hermitage Restaurant would not work as it would pick up drivers too late to slow them down in time to improve the situation for residents of Hermitage Close. The clerk was asked to contact NCC to discuss this.

## **14. FINANCE**

£

### **Cheques for payment:**

Cleanaway - skip DD	216.44
Siemens - photocopier DD	122.90

EON - electricity DD	1,062.88
Inland Revenue - PAYE & NIC	467.08
M Ward - cleaning	510.67
P James - clerk's fee and expenses	696.67
PHS Group - waste disposal at toilets	1,010.41
Norfolk Pension Fund	135.52
Hugh Crane - cleaning supplies	40.87
Wilkersons - supplies	21.40
Acle Primary - electricity for Fletcher Room	1,152.39
Bunzl - supplies for toilets	532.42
SWPC - share of stationery	29.98
RBS Software - computer support	58.75
Basil Tibbenham - chairman's allowance	45.00
John Harriss - expenses	11.20

**Approximate Balances:**

Current Account	3,000
Savings Account	111,000
Gilts	<u>117,000</u>
	<u>231,000</u>

**14. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS -**

**Annual Parish Meeting - Monday, 23rd April 2007**

**Parish Council Meeting - Monday, 30th April 2007**

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

Signed.....  
Chairman

Dated: 30th April 2007