

# Acle Parish Council

Meeting Date: Monday, 31st March 2008  
Venue: Methodist Church, Bridewell Lane, Acle  
Time: 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mr B Brooks, Mr B Coveley, 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) who reported on the Police Authority budget and the Unitary Bid; the County Council has decided to apply to run the whole county as a unitary council. The clerk read out a list of reported crimes for the month, sent by the Police.

2. **APOLOGIES** Mr R Clarke and Acle Safer Neighbourhood Team.

## 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

None.

4. **MINUTES** The minutes of the meeting held on 25th February 2008 were signed as correct by the Chairman.

## 5. MATTERS ARISING

5.1 The Environment Agency has sent a reply concerning a flood barrier at Gt. Yarmouth; it states that the situation is always under review but that earlier investigations concluded that the high costs of construction were not economically justified.

5.2 The tree surgeons have completed the work at the cemetery.

5.3 John Harriss reported on two meetings he attended on behalf of the Council.

5.4 The builders at The Limes reported that the carved block of stone in the boundary wall was too damaged to be re-used.

5.5 Several people have offered to water the hanging baskets.

5.6 A response from the Norwich International Airport has stated that Acle will not be affected greatly by the proposed changes to the flight paths.

## 6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 The East of England Regional Assembly has issued a consultation on the draft RSS Single Issue Review on Planning for Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation in the East of England, which states the number (not the location) of pitches required. BDC has sent

clarification on this, explaining that the proposal for Broadland is for 15 new pitches (each for one family unit), with an annual increase of 3% beyond 2011.

6.2 Acle First Responders have asked for a donation. The new group is to be formed shortly, being trained volunteers to attend emergency calls received by the ambulance service, to cover Acle, Upton and South Walsham, which are all within the required eight minute response time. A starter kit, including a defibrillator, has been donated by the East of England Ambulance Service, but items costing £750 are still required. It was agreed to donate £200 (S.137 payment) as this was felt to be of great benefit to the parish.

6.3 North Walsham and Dilham Canal Trust has invited the Council to become a member but it was agreed that the canal is too far from the parish to justify spending parish money on it.

## 7. PLANNING MATTERS

7.1 Plans discussed at the meeting:

i) **Mr Philpot and Mr Pembroke, 52 Old Road** - sub-division of existing curtilage to allow for the erection of a detached dwelling with integral garage. The councillors objected to the plans as they believe it to be an over-development of the site and unneighbourly.

ii) **Axen and Platten, land rear of The Cottage, The Green** - erection of dwelling, garage and formation of new access. The councillors had no objection to the plans now that the access has been sorted out.

iii) **Queens Head House** - two storey office extension at rear. The councillors had no objection to the plans.

iv) **Environment Agency** - flood defence works Acle Bridge to Upton Dyke. The councillors had no objection to the plans. They acknowledged objections from neighbouring residents to the works compound, but felt that this had been part of an earlier application and that the flood defence works were important for the village.

v) **Mr & Mrs Thomas, 5 Hillside Cottages, Moulton St Mary** - single storey rear extension. The councillors had no objection to the plans

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

i) **Mr Robson, 7 Orchard Close** - single storey front extension, car port to side/front - full approval.

ii) **Mr & Mrs Belgrave-Lock, 6 Charles Close** - side extension - full approval.

## 8. HIGHWAY MATTERS

8.1 Lana Hemsall reported on a site meeting with Police traffic officers at the A1064 Old Road; various options were discussed to try to slow traffic and to help people cross the road. The officer has agreed to request monitoring equipment to ascertain vehicle speeds for the area.

8.2 The Elca Ladies organisation has offered to sponsor of improvement of the roundabouts at the entrance to the village. NCC has stated that BDC would have to be approached to ascertain if planning permission would be required. NCC then allows a floral display incorporating a sponsor's name or logo, subject to a maximum height specification. The County Council's Environmental Co-ordinator would prepare a planting scheme for the sponsor or approve a scheme drafted by the sponsor. Whoever carries out the works must be approved to work on the Highway and must have full insurance cover. They must also contact the traffic management department to ensure the works are carried out safely. It was agreed to contact contractors for estimated costs for the work and to write back to Elca to ask how much they were prepared to pay for.

8.3 A resident has suggested the remodelling of the junction of Bridewell Lane with Old Road. This was supported.

8.4 NCC has proposed waiting restrictions of "At Any Time" either side of Phoenix Close on Old Road. This was supported. There were reports of cars being parked regularly on the pavements in this location.

8.5 It was reported that Weavers Way is rutted on the south side of the A47.

8.6 Some drains were reported for cleaning.

## **9. STREET LIGHTING**

NCC reported that light levels are indeed a little low in The Street near to The Limes. However, an additional light cannot be installed as the lights must be at least 45m apart in order to qualify as footway lighting, i.e. parish council lighting. There is a possibility of moving the adjacent light so as to increase the distance between lights so that a new light could be installed. It was suggested that the owners of The Limes be approached to ask that the tree be cut back; this has been agreed with the owners. The light levels can then be reassessed.

## **10. PARISH PLAN**

Chris James has offered to process the Parish Plan replies for £1 each. Nigel Law will co-ordinate this.

## **11. PARKING LEAFLET**

The clerk presented a draft leaflet which asks people to consider parking at the Recreation Centre car park so as to free up the village centre. This was approved.

## **12. FLORAL DISPLAYS**

Three people are willing to water the hanging baskets. It was agreed to let them agree the rota. Diane Fisher offered to order the baskets for Whitsun.

### **13. COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARDS**

David Dickeson reported that he had sold the advertising spaces around the noticeboards.

### **14. BROADLAND SITE SPECIFIC ALLOCATION**

After some discussion it was agreed to suggest the following locations for housing; the land behind Springfield for a phased development of mixed market and affordable housing, together with a significant open play space; affordable housing on exception sites was proposed for Damgate Lane, Hillside Farm (with one market house) and The Hill.

Jubilee Wood, Roman Wood, Damgate Woods, the Recreation Centre and play areas were identified as important green spaces.

The land adjacent to the A47 sliproad was suggested for light industrial use, and it was requested that the allocation of the land at Hillside Farm for light industrial use be removed.

It was also highlighted that the parish needed additional land for a cemetery extension and would like further land at the rear of the Recreation Centre for playing fields.

### **15. FINANCE**

£

#### **Receipts:**

Reimbursement exps	52.54
Funeral fees	595.00

#### **Cheques for payment:**

Veolia - skip hire DD	85.61
Siemens - copier rental DD	122.90
EON - electricity DD	532.06
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T T Jones - lighting repairs	640.38
Inland Revenue - PAYE & NIC	375.88
M Ward - cleaning	555.54
P James - clerk's fee and exps	692.34
Norfolk Pension Fund	159.09
PHS Group - waste disposal at public conveniences	1,088.33
RBS Software - computer support	58.75
A Clarke - tree surgeon	400.00
Nfk RCC - subs	25.00
Copy IT - photocopying	37.64
Acle Primary School - electricity for 2007 Fletcher Room	1,964.39
Hugh Crane Cleaning Equipment	43.27
B Tibbenham - chairman's allowance	45.00
NCC - Wherry Lines donation	100.00
J Harriss - travel expenses	19.20
Acle First Responders (S.137)	200.00

Lloyds Bank Private Banking has suggested the purchase of Treasury Stocks. This was agreed.

### **16. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS -**

**Annual Parish Meeting on Monday, 14th April 2008.  
Parish Council Meeting on Monday, 28th April 2008.**

There being no further business the meeting was closed.

Signed.....  
Chairman

Dated: 28th April 2008