

Annual Meeting of Acle Parish Council

Meeting Date: Monday, 22nd May 2006
Venue: Methodist Church, Bridewell Lane, Acle
Time: 7.30 p.m.

Present: 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).

1. PUBLIC FORUM

There were thirteen members of the public present, together with Brian Iles (County Councillor). Matters raised included the planning application at Pippins and highways issues around The Green. The PCSOs gave a report on recent crime in the village. Brian Iles reported on the merger of the county police authorities and housing allocations for the Broadland area. He also warned councillors to be aware of plans by Norwich to become a unitary authority.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN

Basil Tibbenham was elected as Chairman and John Harriss as Vice-chairman.

3. **APOLOGIES** Mr B Brooks, Mr R Clarke, Mr B Coveley, Mr B Grint, Charlotte Casimir (District Councillor).

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

None.

5. **MINUTES** The minutes of the meeting held on 24th April 2006 were signed as correct by the Chairman.

6. MATTERS ARISING

6.1 Mick Ward no longer wants to do the work at the cemetery. It was agreed to schedule the work to be done and to find a contractor to do this work so that Mick can carry on with the general maintenance.

6.2 Representatives from Acle High School will attend the June meeting to talk about links with the village and community.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 The ODPM has sent details of a discussion paper on local authority bylaws.

7.2 The care home in Mill Crescent was to have been Oak House but Mill Court has been decided on as the residents will have individual addresses.

7.3 The Council has been asked by BDC to comment on changes to the process for nominating households to live in affordable homes built on exception sites. The proposed changes were approved.

7.4 BDC has sent notice that the Local Plan has been formally adopted.

7.5 Details of the Empty Homes Service Delivery Plan 2006 - 2008 have been received. BDC does not have a duty to take action in regard to properties left empty and unused, but does regard them as a wasted asset.

7.6 It was agreed to make a donation of £50 for the Citizens Advice Bureau.

7.7 The clerk is to attend a seminar on Health and Safety in July.

7.8 NCC has sent the draft statement of community involvement forming part of the Norfolk Minerals and Waster Development Framework.

7.9 The Wherry Hathor will be at Acle Bridge on Tuesday, 11th July from 12 noon to 2 p.m. And at Acle Dyke on Monday 11th September from 12 noon to 1.30 p.m.

7.10 Councillors reported on the NCC Every Child Matters Meeting; it was suggested that it might be helpful to meet with other, local, parishes to discuss this further. It was also reported that the schools wish to be involved with the local plan.

8. PLANNING MATTERS

8.1 Plans discussed at the meeting:

i) **Mr Littlewood and Mr Cushing, Pippins, Pyebush Lane** - demolition of dwelling, erection of two houses and three bungalows and new vehicular access (outline). Letters of objection were considered. After some discussion it was agreed unanimously to record objections to the plans in that it is unneighbourly, over-development with inadequate parking.

ii) **Mr Thrower, 5, Springfield** - single storey side extension. There were no objections to the plans.

iii) **Halls Group Ltd., former Colks site** - change of use and extension of bungalow to class A1 use - retail sale of tools and ironmongery. Car park. It was agreed to support the application.

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

i) **Mr & Mrs Pearce, Breydon Lodge, New Road** - conservatory to front - full approval.

9. HIGHWAY MATTERS

9.1 The hanging baskets are about to be put up. The watering cart has been checked and overhauled. Chris James is to do the watering again this year.

9.2 It was reported that people are parking in front of the new dropped kerb in Crossways Terrace.

9.3 The one-way signs at The Green have rotated. People have been seen trying to drive the wrong way around the green. The clerk was asked to contact Highways.

9.4 Trees are obscuring the 40 m.p.h. Signs on A1064.

9.5 Another drain has been installed in the underpass. It appears to be working well.

10. STREET LIGHTING

Some lights were reported for repair.

11. PARISH PLAN

The committee has met again and is busy with a draft questionnaire.

12. EXTENSION TO PYEBUSH CEMETERY

Nothing to report.

13. ACLE REGATTA

The Regatta was successful despite the bad weather.

14. DONATION TO ACLE PRE-SCHOOL FOR SHADE SAILS

The Council has been awarded a grant of £3,500 from NCC towards the cost of the bus shelter at Hermitage Close, representing approximately 74% of the cost. This frees up Council funds for other donations. It was reported that the Pre-School has been successful in obtaining additional grants and only needs £590 to purchase the shade sails. It was agreed to donate this sum to the project.

15. ACCOUNTS

The Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2006 were presented and discussed. Basil Tibbenham as Chairman was authorised to sign the Accounts, the Statement of Accounts for the Annual Return, the Duties of the Responsible Financial Officer and the Financial Standing Orders.

16. FINANCE

£

Receipts:

BDC - delegated functions	5,370.50
Precept - first ½	21,000.00

Cheques for payment:

Aquaforce (cleaning Damgate Lane play area)	176.25
---	--------

P James - clerk's fee and exps	899.47
M Ward - cleaning	493.39
M Ward - reimb. Repairs	60.00
Inland Revenue - PAYE & NIC	599.67
Garden Guardian - grass cutting	634.50
Copy IT - photocopying	52.10
Norfolk Pension	131.64
BDC - refuse collection	109.20
Internal Drainage Board	43.51
Acle Pre-school - reimb. Repairs	265.35
S Woolnough - repairs Fletcher Room	55.00
Ringwood Engineering - repairs Fletcher Room	58.75
Acle Borderland Trust - reimb. Room hire	8.50
T T Jones - lighting repairs	337.62
G Rope - repairs to tap at cemetery	35.00
Wilkersons - supplies	36.25
Citizens Advice Bureau	50.00

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Monday, 26th June 2006.

There being no further business the meeting was closed.

Signed.....
Chairman

Dated: 26th June 2006