

Annual Meeting of Acle Parish Council

Meeting Date: Monday, 21st May 2007
Venue: Methodist Church, Bridewell Lane, Acle
Time: 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mr B Brooks, Mr R Clarke, Mr D Dickeson, Mrs E Elliott, Mrs D Fisher, Mr B Grint, Mr J Harriss, Mrs Lana Hemsall, Mr N Law, Mr R Perry, Mr B Tibbenham (Chairman).

Those councillors present signed declaration of acceptance of office and acceptance of the Code of Conduct. Forms to register interests were handed out and will be sent off to Broadland District Council when completed.

1. PUBLIC FORUM

There were twelve members of the public present, together with Brian Iles (County Councillor). Matters raised included lorries delivering materials to the building site at The Limes.

PCSO Jon Morgan-Jones gave a Police Report for the month. He explained about the Community Speed Watch Scheme, whereby members of the community would be trained to use a "speed gun" and would be asked to stand by the roadside to collect evidence of drivers breaking the speed limit. Diane, Nigel and John volunteered for the training.

Brian Iles reported that the proposed footway up Reedham Road was not on the recently published list of footway schemes, despite having scored highly. The clerk was asked to query this with Norfolk County Council. Brian also mentioned the proposal to site a park and ride scheme at Acle for people travelling to Gt Yarmouth.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN, VICE-CHAIRMAN AND COMMITTEES

Basil Tibbenham was elected Chairman and John Harriss as Vice-Chairman. Basil signed a further declaration of acceptance of office as Chairman.

Basil welcomed the new councillors, Lana and David, to the Council.

Committees:

Lighting	John Harriss and Rodney Perry
Planning	John Harriss, Diane Fisher, Rodney Perry and Nigel Law
Acle Poor Charity	Rodney Perry
Youth	Diane Fisher and David Dickeson
Finance	Basil Tibbenham, John Harriss and Nigel Law
Fletcher Room	Basil Tibbenham and John Harriss
Parish Plan	Brian Grint, Diane Fisher, Nigel Law, Barry Coveley and Lana Hemsall

Acle Recreation Centre	Barry Brooks, Barry Coveley, Chris Dove, Evelyn Elliott, Brian Grint, Lana Hemsall, Nigel Law, Rodney Perry and Norman Pryor
Acle Lands Trust	Barry Brooks, Barry Coveley, Adam Fisher, Brian Grint and Rodney Perry.

3. APOLOGIES Mr B Coveley, Charlotte Casimir (District Councillor)

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

None.

5. MINUTES The minutes of the meeting held on 30th April 2007 were signed as correct by Basil, as Chairman.

6. MATTERS ARISING

6.1 NCC has said that it cannot add further roundels on A1064 as these are not allowed except at the beginning and end of a speed restriction.

6.2 BDC has said that the parish council can pay for brown bin(s) at the cemetery at £34.50 pa, but that it is not possible to have another green bin.

6.3 The clerk was contacted by a neighbour at George Lane to advise that the proposed extension subject to a recent planning application was mostly outside the planning line. This was noted.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 NCC has sent details of the new service at the Recycling Centres; they will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. April to August and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. September to March.

7.2 There has been a request for play equipment for older children. The clerk was asked to send this on to the Recreation Centre as it is likely that any new equipment would be sited at that land.

7.3 Training has been arranged for new councillors, to be shared with other local parishes, on Wednesday, 18th July. Lana and David both plan to attend.

7.4 A memorial at the cemetery was found to be in need of repair and the stonemasons were requested to attend as soon as possible, after the clerk consulted with the Chairman. It was also agreed to repair a memorial which is leaning because of subsidence.

7.5 A Safer Neighbourhoods Networking Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 5th June at 7 p.m. at the Methodist Hall. Nigel Law agreed to attend.

7.6 There has been a request for a dog litter bin on the footpath at Fishley Church. This will be raised with BDC.

7.7 The AGM of the CPRE will be held on 13th June at 7.30 p.m. in Buxton.

7.8 NCC has sent the Norfolk Minerals and Waste Framework: Core Strategy and Development Control: Issues and Options Stage document for consultation.

7.9 The council has received two letters from developers interested in building on the land behind Springfield. The clerk has said that the Council does not want to build on this land in the near future

7.10 Acle High School has asked permission to carry out an archaeological dig on the land behind Springfield. This was agreed.

8. PLANNING MATTERS

None.

9. HIGHWAY MATTERS

1. It was agreed to request a fingerpost sign to Pyebush Cemetery and to the footpath to Upton.
2. The judges for the Pride in Norfolk awards will be visiting Acle on 18th June at 2 p.m.
3. The seats on the folly tree green and the main green need repair.
4. The grass at the Damgate Lane play area needs cutting.
5. The trees on the land on South Walsham Road opposite to the vets' need trimming back.
6. The footway at the Recreation Centre was reported to need some repair.
7. The grass at the rear of Acle High School needs cutting.
8. A sign is needed to direct visitors to Mill Court.
9. John reported that the Acle Society noticeboard on South Walsham Road has been repaired and has been put back up.
10. The hanging baskets are nearly ready to be put up. The clerk was asked to advertise the part-time vacancy for someone to water the baskets, shared with Chris James, at £6 per hour.

10. STREET LIGHTING

An estimate for an additional light in Aldis Road is £1,500 - £1,900. It was agreed to apply for quotations.

11. CODE OF CONDUCT

11.1 It was resolved to adopt with effect from 21st May 2007 all the mandatory provisions of the Model Code of Conduct contained in the Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007 which for the time being applies to the authority, as regards the conduct which is expected of members and co-opted members of the authority and

11.2 In addition paragraph 12 (2) of the Model Code of Conduct was adopted. This allows councillors with a prejudicial interest in an item under discussion to speak on the matter before leaving the room.

12. STANDING ORDERS

Standing orders were then revised to reflect item 11 above.

13. PARISH PLAN

The processing of the forms continues.

14. MAY DAY FAIR AND ACLE REGATTA

Both events were very successful.

15. VILLAGE SIGNS

NCC has stated that the parish council could purchase signs:

Gateway to the Broads

Acle

for approximately £400 - £500 each. It was agreed to purchase two; one for the A47 sliproad into Acle and one for the A47 westbound by the roundabout.

16. FINANCE

The Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2007 were presented, discussed and approved. Basil Tibbenham, as Chairman, was authorised to sign the accounts and the Statement of Accounts on behalf of the Council.

	£
Receipts:	
Sale of filing cabinet	4.50
Stall fee	5.00
Burial plot reservation fee	340.00
Woodbastwick PC - share of exps	13.91
Upton PC - share of exps	24.08

Cheques for payment:

Mick Ward - cleaning	536.76
Inland Revenue - PAYE & NIC	475.71
Nfk Parish Training Partnership	150.00
Pauline James - clerk's fee and exps	645.24
T T Jones - lighting repairs	398.76
Norfolk Pension	149.29
SWPC -share of exps	23.36
Garden Guardian - grass cutting	721.16
Copy IT - photocopying	76.96
Zurich - membership	99.88
Zurich - insurance for Regatta	52.50
Hugh Crane Cleaning Equip't	30.77
Nfk County Services - grass cutting	72.14
Acle Village Events - refund of Christmas monies	110.00

The above amounts were approved.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Monday, 25th June 2007.

There being no further business the meeting was closed.

Signed.....
Chairman

Dated: 25th June 2007