

# Acle Parish Council

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

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

## 1. PUBLIC FORUM

There were six members of the public present. Sgt Beeson gave a report on the work of the Safer Neighbourhood Team and answered questions from the councillors and members of the public. A report on recent reported crimes was made and discussed. The Police were thanked for attending the meeting.

2. **APOLOGIES** Brian Iles (County Councillor)

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

Brian Grint and Basil Tibbenham declared an interest in the application for a grant for the Acle Community Archive Group, as members of the group.

4. **MINUTES** The minutes of the meeting held on 29th October 2007 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 £75 donation.

5.2 The Norfolk and Norwich Association for the Blind has thanked the Council for the donation of £75.

5.3 Norfolk Accident Rescue Service has also thanked the Council for the donation of £75.

5.4 The clerk reported on an interesting training session by the NCAPTC; on “Young, Old and Diverse”.

5.5 The new Christmas lights have been installed, but repairs had to be done to the supply column.

5.6 The file for Quality Parish Status has been submitted to the panel. Thanks to John Harriss, Nigel Law, Brian Grint and especially Lana Hempsall for the hard work put into this project.

## **6. CORRESPONDENCE**

6.1 Consultation on the Joint Core Strategy for Broadland, Norwich and South Norfolk has been received and will be circulated. Public exhibitions are taking place all over the district with one on Tuesday, 4th December at the Recreation Centre 12.30 - 7.00 p.m.

6.2 A consultation document on proposed changes to Instrument Approach Procedures at Norwich International Airport has been received and will be circulated.

6.3 Acle Community Archive Group has requested a grant towards the room hire costs: £550. This was agreed.

6.4 Brian Iles has asked the Council to write to Keith Simpson MP, with copy to Ian Gibson MP, to ask him to support the status quo with regard to local government and Norwich City Council's bid to become a unitary authority. The clerk was asked to write.

6.5 A letter has been received from the Out of School Club asking for an extension of time for their rent-free hiring of the Fletcher Room while they investigate options. It was agreed to discuss this at the next Council meeting.

## **7. PLANNING MATTERS**

7.1 Plans discussed at the meeting:

i) **Mr & Mrs Whittaker, 3 George Lane** - single storey side extension. There were no objections to the plans.

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

i) **Mr Woods, 22 Englands Road** - single storey front extension - full approval

ii) **Ms Randell, 32 The Street** - conservatory to side - full approval

## **8. HIGHWAY MATTERS**

8.1 A manhole in Old Road will be reported for attention.

8.2 The road surface on Old Road is poor at the junction with Bridewell Lane.

8.3 A dropped kerb is needed by the Manor House in The Street.

## **9. STREET LIGHTING**

9.1 The new light in Aldis Road has been installed, but is not yet connected.

9.2 It was agreed to investigate solar powered lights for Station Road.

## **10. PARISH PLAN**

The processing of the replies continues.

#### **11. FLASHING SPEED SIGN**

Details of the connection price have not yet been received.

#### **12. WORKS ALONG A47**

Atkins Highways and Transportation has sent a letter explaining that works will be carried out along the Acle Straight to trial the relocation of the dykes alongside the road, whereby new dykes will be constructed and existing flora and fauna is allowed time to migrate to the new locations. Acle PC has been consulted as a landowner as sites are wanted to carry out the trial. The councillors were unsure which piece of land was involved as there is no dyke on the Acle Lands Trust land adjacent to the A47.

#### **13. NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT**

The Recreation Centre is to apply for grants for new play equipment, costing about £65,000 to £70,000. The Parish Council agreed to grant £7,000 towards this project.

#### **14. COMMUNITY MAP BOARD**

David Dickeson reported that he has completed an application form for Leader+ money for three free-standing map boards, and one wall-mounted one. The Council fully supported the application and the clerk was asked to write a letter from the Council expressing this support for the project. It was agreed that the Council would grant 10% of the costs.

#### **15. LIGHT POLLUTION**

The Campaign for the Protection of Rural England has asked councils to support Norfolk County Council's policy that conditions should be placed on all new build applications so that outside lights are fully shielded, directed downwards, switched on only when needed (no dawn to dusk), and use white low-energy lamps. The councillors supported this.

#### **16. FINANCE**

£

##### **Receipts:**

BDC - delegated functions 4,328.00

Memorial fees 70.00

Reimbursement costs 106.30

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

T T Jones - lighting repairs 1,158.14

J Harriss - travel expenses 10.40

Sth Walsham PC - reimb. exps 85.84

Garden Guardian - grass cutting October 721.16

Ass'n of Burial Authorities - subs 86.00

Wilkersons - consumables 38.38

Copy IT - photocopying 20.82

Hugh Crane Cleaning Eq't 3.13

Olympic Welding - repairs to cemetery shed 136.30

M Allen - footpath fee 30.00

Norfolk Pension	159.09
Inland Revenue - PAYE & NIC	495.91
P James - clerk's fee and expenses	668.25
M Ward - cleaning	511.27
PSG Electrical - repairs at Fletcher Room	12.44
T T Jones - new street light	780.78
Acle Community Archive Group	550.00
Derek Willgress - repairs	139.02
Tony Hemmingway - new Christmas tree lights	110.00
Flameskill - fire safety inspection	34.67

Acle Recreation Centre has sent a cheque for £15,000 as final repayment of the loan from the Council. This should be £11,000 so a replacement cheque will be requested.

The finance committee will meet on 12th December to consider the budget for the year to 31st March 2009.

**21. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Monday, 17th December 2007.**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

Signed.....  
Chairman

Dated: 17th December 2007