

# Acle Parish Council

Meeting Date: Monday, 24th November 2008  
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 Hemsall, Mr N Law, Mr R Perry,  
Mr B Tibbenham (Chairman).

## 1. PUBLIC FORUM

There were eight members of the public present, together with Brian Iles (County Councillor) Matters raised included speeding along South Walsham Road. PCSO Jon Morgan-Jones gave a report on recent crimes in the village and Brian Iles talked about the next stage for the unitary status bid.

## 2. APOLOGIES

None.

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

None.

4. **MINUTES** The minutes of the meeting held on 27th October 2008 were signed as correct by Basil Tibbenham as Chairman.

## 5. MATTERS ARISING

5.1 Norfolk County Council has confirmed that the installation of the flashing speed sign is progressing.

5.2 The clerk was asked to contact BDC to discuss testing of land for the cemetery extension.

5.3 The clerk reported that the new owner of the freehold of the Barclays Bank has indicated that it is unlikely to be possible to give a piece of land for the bus stop. NCC has confirmed that the site at Barclays is unsuitable in any case because of underground utilities and the gradients of the land.

5.4 The clerk was reminded to contact the lighting contractors about the Christmas lighting.

## 6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 It was agreed to give a donation of £75 to the Citizens Advice Bureau.

6.2 The new model for parish councils for the Freedom of Information Act was adopted without change.

6.3 The consultation on the changes to the Code of Conduct for councillors and a new Code for clerks and employees was noted.

## **7. PLANNING MATTERS**

7.1 Plans discussed at the meeting:

- i) **Mrs Nelson, 1 Sydenham Close** - single storey front extension. There were no objections to the plans.
- ii) **Diocese of Norwich, barn adj. Acle Rectory** - change of use and conversion of barn to dwelling. There were no objections to the plans but it was suggested that there should be a condition placed on the approval so that the first floor door could not be opened or a new window installed as this overlooks the adjacent property.
- iii) **Mr Littlewood, Pippins, Pyebush Lane** - erection of boundary wall to rear of property (retrospective). The councillors objected to the plans as they felt the wall was out-of-keeping with adjacent properties and unneighbourly.
- iv) **Mr Ives, Joby Cottage, 38 Damgate Lane** - extension to conservatory. There were no objections to the plans.

Brian Grint gave a summary of the recent archaeological report on the land at Springfield.

## **8. HIGHWAY MATTERS**

- 8.1 NCC Highways have reported that work has started on the design process for a new footway along Reedham Road, which is scheduled for Autumn 2009.
- 8.2 The grass cutter will be reminded to cut along the Link Road bank.
- 8.3 Olympic Welding will be contacted to repair the village sign.
- 8.4 The clerk was asked to find out if Norfolk Police carried out a review of traffic speeds on A1064, as promised.
- 8.5 It was reported that gullies need clearing out in St Edmunds Road.
- 8.6 The surface of Weavers Way on the south side of A47 needs some maintenance work.

## **9. STREET LIGHTING**

It was agreed to investigate additional footway lighting along Reedham Road when the new footway is built.

## **10. PARISH PLAN**

Processing of the forms has finished and the results will now be collated.

## **11. PARISH COUNCILLORS' SURGERY AND SPEEDWATCH OPEN MEETING**

Lana Hemsall has planned a coffee morning to publicise the speedwatch work and to attract more volunteers. It was agreed that this would be an opportunity to have a councillors' surgery for residents to meet councillors and find out more about the council. Dates have been booked for 5th March and 4th June in the parish room.

<b>12. FINANCE</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Receipts:</b>	
Burial and Memorial fees	630.00
Sth Walsham PC - share of exps	42.22
Beighton PC - share of exps	21.13
Woodbastwick PC - share of exps	21.13
Upton PC - share of exps	42.22
Second half precept	22,250.00
Acle Allotment Society - reimb. Water	71.28
<b>Cheques for payment:</b>	
Veolia - skip hire DD	106.09
Anglian Water - cemetery DD	23.61
Anglian Water - allotments DD	81.97
Anglian Water - public toilets DD	693.86
EON - lighting DD	532.90
Inland Revenue - PAYE & NIC	541.61
M Ward - cleaning	593.84
P James - clerk's fee and exps	841.73
Norfolk Pension	129.94
Sth Walsham PC -share of exps	61.65
M Allen - footpath fee	30.00
Copy IT - photocopying	30.61
Garden Guardian - grass cutting	746.42
Wilkersons - supplies	23.46
Hugh Crane Cleaning Eq't	37.49
T T Jones - lighting repairs	1,060.74
SLCC - subs	149.00
Citizens Advice Bureau	75.00

**13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Monday, 15th December 2008.**

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

Signed.....  
Chairman

Dated: 15th December 2008