

Acle Parish Council

Meeting Date: Monday, 30th November 2009
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 six members of the public present.

2. APOLOGIES Mr R Clarke, Brian Iles (County Councillor) and PC Paul Fox

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Evelyn Elliott declared a personal interest in the request for funding from the Parochial Church Council as she is a member of the Council.

4. MINUTES The minutes of the meeting held on 26th October 2009 were agreed to be correct and were signed by Basil Tibbenham as Chairman.

5. MATTERS ARISING

5.1 A letter of thanks has been received for the donation to the Acle Archive Group.

5.2 The Blofield And District Conservation Group has sent their thanks for the membership fee.

5.3 Basil and John attended the annual meeting of the Norfolk Association of Local Councils.

5.4 John and the clerk attended a training session on Restorative Justice.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 The Recreation Centre has asked the Parish Council to take on the responsibility for the children's play area at the Centre. This will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. (Evelyn Elliott declared a personal interest.)

6.2 The rector of Acle St Edmund's Church has asked the PC to increase its contribution to the grass cutting. The quote from the current contractor appeared to be rather high so it was agreed to suggest that the PCC obtain a quote from the Parish Council's contractor and that the grant request would then be considered again.

7. PLANNING MATTERS

7.1 Plans discussed at the meeting:

- i) **Mr Fenn - Ivy House, Mill Lane** - change of use to office, illuminated sign. The councillors had no objections to the change of use, but objected to the illuminated sign as this is a listed building, in the centre of the village.
- ii) **Broadland Fuels, Station Yard** - portable office building, storage tanks and handstanding. The councillors had no objections to the plans.
- iii) **Mr Penney, 2 Habgood Close** - erection of sun room to front elevation. The councillors had no objections to the plans.

7.2 East of England Plan from 2031 onwards. The council's comments have been sent in, stating that the council supports limited development so long as there is adequate infrastructure.

8. HIGHWAY MATTERS

8.1 The details have been received for the new footway for Reedham Road. (Diane Fisher declared a personal interest as a resident of Reedham Road.) The councillors supported the plans.

8.2 The Christmas tree has been installed on The Green. The council sent its thanks to Halls for carting the tree.

8.3 The poor condition of the footway on the south side of South Walsham Road has been reported.

8.4 It was reported that the surface of Old Road/The Green is breaking up.

9. STREET LIGHTING

9.1 Two lanterns have had to be replaced following vandalism.

9.2 Tony Hemmingway has checked the coloured Christmas lights and reported that 20 or so need replacing, but that the display will be adequate. Electrical Testing do not have the equipment available to replace the light bulbs this year. Festivalite will replace the lights in the folly tree in time for the carol service on 10th December.

10. PHONE MAST AT ACLE STATION

Network Rail has sent details of the proposal to site a communication mast at Acle Station as part of a nationwide communications system which will enable train drivers and signallers to communicate directly, for the first time. The councillors appreciated the need for the communication system but wished to express concern on behalf of local residents.

11. BDC JOINT CORE STRATEGY

Acle is shown as one of several Key Service Centres, described as having "a range of facilities enabling them to meet local needs as well as the needs of surrounding areas." The document shows an allocation of 100 - 200 houses. The council supported the document in principle; the scheme relies on the successful construction of the Northern Distributor Route.

12. FINANCE	£
Receipts:	
BDC - street naming	36.55
BDC - delegated functions	4,167.00
Funeral fees	665.00
Reimbursement exps	222.32
Cheques for payment:	
Anglian Water dd	791.50
Anglian Water dd	19.06
Anglian Water dd	25.78
Veolia - skip hire dd	114.31
E.On - electricity at toilets	1,278.62
E.On - street lighting dd	552.00
Siemens - photocopier dd	97.29
E.On - street lighting dd	552.00
BDC - rates dd	15.00
Garden Guardian - grass cutting	767.20
Mick Ward - cleaning	599.55
P James - clerk's fee and exps	1,092.49
HMRC - PAYE & NIC	537.37
Norfolk Pension	180.49
Hugh Crane Cleaning Equip't	139.67
M Allen - footpath fee	30.00
Flameskill - fire inspection Fletcher Room	35.96
Micro-Tec - repairs to computer	64.40
Association of Burial Authorities	90.00
Adventure Playgrounds	2,102.20
Acle Methodist Church - room hire	29.00
R Wilkerson - supplies	29.04
N Hancox - solicitor	672.75
Anglian Health & Safety - grit bin	114.94
A Hemmingway - repairs	119.25
J Harriss - travel exps	16.40
SLCC - subs	151.00
T T Jones -lighting repairs	436.87
A Hemmingway - Christmas lights	102.40

The above invoices were approved for payment.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Monday, 21st December 2009.

At this point it was resolved under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 to exclude members of the public to discuss plans for an extension to the cemetery.

The clerk reported on a firm which specialises in plotting cemeteries. It was agreed to appoint this company to produce a map of the cemetery so that the number of free plots could be

calculated. This is estimated to cost around £600. A planning consultant has also been contacted with a view to his producing the planning application. The cemetery committee comprising John Harriss, Diane Fisher, Nigel Law and Lana Hemsall is authorised to appoint consultants to carry out the necessary work.

There being no further business the meeting was closed.

Signed.....

Chairman

Dated: 21st December 2009