

Acle Parish Council

Meeting Date: Monday, 29th October 2007
Venue: Methodist Church, Bridewell Lane, Acle
Time: 7.30 p.m.

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

1. PUBLIC FORUM

There were twelve members of the public present. PCSO Jon Morgan-Jones presented a list of reported crimes in the village and answered questions on police matters. He informed the meeting that a new inspector, Inspector Hollis, has been appointed to Acle. Brian Iles (County Councillor) gave an update on the unitary authority debate. Matters raised included a pothole at the Kings Head and a street light for repair.

2. **APOLOGIES** Mr R Clarke, Mrs E Elliott and Mr N Law

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Basil Tibbenham declared a personal interest in the donation for the Royal British Legion since he is a member.

Lana declared a personal interest as she is a member of the Association.

4. **MINUTES** The minutes of the meeting held on 24th September 2007 were signed as correct by the Chairman.

5. MATTERS ARISING

5.1 New "No Smoking" signs have been put up in the public conveniences.

5.2 Volunteers have continued to carry out Speedwatch monitoring of drivers' speeds in the village.

5.3 David Dickeson reported on progress with a grant application.

5.4 It was confirmed that the grass banks on A1064 have been cut, as requested.

5.5 The clerk was asked to send a copy of the Damgate Lane play area hedge agreement to the neighbours on one side of the play area.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 A few repairs are needed at the Fletcher Room. These will be carried out shortly.

6.2 The employees' contributions to the Local Government Pension Scheme will increase from 1st April. This was noted.

6.3 Councillors are invited to the NCAPTC Broadland Area Meeting in Hainford - Understanding the Planning System - on 5th December. John Harriss and Lana Hempsall will attend, with the clerk.

6.4 BDC has issued a Tree Preservation Order on a willow tree on Market Manor car park

6.5 The Norfolk and Norwich Association of the Blind has requested a donation. It was agreed to donate £75. (S.137 payment). (Lana declared a personal interest as she is a member of the Association.)

6.6 Councillors are invited to the NCAPTC Autumn Seminar on 8th November. The clerk is to attend.

6.7 It was agreed to donate £25 to the Royal British Legion. (S.137 payment). (Basil declared a personal interest as a member of the Legion.)

7. PLANNING MATTERS

7.1 Plans discussed at the meeting:

i) Consultation on the flood alleviation works for **Hermitage and Fishley Marshes**. Councillors had no objections to the plans.

ii) **Acle Recreation Centre** has applied, in the name of the Parish Council, for planning permission for a smoking shelter at the rear of the main building.

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

i) **Mr S Wright, Hill Farm, Reedham Road** - conversion of barn to dwelling - full approval.

ii) **Mrs E Painter, Fairview, Pyebush Lane** - single storey side extension - full approval.

iii) **Mrs Williams, Kingfisher House, 40 Damgate Lane** - single storey rear extension - full approval.

iv) **Mr T Kett, Fern House, The Street** - demolition of outbuilding and erection of two storey self-contained detached residential accommodation - full refusal.

8. HIGHWAY MATTERS

8.1 The Council has been asked by NCC to suggest a location for two sets of five cycle stands, to promote use of public transport. Councillors agreed that, since there are already cycle stands at Acle Train Station, the best locations are the Kings Head car park and Barclays Bank car park, which would be most convenient for people using the X1 bus service. These are both private land.

8.2 It was reported that the manhole cover adjacent to Wilkersons needs attention.

8.3 Vegetation on the southern footpath at Acle Train Station needs cutting back. The clerk will report this to Network Rail/One Railways.

9. STREET LIGHTING

9.1 The installation of the new Christmas lights along the shop frontages will be carried out shortly. The clerk was asked to write to the owners of the shops concerned.

10. PARISH PLAN

Volunteers continue to process the replies. Brian Grint met with the Norfolk Rural Community Council to give feedback on the Parish Plan process. The grant from BDC of £205 has been received.

11. FLASHING SPEED SIGN

Nothing further has been received on this.

Councillors requested that a 30 m.p.h. speed limit be considered again for the A1064 past Hermitage Close and Old Road. There were also suggestions that signs could be installed warning drivers that they were approaching a 40 m.p.h. speed limit.

12. REPORT FROM VILLAGE INSPECTION

A summary of the village inspection, carried out by John Harriss, Rodney Perry and the clerk, was presented to the councillors. All minor repairs were approved by the Parish Council.

13. QUALITY PARISH COUNCIL STATUS

Lana and the clerk reported on the progress with the file which would be sent off for accreditation; a meeting has been arranged with Mike Grayley to review the file for completeness.

John reported that Acle Society had agreed to distribute a Parish Council A4 newsletter, together with future issues of the Acle News, for a donation of £25. Councillors were pleased to accept this offer.

Completion of the application form was approved and the fee of £58.75 agreed.

14. YOUTH SHELTER

PCSO Jon Morgan-Jones had requested that the Council consider the purchase of a youth shelter for the village. Councillors understood the usefulness of a shelter but were unable to suggest a suitable location.

15. NO COLD CALLER ZONE

Don Wilkins, Acle Homewatch co-ordinator, sent details of a NCC scheme whereby residents in a discrete part of the village can apply for a No Cold Caller Zone to be implemented; he wishes to apply for Priory Close to be identified in this way; the large proportion of residents have already confirmed their approval to the scheme. The Parish Council gave their support to the scheme.

16. ALLOTMENT SELF-MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

It was agreed to renew the licence for another 5 years on the same terms. Councillors wished to comment that they are very pleased with the management of the allotments.

17. FINANCE	£
Receipts:	
Second half precept	22,250.00
Burial and memorial fees	280.00
Reimbursement of costs	26.82
Bank interest	0.46
Street naming and numbering	42.75
BDC - grant for parish plan	205.00
Cheques for payment:	
EON - street lighting DD	532.06
T T Jones - lighting repairs	515.30
M Ward - cleaning	739.10
Inland Revenue - PAYE & NIC	675.89
P James - clerk's fee, exps including new fridge	817.26
Norfolk Pension Fund	155.34
Garden Guardian - grass cutting	721.16
NCS - grass cutting	144.29
Acle Recreation Centre - room hire	32.50
Wilkersons - supplies	78.00
Hugh Crane Cleaning Eq't - supplies	73.45
D Willgress - repairs	159.83
J Harriss - travel	12.00
Acle Methodists - room hire	28.00
Norfolk Constabulary - deposit for Speedwatch equ't	750.00
Royal British Legion (s.137)	25.00
Nfk and Nch Ass'n of the Blind (s.137)	75.00
National Ass'n of Local Councils	58.75

The above amounts were approved.

21. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Monday, 26th November 2007.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.

Signed.....
Chairman

Dated: 26th November 2007