

Acle Parish Council

Meeting Date: Monday, 27th October 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 B Tibbenham (Chairman).

1. PUBLIC FORUM

There were six members of the public present, together with Brian Iles (County Councillor). PC Ian Kennedy gave a report on recent crimes in the village and answered questions from the councillors. Brian Iles reported on the County Council's monies invested in Icelandic banks; it is hoped that the capital will be recovered, but it is expected that the interest will be lost.

2. APOLOGIES Mr R Perry

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Basil Tibbenham and David Dickeson declared personal and prejudicial interests in the Royal British Legion as members.

4. MINUTES The minutes of the meeting held on 29th September 2008 were signed as correct by the Chairman.

5. MATTERS ARISING

5.1 The clerk has written to the new managing agents of the new landlord of the Barclays Bank premises to ask about the possibility of having some land for a bus stop but no reply has yet been received.

5.2 Broadland District Council has confirmed that the site required for additional cemetery land has been registered in the site specific allocations database. Further information is to be sent out to councils later.

5.3 The Highways Agency has agreed to install a dropped kerb at the junction of The Windle with the A47 before the end of the current financial year. The clerk has sent letter of thanks to the MP for his assistance with this. The Upton resident has sent thanks for the councils' help.

5.4 Old Road has been resurfaced and the hole on The Green filled.

5.5 There have been no replies from The Limes or from the firms who maintain the Christmas lights.

5.6 Two headstones in the cemetery which were leaning have been straightened by Abbey Memorials at no charge. The clerk has written to send the Council's thanks.

5.7 The clerk has spoken to the Highways Agency about the two new signs for “Gateway to the Broads - Acle”. Prices should be forthcoming shortly.

5.8 Brian Grint reported that he reviewed the Broads Authority Landscape Character Assessment and found it to describe the area adequately.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 The electrical inspection has been carried out at the Fletcher Room and minor repairs agreed.

6.2 It was agreed to give a donation of £25 to the Royal British Legion. (LGA 1972 s.137 donation.) (Basil Tibbenham and David Dickeson declared personal and prejudicial interests in the Royal British Legion as members.)

6.3 There was correspondence asking about events planned for 2009 which could link with a visit by the Wherry Hathor.

6.4 Lana Hempsall gave a report on a meeting of Speedwatch volunteers with the Police; the scheme has been judged to be successful in that only a very small number of second letters have been sent to people, suggesting that drivers are modifying their behaviour. Additional volunteers are needed and Lana will advertise the scheme on the website.

7. PLANNING MATTERS

7.1 Plans discussed at the meeting:

i) **Mr Williams, 3 De Carle Smith Road** - single storey rear extension. The councillors had no objections to the plans.

7.2 Basil Tibbenham raised the matter of the neglect of The Bridewell

8. HIGHWAY MATTERS

8.1 Councillors mentioned an unofficial lay-by on A1064, now filled in, which meant that there was nowhere for slow vehicles to pull in to let other vehicles pass.

8.2 Councillors agreed to send a letter to the Broads Authority to express their concern at the likely impact on roads around the village if the planning application by British Sugar is approved to import raw sugar via Gt. Yarmouth.

8.3 It was reported that vegetation along the station footpaths needs cutting back.

8.4 The clerk will contact NCC to ask about progress with the flashing speed sign for A1064.

9. STREET LIGHTING

9.1 Some lights were reported for repair.

9.2 John Harriss told councillors that he has chosen a Christmas tree for the Green. New lights will be purchased for the tree.

10. PARISH PLAN

Another 39 forms have been processed.

11. EXTENSION TO THE CEMETERY

The clerk was asked to find out whether the new land should be tested to see if it is suitable for burials.

12. FINANCE

£

Receipts:

BDC - delegated functions payments	5,985.80
VAT refund	1,867.06
Burial and memorial fees	1,705.00
NCC grant for boards	100.00
Parish councils reimbursement	127.55
Speedwatch deposit refund	750.00
Hermitage rent of car park for 5 years	10.00

Cheques for payment:

M Ward - cleaning	857.21
P James - clerk's fee and exps	975.98
TT Jones - lighting repairs	251.79
Norfolk Pension	129.94
Acle Recreation Centre - room hire	4.41
Norfolk County Services - grass cutting	149.50
Wilkersons - supplies	20.41
Garden Guardian - grass cutting	746.42
PSG Electrical - repairs	36.20
Hugh Crane Cleaning Eq't	45.81
B James - processing parish plan replies	97.50
Acle Methodist Church - room hire	28.00
Royal British Legion s.137 payment	25.00

The above amounts were approved for payment.

21. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Monday, 24th November 2008.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.

Signed.....
Chairman

Dated: 24th November 2008