

Acle Parish Council

Meeting Date: Monday, 26th October 2009
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 J Harriss,
Mrs L Hemsall, Mr B Tibbenham (Chairman).

1. PUBLIC FORUM

There were twelve members of the public present, together with Brian Iles (County Councillor) and PC Paul Fox, who gave a report on recent recorded crimes. Brian Iles expressed his concerns that funding for the Northern Distributor Road was not looking very likely and that this would have a huge impact on the planning for new housing around Norwich.

2. **APOLOGIES** Mr Brian Grint, Mr N Law and Mr R Perry

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Basil Tibbenham declared a personal interest as a member of the Acle Archive Group.

4. **MINUTES** The minutes of the meeting held on 28th September 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 from the Norfolk Lowland Search and Rescue Service for the recent donation.

5.2 NCC has explained that the bus stop kerb at Hermitage Close has been chosen for safety reasons. If there are enough funds available then a path will be constructed to the new bus shelter.

5.3 Watering of the hanging baskets has finished. The councillors sent their thanks to those involved in the maintenance and their thanks to the Co-Op for allowing the cart to be stored on their property.

5.4 The clerk reported on two very informative training courses on planning and housing.

5.5 Basil and John will attend the BDC Annual Meeting with Councils.

5.6 The hedge in Crossway Terrace has been cut back following a request by Norfolk County Council.

5.7 The repairs to the play equipment have been done. The stile at Beighton Road is inadequate and the suppliers have agreed to change it. The new seesaw for Damgate Lane is on order and will be fitted in a few weeks' time.

5.8 John confirmed that the planning committee has identified sites for 130 houses in the village, mostly in small groups.

5.9 The Christmas lights will be checked and should be switched on for the carol service on 10th December.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 Acle Community Archive Group has asked for a donation of £560 to pay for the rent of the room for their office. This was agreed.

6.2 Councillors are invited to a Gypsy and Traveller Conference on 4th November at New Costessey.

6.3 It was confirmed that there have been no changes affecting the Council's investments with Lloyds TSB.

6.4 The Norfolk Minerals and Waster Local Development Framework Consultation on Further Issues and Options (Preferred Options) has been received. No sites are allocated in the Acle area. The councillors had no comments on the consultation.

7. PLANNING MATTERS

7.1 Plans discussed by the committee:

Mr Shepherd, Rose Farm, Carters Loke - erection of 3.8m high walled enclosure, 4 greenhouses, storage hut and two single storey machinery vehicle stores - no objections although concerns about the access.

7.2 John Harriss, Nigel Law and the clerk attended a planning forum at the Broads Authority.

8. HIGHWAY MATTERS

8.1 A dropped kerb was requested for the pavement near Herondale.

8.2 It was reported that Weavers Way is very narrow and muddy.

8.3 The footway on the south side of South Walsham Road will be reported for repair.

9. STREET LIGHTING

9.1 Replacements and repairs are being carried out by Norfolk County Council in Damgate Lane. The proposed replacement of the supply is no longer going ahead so the Parish Council does not need to consider replacement columns at this stage.

9.2 A couple of lights were reported for repair.

10. FINANCE

£

Receipts:

2nd half precept 22,250.00

BDC - street naming fee 27.50

Cheques for payment:

Veolia - skip hire DD 117.74

E.ON - street lighting 552.00

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P James - clerk's fee and exps 940.78

Connor Hutchin - watering 66.15

Travis Smith - watering 99.23

Tom Larby - watering 66.15

HMRC - PAYE & NIC 675.14

M Ward - cleaning 900.80

T T Jones - street lighting repairs 615.37

Adventure Playgrounds 2,812.90

NCS - grass cutting 76.24

Copy IT - copying 65.24

Garden Guardian - grass cutting 767.20

Wilkersons - supplies 27.62

Hugh Crane Cleaning Equipment 33.28

Sth Walsham PC - share of stationery 84.28

Nfk Pension Fund 180.49

Acle Archive Group - rental 560.00

Royal British Legion (s.137 donation) 30.00

(Basil declared a personal interest as a member of the Royal British Legion)

21. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Monday, 30th November 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 was asked to contact surveyors and planning consultants to help with this project. It was also agreed to get the spare soil from the graves carted away.

There being no further business the meeting was closed.

Signed.....
Chairman

Dated: 30th November 2009