

Acle Parish Council

Meeting Date: Monday, 24th September 2007
Venue: Methodist Church, Bridewell Lane, Acle
Time: 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mr B Brooks, Mr R Clarke, Mr D Dickeson,
Mrs D Fisher, Mr B Grint, Mrs L Hemsall,
Mr N Law, Mr R Perry, Mr B Tibbenham (Chairman).

1. PUBLIC FORUM

There were ten members of the public present. PC Ian Kennedy and PCSO Wally Oldham gave a report and were thanked for attending. Matters raised included the trees on the north side of South Walsham Road.

2. APOLOGIES Mr B Coveley, Mrs E Elliott, Mr J Harriss, Brian Iles (County Councillor)

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

None.

4. MINUTES The minutes of the meeting held on 30th July 2007 were signed as correct by the Chairman.

5. MATTERS ARISING

5.1 Details for the commemorative plaque at the village centre clock have not yet been obtained.

5.2 New "No Smoking" signs were put up in the public conveniences but were ripped off the walls within a few days.

5.3 Councillors gave a report on the first few sessions of Community Speedwatch; most drivers appear to be supportive the initiative. A few drivers were reported for driving at well over the speed limit.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 Applications are invited for funds from the Leader+ project - schemes which improve the environment or encourage tourism in the area are supported.

6.2 BDC has invited councillors to the launch of the Joint Core Strategy public consultation - on Tuesday, 6th November. John Harriss hopes to attend.

6.3 Waste collection days are changing for some parts of Broadland but collections dates remain Mondays for the Acle area.

6.4 The East Anglian Air Ambulance has requested a donation. It was agreed to send a donation for £75 (S.137 payment.)

6.5 A request has been received from the Norfolk Accident Rescue Service. It was agreed to send a donation of £75 (S.137 payment.)

6.6 The Council was also asked to donate to the Citizens Advice Bureau. The councillors agreed to donate £75.

6.7 The Annual BDC Parish & Town Meeting is on Wednesday, 10th October at 7 for 7.30 p.m.

6.8 A building company has requested that the building of additional houses on the Springfield Land be put on the agenda. Councillors did not wish to discuss this again.

6.9 BDC has requested details of markets and car boot sales in the area.

6.10 The Norfolk Wildlife Trust is looking for details of trees in the village which are “so big that two adults can’t join hands around the trunk”.

6.11 A report of broken glass in Mill Lane was reported to the Police and Mick Ward has been asked to include a check of the area when sweeping along The Street.

7. PLANNING MATTERS

7.1 Plans discussed at the meeting:

i) **Mr Kett, Fern House, The Street** - demolition of outbuilding and erection of two storey self-contained detached residential accommodation. The councillors objected to the plans as they considered that the plans represented an over-development of the site, with safety concerns for pedestrian safety, highways access and that the parking provision was inadequate.

7.2 Plans discussed by the Planning Committee:

i) **Mr S Wright, Hill Farm, Reedham Road** - conversion of barn to dwelling - the councillors had no objections to the plans.

ii) **Mrs Williams, Kingfisher House, Damgate Lane** - single storey rear extension - the councillors had no objections to the plans.

iii) **Mr Woods, 22 Englands Road** - single storey front extension - the councillors had no objections to the plans.

iv) **Ms Randell, 32 The Street** - conservatory to side - the councillors had no objections to the plans.

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

i) **Mr Dawson, Whitegates, Middlesex Lane** - erection of conservatory to rear - full approval.

8. HIGHWAY MATTERS

8.1 It was reported that the car park sign at the Recreation Centre is rotten and needs replacing. The clerk was asked to contact BDC.

8.2 The banks on A1064 need strimming - the clerk to contact the grass cutting contractor.

9. STREET LIGHTING

9.1 Following the annual clean of the street lights the contractors have recommended a new lantern, £285.00, and a new bowl, £39.29. These were agreed.

9.2 A quotation has been received from EDF Energy for the electricity supply to the new light in Aldis Road, at £1,441 + VAT. This was accepted.

9.3 A few street lights were reported for repair.

10. PARISH PLAN

It was agreed to ask members of the youth club to help with the processing of the parish plan replies.

11. FLASHING SPEED SIGN FOR 1064

No further information received.

12. FINANCE

£

Receipts:

Funeral and memorial fees 315.00

Reimb. Costs 160.25

Cheques for payment:

Veolia - waste disposal 83.19

Siemens - copier leasing 99.40

EON - electricity 532.06

Wilkersons - supplies 12.77

Blockbusters - blocked drain 105.75

Bunzl - toilet supplies 468.97

Copy IT - copying 39.14

Hugh Crane Cleaning Equipment - supplies 30.77

T T Jones - programmed maintenance 1,440.36

T T Jones - light repairs 419.85

Rollesby Plastics - Fletcher Room repairs 70.50

M Ward - cleaning 530.55

Inland Revenue - PAYE & NIC 489.08

P James - clerk's fee and exps 686.33

T T Jones - lights repairs 115.08

Sth Walsham PC -share of stationery 56.83

PHS Group - waste disposal 52.84

Adam Fisher - watering hanging baskets 504.00

Chris James - watering hanging baskets	54.00
John Gallop - audit	265.00
Wilkersons - supplies	70.86
Garden Guardian - grass cutting	721.16
Hugh Crane Cleaning Equipment - supplies	40.11
Basil Tibbenham - chairman's allowance	45.00
Norfolk Pension	149.29
EDF - new street light power supply	1,693.18
East Anglian Air Ambulance (s.137)	75.00
Norfolk Accident Rescue Service (s.137)	75.00
Citizens Advice Bureau	75.00

John Gallop has carried out the annual audit; he raised a few matters with the clerk, but none he considers worth reporting to the Council.

A new fridge will be purchased for the Fletcher Room as it recently failed an inspection.

Nigel Law has again very kindly donated the cost of the hosting of the village website.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Monday, 29th October 2007.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.10 p.m.

Signed.....
Chairman

Dated: 29th October 2007