

Acle Parish Council

Meeting Date: Monday, 29th March 2010
Venue: Methodist Church, Bridewell Lane, Acle
Time: 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mr B Brooks, Mr B Coveley, Mr D Dickeson, Mr B Grint,
Mr J Harriss, Mrs L Hemsall, Mr N Law, Mr R Perry and
Mr B Tibbenham (Chairman).

1. PUBLIC FORUM

There were fifteen members of the public present, together with Brian Iles (County Councillor) and PC Paul Fox. PC Fox reported on four reported crimes since the last meeting. Matters raised included the request that the Parish Council should support the listing of the war memorial. Residents objected to the suggestion that the play area might be moved to behind the Methodist Church. Brian Iles reported on funding for the repair of potholes and stated that the unitary authority for Norwich had been approved by the House of Lords. Work on the extension to Acle library should start in July.

2. APOLOGIES Mr R Clarke, Mrs E Elliott and Mrs D Fisher

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Basil Tibbenham declared a personal interest in the war memorial as he is a member of the local British Legion. Rodney Perry and John Harriss declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the request for a grant from the Pre-School as they each have a grand child who attends the facility.

4. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd February 2010 were agreed to be correct and were signed by the Chairman.

5. MATTERS ARISING

5.1 Norfolk County Council does not feel it would be appropriate to adopt the access road at the Recreation Centre. It was agreed to contact Norfolk Property Services about negotiating some sharing of the costs with the other users.

5.2 Accounts for the Recreation Centre have been received, but no discussion of the issues can take place as, because of the absences at this meeting, the meeting would not be quorate once all the councillors who have a prejudicial interest have left the meeting.

5.3 The cemetery committee will meet at the cemetery to decide on the site for the new bench and to consider appropriate changes to the cemetery rules.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- 6.1 A request for a grant from the Acle Pre-School was discussed. (Rodney Perry and John Harriss declared a personal and prejudicial interest and left the room). Since the Pre-School became the sole user of the Fletcher Room, it was suggested that they should pay all the electricity costs. The committee felt that this was too expensive so was invited to request a grant from the Parish Council towards their running costs. After some discussion it was agreed to give a grant of £1,500 for 2010.
- 6.2 The local Royal British Legion has suggested that the war memorial should be listed to protect it. After some discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council would support the Legion's application.
- 6.3 The Broads (2006) Internal Drainage Board sent notification of its intent to access land for maintenance. It was stated that the land was under the management of the Lands Trust.
- 6.4 The Parish Council has been invited to sponsor a flower display at the Church flower festival on 28th – 31st May. A flower arranger will be provided and the Council will display photos of council facilities and contact details of the councillors.
- 6.5 Residents were invited to join a guided walk from the new Weavers' Way Circular Walk Booklet, on Friday 9th April.
- 6.6 There has been a complaint about the poor condition of the bus shelter at Barclays Bank. It was agreed to have this cleaned.
- 6.7 A resident of Upton complained that she fell on the grass between the Recreation Centre car park and the doctors' surgery – her letter has been passed on to both the relevant organisations.
- 6.8 The Safer Neighbourhood Team priority setting meeting will take place on Wednesday. All residents are welcome to attend to raise concerns with the police.
- 6.9 The Parish Council will be supporting Acle Regatta again this year. Brian Grint will represent the Council on the committee.

7. PLANNING MATTERS

- 7.1 Planning results from **Broadland District Council:**
- i) Mr Shorten, land adj. 27 Mill Lane – bungalow (outline) – full approval.

8. HIGHWAY MATTERS

- 8.1 The clerk will obtain prices for grit for grit bins.

- 8.2 Hedge in Damgate Lane – Simon’s Landscaping has quoted £1,450 + VAT to cut back the front hedge at the Damgate Lane play area. NCC has insisted that the hedge be cut back as it is overhanging the road and has given permission for the hedge to be cut, late, in April. The power needs to be cut off and EDF have allocated 17th April for this. Two other companies were asked to quote but have not done so. After some discussion it was agreed to accept this quote.
- 8.3 It was agreed to order hanging baskets as last year.
- 8.4 It was requested that the redundant signage pole be removed in South Walsham Road.
- 8.5 The road surface is poor around The Green.
- 8.6 It was reported that additional signage is needed around The Green.
- 8.7 Acle Society has planted up the planters on The Green.
- 8.8 There was a report of a water leak in Middlesex Terrace.
- 8.9 The new noticeboard for the timetable at the bus shelter has been put up.

9. STREET LIGHTING

- 9.1 It was agreed to ask the contractor to re-paint the column numbers.

10. FINANCE

£

Receipts:

Burial and memorial fees	335.00
Sth Walsham PC – share of exps	53.05
Beighton PC – share of exps	24.36
Upton PC – share of exps	53.05
Woodbastwick PC –share of exps	23.62
Reimb, exps	9.92

Cheques for payment:

E.On – electricity dd	552.00
Veolia – skip hire dd	117.74
Siemens – copier hire dd	122.90
E.On – electricity dd	564.00
Veolia – skip hire dd	120.30
E.On – electricity dd	564.00
Mick Ward – cleaning	599.50
HMRC – PAYE & NIC	537.59
P James – clerk’s fee and exps	1,023.20
Cemetery Development Services	705.00
Copy IT – copying	16.20

PHS – waste collection	1,260.19
Wilkersons – supplies	41.04
RBS Software	92.82
Hugh Crane Cleaning	3.17
Pension Fund	180.49
Upton PC – share of exps	31.13
Basil Tibbenham - Chairman's allowance	50.00
Acle Pre-School – grant	1,500.00

The above payments were approved.

**21. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Monday, 19th April 2010 – Annual Parish Meeting
Monday, 26th April 2010 – Parish Council Meeting**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.

Signed.....
Chairman

Dated: 26th April 2010