

Acle Parish Council

Meeting Date: Monday, 27th September 2010
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 R Perry,
Mr B Tibbenham (Chairman).
Brian Iles (County Councillor)

1. PUBLIC FORUM

There were six members of the public present. Matters raised included problems with cyclists by the tennis courts at the Recreation Centre. Brian Iles reported on the need for difficult decisions at County Council, concerning the speed cameras and provision for youth employment.

2. **APOLOGIES** None.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA** None.

4. **MINUTES** the minutes of the meeting held on 26th July 2010 were agreed to be correct and were signed by Basil Tibbenham as Chairman of the Parish Council.

5. MATTERS ARISING

5.1 The vegetation along Norwich Road was cut by Norfolk County Council.

5.2 The Pre-school committee has removed the pond and compost bin at the Fletcher Room and will monitor the situation to see if the pest control contract is needed.

5.3 The Annual Return has been returned by the external auditors, Mazars, without comment.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 Norfolk County Councillor has invited councillors to attend an Open Day at Caister Depot on Tuesday, 5th October from 9.30 until 15.30.

6.2 NCC has announced that residents with subscription TV, such as Sky or Virgin Media, will be able to view interactive information about the County Council, including public transport timetables.

6.3 NCC has sent details of minor amendments to the prohibition of waiting and parking places markings. There were no objections to the changes.

- 6.5 Broadland District Council has arranged a Re-Energise Activity and Health Day at the Recreation Centre on Saturday, 30th October between 10.00 and 15.30 for residents over 45 years old.
- 6.6 NCC has sent details of a consultation process into primary education in the Lingwood area.
- 6.7 NCC is advertising free Home Fire Risk checks for local residents.
- 6.8 The clerk reported on an interesting conference by the Society of Local Council Clerks; it was suggested that, in the future, parish and town councils might be able to take on some services affected by public service cuts.
- 6.9 BDC has pointed out that, legally, where a parish council election falls on the same day as a parliamentary general election, the parish council election should be moved back by three weeks. The proposed referendum on the national voting system is expected to take place in May 2011, causing the parish council elections to be delayed, unless the Government passes legislation to change this, as has happened in the past. It is recommended that councils write to their MPs to ask that this be done for 2011. Otherwise local councils will have to pay the entire cost of the local elections. This was agreed.
- 6.10 The planning committee reviewed the BDC draft Community Involvement Protocol for Significant Development Proposals; there were concerns that the Parish Council would not have the expertise or the resources to deal with important consultations.
- 6.11 The Pre-school has asked if a new carpet might be purchased for the Fletcher Room. This will be on the agenda for next meeting.
- 6.12 The BDC annual Meeting with Parish and Town Councils will be on Thursday, 28th October. Basil and John will attend.
- 6.13 Natural England is consulting local parish councils about the proposal to include the lesser whirlpool ram's-horn snail in the Broads Special Area of Conservation. The councillors supported this.
- 6.14 NCC is launching a Highway & Community Ranger service; the Rangers will visit communities up to four times a year and will work on street scene projects, such as cleaning signs and clearing drains. Councils will be able to suggest work to be done.
- 6.15 Brian gave a report on the archaeological work at the Springfield Land. It was agreed to allow further excavations over 2011.
- 6.16 A letter has been received from the Recreation Centre administrator; the letter suggests that the Charity may not spend money on items which do not produce any income including the play area. The clerk had researched the issue and suggested that the Charity

is indeed able to pay for repairs and renewals of non-profit making assets. The clerk was asked to obtain legal advice as to whether this is correct. This will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

PC Paul Fox gave a report; there have been 13 reported crimes since the last meeting.

(Lana Hemsall left the meeting at this point.)

7. PLANNING MATTERS

7.1 Plans discussed at the meeting:

i) **Royal Mail Group, Acle Delivery Office, Priory Close** – erection of cycle store. (Nigel Law declared an interest as owner of the building.) The councillors had no objections to the plans.

7.2 Plans discussed by the Planning Committee:

i) **Mr Wilson, 2 De Carle Smith Road** – link extension to & pitched roof over existing garage & single storey rear extension. The councillors had no objections to the plans.

ii) **Mrs Steadman, 10 Englands Road** – conservatory to end elevation. The councillors had no objections to the plans.

iii) **Hugh Crane Ltd – land adj. Broiler Farm, The Windle** – construction of irrigation reservoir and associated works. The councillors had no objections to the plans.

iv) **Mr Tuddenham, Former Methodist Chapel, Middlesex Lane** – demolition of former Methodist chapel and erection of one dwelling. The councillors had no objections to the plans.

v) **Stapletons Tyres** – non-illuminated fascias and sign. The councillors had no objections to the plans. The councillors had no objections to the plans.

7.3 Planning results from Broadland District Council:

i) **Acle Garden Machinery** – new car park – approved.

8. HIGHWAY MATTERS

8.1 There was some discussion about emptying the bin in Damgate Wood. Currently this is emptied by Acle Lands Trust volunteers. BDC would empty a bin on private property for £2.75 per week but this bin is too far from road. It was suggested that a new bin could be installed, nearer to the highway.

8.2 The bins at the cemetery are over-flowing. Mick Ward has been asked to move the contents to the compost bins at the rear of the cemetery.

- 8.3 Some adverts on street furniture on Norwich Road were reported.
- 8.4 There was a query as to which buses stop on the A47 sliproad.
- 8.5 A new supplier of Christmas trees is needed for this year.
- 8.6 It was agreed to re-turf the grass on The Green.
- 8.7 The watering of the hanging baskets will cease from this date. The baskets will be left in situ until they deteriorate. It was agreed that the baskets had looked lovely all season. The councillors thanked everyone involved.

9. STREET LIGHTING None.

10. FINANCE	£
Receipts:	
BDC – street cleaning first fee	450.84
Cheques for payment:	
E.On dd – lighting charge	564.00
E.On dd – lighting at toilets	153.53
Veolia dd – skip hire	135.83
Siemens dd – photocopier rental	99.40
Andrew Creak – watering hanging baskets	55.13
Travis Smith – watering hanging baskets	99.23
Thomas Larby – watering hanging baskets	121.28
Connor Hutchin – watering hanging baskets	110.25
Acle Recreation Centre – room hire	7.04
P James – clerk’s fee and exps	935.46
HMRC – PAYE & NIC	521.80
Garden Guardian – grass cutting	979.22
M Ward – cleaning	594.70
T T Jones – repairs to lights	546.60
Copy IT – copying charge	19.20
A Hemmingway – repairs	112.02
Mazars – external audit	470.00
PHS – refuse collection at toilets	64.63
Norse – grass cutting at Fletcher Room	80.29
Wilkersons – supplies	157.37
Norfolk Pension Fund	197.52
B Tibbenham – chairman’s allowance	50.00

These amounts were approved for payment.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Monday, 25th October 2010.

12. CEMETERY

The Environment Agency has been chased up for a response as to whether they approve of the location of the cemetery extension

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

Signed.....
Chairman

Dated: 25th October 2010