

Acle Parish Council

Meeting Date: Monday, 31st January 2011
Venue: Methodist Church, Bridewell Lane, Acle
Time: 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mr B Brooks, Mr B Coveley, Mr D Dickeson, Mrs E Elliott,
Mrs D Fisher, Mr B Grint, Mr J Harriss, Mr N Law, Mr R Perry,
Mr B Tibbenham (Chairman).
Brian Iles (County Councillor)

1. PUBLIC FORUM

There were seventeen members of the public present. Matters raised included the Acle Lands Trust and a planning application in Old Road. PC Paul Fox gave a report of five recorded crimes since the last meeting. Councillor Brian Iles talked about the Norfolk County Council's Big Conversation and the increase in highways repairs since the cold weather.

2. APOLOGIES Mr R Clarke and Mrs L Hempsall.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Diane Fisher and John Harriss each declared a personal interest in the item concerning the Pre-school as they each have a grandchild who attends. Rodney Perry declared a personal interest in the planning application for Hillside Farm, as a neighbour.

4. MINUTES The minutes of the meeting held on 20th December 2010 were agreed to be correct and were signed by Basil Tibbenham as Chairman of the Parish Council.

5. MATTERS ARISING

5.1 John Harriss spotted an error in the traffic restrictions notice for Mill Lane. Norfolk County Council said that this will be corrected before it is adopted.

5.2 A full size goal post has been ordered for the Damgate Lane play area. Delivery will be in about two weeks' time.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 The Royal British Legion has sent some publicity about encouraging local communities to hold events to celebrate its 90th anniversary.

6.2 The clerk received a phone call about damage to the buffer barrier on A47, adjacent to Old Market Close. This has been reported to the Highways Agency, which agreed to carry out repairs as soon as possible.

6.3 Norfolk County Council has sent a copy of its draft Transport Plan for 2026.

- 6.4 The Greater Norwich Development Partnership has publicised the Inspector's changes for the Joint Core Strategy. These do not appear to affect Acle in any detail.
- 6.5 NCC has sent the public notice for the closure of Lingwood First and Nursery School and Lingwood Junior School and for the opening of a new community primary school in Lingwood.
- 6.6 Councillors are invited to the Larger Councils Meeting on 17th February at Holt. John and the clerk will attend.
- 6.7 Broadland District Council has sent its Community Involvement Protocol for Significant Development Proposals. This will be reviewed and put on the agenda for the next meeting.
- 6.8 A resident has contacted the Council to ask if it would insure a Street Party event to be held on 30th April at the Recreation Centre hall. It was agreed that the Council would like to support this event and will pay for the hall hire and any insurance premium. Brian Grint will be the Council's representative on the committee and will report back to the Council.
- 6.9 Election nomination forms will be available shortly for the parish council elections on 5th May.
- 6.10 The tip site is up for sale in Damgate Lane. The Parish Council has an agreement for a path over this land as part of the circular walk. The clerk was asked to contact Norfolk County Council is aware of this.

7. PLANNING MATTERS

7.1 Plans discussed at the meeting:

- i) **Mr Horner-Glister, land adj to Marsh House, Reedham Road** – erection of detached timber garage. The councillors had no objections to the plans.
- ii) **Mr Armes, adj 72 Old Road** – proposed new detached dwelling following outline planning permission. Several objections were received from neighbours. After some discussion it was agreed to object strongly to the plans as an overdevelopment of the site, out-of-keeping with the surroundings and to express concern about the piping of the drainage ditch. The clerk was asked to contact the Environment Agency to request that an up-to-date flood risk assessment be required.
- iii) **Mrs Clover, Hi-Grade House** – change of use from estate agents to tea room. There were no objections to the plans.
- iv) **Mr Wilson, Hillside Farm, Reedham Road** – bungalow (outline). Notification has been received that this is to be discussed by Broadland District Council planning

committee, and a letter was received from the applicant. The councillors supported the application. (Rodney Perry declared a personal interest as a near neighbour.)

- v) **Hugh Crane Ltd., South Walsham Road** – extension to warehouse. There were no objections to the plans.

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

i) **Oakley House, The Hill** – Barn conversion to residential unit and single storey extension – full approval

ii) **Old Bank House, The Street** – replacement of deteriorated roof thatch with clay pantiles – full approval.

iii) The Tree Preservation Order on a pine at **40a Old Road** was considered by the BDC appeals panel and confirmed.

8. HIGHWAY MATTERS

8.1 Norfolk County Council sent details of the application for stopping up the highway adjacent to Acle Garden Machinery as part of the recent planning application. There were no objections to this.

8.2 NCC rejected an application for a grit bin in Aldis Road; their criteria are that grit bins should be at locations that are part of the untreated highway network and where significant delays to traffic or inconvenience to pedestrians may occur. A resident has offered to allow a grit bin on their property. The Parish Council therefore agreed to ask residents if a bin could be located on private land.

8.3 NCC also turned down the application for a grit bin at Priory Close. Nigel Law offered to allow the grit bin on his land at the Post Office.

8.4 NCC will contact the owners of The Limes to try to reduce or eliminate the drain pipe discharging over the footway.

8.5 NCC has stated that the clearing of the debris in the underpass on Reedham Road is the responsibility of the Highways Agency so the complaint has been forwarded to them.

8.6 NCC has contacted the tenant of the land at the top of Mill Lane where footpath no: 1 is badly rutted.

8.7 The Internal Drainage Board has sorted out the flooding on the footpath on the tip site in Damgate Lane.

8.8 Diane Fisher reported that the Christmas tree will be removed from The Green shortly. The councillors thanked Diane for her help with this.

- 8.9 It was reported that some spoil has been left on the verge at Damgate Lane following some works. This will be monitored.
- 8.10 Barry Coveley asked whether anything could be done to reduce litter at the bus shelter. The clerk will contact BDC to ask for their advice.

9. STREET LIGHTING

- 9.1 Some lights were reported for repair.
- 9.2 Tony Hemmingway will look into prices for the annual work to the lights on the Folly Tree.

10. ACLE PRE-SCHOOL

The roof at the Fletcher Room leaked recently, following heavy rain. It has been repaired but the Pre-school had to close for a day while the repairs were carried out, with the closure costing them £320 in staff pay and expenses. After some discussion it was agreed to reimburse this cost. (Diane Fisher and John Harriss declared a personal interest as they each have a grandchild who attends the Pre-school.)

11. COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN

It was agreed to leave this until the new Council has been elected in May.

12. FINANCE

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Receipts:

Reimb. costs	178.89
Reservation of grave spaces	810.00
Burial and memorial fees	505.00
Wayleaves	157.56
Grazing fees	228.00
VAT refund	1,411.62

Cheques for payment:

Veolia –dd - skip hire (2 months)	275.80
E.On – dd – street lighting (2 months)	1,128.00
E.On – dd – electricity at public toilets	119.65
M Ward – cleaning	606.83
HMRC - PAYE & NIC	571.66
P James – clerk’s fee & exps	860.23
Soccertackle – new goalpost	544.99
Norfolk Pension Fund	197.52
T T Jones – lighting repairs	781.88
S Taylor – Christmas lighting	48.27
Norfolk ALC – subs	60.00
Copy IT – copying	72.80
A Hemmingway – Christmas lights	33.00

Hugh Crane Ltd – supplies	92.41
Turner Contracting – repairs to Fletcher Room roof	468.00
New Line UK – carpet for Fletcher Room	835.34
CPRE – subs	29.00
Wilkersons – supplies	6.98
SWPC – reimb. stationery	44.06
PHS Group – waste fees	60.00
Justin Nudd – work at cemetery	180.00
Anglian Health & Safety – two grit bins	239.88

The above amounts were authorised for payment.

Diane Fisher was authorised to order the hanging baskets for the Summer. Basil Tibbenham was authorised to sign the contracts for the new photocopier, for the grasscutting at the Fletcher Room and for the street lighting repairs.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Monday, 28th February 2011.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

Signed: *Basil Tibbenham*
Chairman

Dated: 28th February 2011