

# *Acle Parish Council*

Meeting Date: Monday, 21st March 2016  
Venue: Methodist Church, Bridewell Lane, Acle  
Time: 7.30 p.m.

## **PUBLIC FORUM:**

There were three members of the public present. Matters raised included

District Councillor Lana Hemsall gave a report: the planning application for the land north of Springfield was approved and the Inspector turned down the appeal for a home on the land at Coburg House.

County Councillor Brian Iles gave a report: Additional funds have been allocated to mend potholes in 16/17. NCC is paying towards the design work for dualling the Acle Straight.

## **PRESENT:**

Tony Hemmingway – Chairman

Barry Coveley – Vice-chairman

Sally Aldridge, Annie Bassham, Angela Bishop, Jackie Clover, Roger Jay, Julia Line, Ellen Thompson and Parish Clerk Pauline James

**1. APOLOGIES** David Burnett and Jamie Pizey

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS**

Barry Coveley, Jackie Clover and Roger Jay declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in any financial transactions with the Recreation Centre, as Trustees. Tony Hemmingway had an interest in a payment.

**3. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> February 2016 were agreed to be correct, and were signed by Tony Hemmingway as Chairman of the Parish Council.

**4. MATTERS ARISING**

4.1 It was noted that photographs of cars parked in the village need to be the same cars taken at two different times of day to prove that people are parking long-term in the village

4.2 The clerk attended a meeting with Barclays Business Manager on 1<sup>st</sup> March to set up a new bank account. The opening of the new CCLA accounts will be delayed until the new financial year

4.3 Highways England have said that they will fit “End” to the Clearway signs on New Road. Parking east of the signs can then be restricted.

- 4.4 Acle Police have been monitoring the parking at Market Manor and have not seen anyone parking within 10m of the junction
- 4.5 Tony Hemmingway, Julia Line, Annie Bassham and the clerk met with David Savory of the Bure Valley Conservation Group and Andrew Wadsworth from Norfolk County Council to consider drainage on Boat Dyke Lane and the allotments. As reported previously, the ditch at the front of the allotments and the ditch alongside the allotments both need clearing out to increase capacity to hold rain water. The ditch alongside the allotments has been partially filled in over the years, and is completely blocked to the rear of the adjacent property. It was agreed that the volunteers would be asked to clear out the ditch as far as they are able to. The earth removed from the ditch will be left nearby for the allotment holders to use. Julia Line and Annie Bassham will keep the allotment holders up to date.
- 4.6 Network Rail have said that cleaning the graffiti off the railway bridge would cost £2,000 - £3,000. They will programme the work to be considered at the time of any future maintenance of the bridge.

## 5. CORRESPONDENCE

- 5.1 There were two requests for grants from charities. It was agreed to consider these again once the accounts are available.
- 5.2 There were six crimes in the village recorded in January 2016.
- 5.3 Letters had been received concerning Acle Academy and the resignation of the Executive Head Teacher.
- 5.4 The clerk reported a complaint about the parking restrictions on Reedham Road on Thursdays but the councillors supported the keeping of the restrictions. A complaint about speeding along Reedham Road was supported but there were no suggestions as to how to slow drivers down in that area.
- 5.5 East Norfolk Transport Users Association is holding a Public Transport Forum on Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> April at Caister Community Centre.

## 6.1 PLANNING MATTERS

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

- i) **Mr & Mrs Mallett, 24 Market Manor** – extension at first floor to form new bedroom and ensuite over existing garage (20160099) – full approval.
- ii) **Crocus Contactors, Land north of Springfield** – Condition 2 of PP 20140787 (reserved matters for 24 open market dwellings) (20152044) – full approval.

iii) **Mr & Mrs Tuddenham, 39 South Walsham Road** – access improvements and new garage (20160178) – full approval.

6.2 The Planning Inspectorate rejected the applicant’s appeal against BDC’s refusal of the application for a new dwelling at **Coburg House**; loss of the open aspect of the appeal site, failure to preserve the setting of The Bridewell and contrast with the established design character

## **7 HIGHWAYS MATTERS**

7.1 A couple of street lights were reported for repair.

7.2 Jackie Clover informed the meeting that she will be entering the village in Anglia in Bloom this year. Other councillors and residents have offered to help with the planting of the hanging baskets and work around the village. The clerk will advertise for people to water the baskets. Tony Hemmingway reported that he has renovated the watering cart significantly.

7.3 NCC asked the Parish Council to decide on the wording for the gateway speed limit signs on A1064. It was agreed to have “Welcome to Acle - Please drive carefully” as people approach the village and “Thank you for driving carefully” when they leave. In answer to a question from a resident it was noted that the proposed pedestrian refuge will be 1.8m deep

7.4 Jackie Clover queried whether the public had a right of access along the river bank at Mill House Farm. Footpath no:5 goes from Acle Bridge to Boat Dyke Lane passing near to the river.

7.5 Tony was thanked for putting up the new noticeboard at Hermitage Close.

## **8 ACLE RECREATION CENTRE**

8.1 Trustee Barry Brooks gave a report; at the recent AGM, Barry was elected Chairman of the Recreation Centre. LEDs have been installed in the Indoor Bowls and the office has been moved downstairs to form a reception area in the entrance area.

## **9 SPRINGFIELD LAND**

It was confirmed that the Council wishes to have streetlighting included on the site. It was suggested that LED lanterns should be erected to match the new lanterns being installed elsewhere in the village.

Broadland District Council will produce posters to advertise the process for residents to register an interest in the affordable homes.

Crocus Homes have reported that 30 people have registered an interest in the new market homes so far.

## 10 RESILIENCE PLAN

The councillors were pleased to learn that BDC praised Acle's Resilience Plan at a recent meeting. Acle will be linking with surrounding villages to improve resilience cover. There was a suggestion that local businesses could be approached to ensure that they all carry first aid kits including foil blankets.

## 11 ACLE REGATTA AND ACLE HISTORY WALK

Roger Wilson attended the meeting from the Regatta committee and explained plans for the event. The regatta is supported by local businesses and the committee aims to give a donation from any surplus to local charities.

There was nothing further to report on the History Walk.

## 12 QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY AND ST GEORGE'S DAY PARTY

This has been booked for Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April from 2-5pm.

## 13 CEMETERY

The clerk wrote to Greg Clark, the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, to tell him the final figures for the consultation with local residents on the Compulsory Purchase Order: 282 residents (13%) who supported the CPO and 9 residents (0.42%) who opposed the action.

The request has been passed to The National Planning Casework Unit who contacted the clerk for some additional information.

## 14 FINANCE

<b>Receipts:</b>		£
Jary's	Funeral fees	124.00
Strumpshaw PC	Reimbursement costs	55.13
<b>Direct Debits:</b>		
Veolia	Skip hire	173.10
PHS	Waste collection for year	2,306.66
SWALEC	Lighting charges	772.26
Anglian Water	Public toilets	464.39
Anglian Water	Cemetery	14.26
<b>Online Payments:</b>		
Salaries:		
P James	Clerk's fee and exps - SO	1,000.00
	- balance	306.94
HMRC	PAYE & NIC	478.64
Mick Ward	Cleaning - SO	650.00
	- balance	115.40
Norfolk Pension Fund	Clerk's pension	651.16
Rialtas	Accountancy package	133.20
Hugh Crane Ltd	Consumables for Fletcher Rm	62.90
Rhino	Materials for noticeboard	31.20
Secker & Sons	Materials for service	18.43
Tony Hemmingway	Repairs and fixing board	62.50

Orwell Mencap	3 x benches for garden	1,252.60
Acle Garden Machinery	Cutter donated to Lands Trust	749.17
<b>Cheques for payment:</b>		
Wilkersons	Supplies	21.06
Wendy Butler	Holiday cover for cleaning	189.00
T T Jones	Lighting repairs	594.70
Acle Methodist Church	Meeting room hire	17.00
	Donation re Tea & Talk	17.00
Balance c/f 29 <sup>th</sup> February 2016		644,883.72
Government stocks		128,304.00
Cambridge B/Society	Instant access 0.5%	75,000.00
Lloyds Bank	12m to Feb 2017 1.05%	175,000.00
Nationwide B/Society	12m to Feb 2017 1.2%	75,000.00
Total monies		1,098,187.70

£93,791.32 is held by Mills & Reeve to be used to pay for the crossing on A1064.

These payments were approved.

The bank reconciliation as at 20<sup>th</sup> March was checked by Annie Bassham.

#### 15 MATTERS FOR NEXT MEETING

- i) Refurbishment of the public toilets
- ii) Parking in the village

#### 16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING –

- i) **Annual Parish Meeting** - Monday, 18th April 2016 at 7.30pm, **with refreshments afterwards.**
- ii) **Parish Council Meeting** – Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at 7.30pm, with refreshments from 7.00pm.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9.20 pm

Signed.....  
Chairman

Dated: 25th April 2016