Acle Parish Council

Meeting Date: Monday, 26th November 2018  
Venue: Methodist Church, Bridewell Lane, Acle  
Time: 7.00 p.m.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

There were eleven members of the public present. Matters raised included: the proposed de-maining of Tunstall dyke and the diversion of a footpath.

**County Councillor Brian Iles** gave a report: Norfolk County Council’s consultation on the next budget is open. Brian has raised the issue of the flooding in Beighton Road with the relevant department. Jamie Pizey asked Brian about the proposed improvements to the safety on the Broadland Northway (NDR).

**PRESENT:**   
Chairman: Tony Hemmingway  
Councillors: Sally Aldridge, Annie Bassham, Angela Bishop, Barry Coveley, Roger Jay, Jamie Pizey and Anna Wade. Also Parish Clerk, Pauline James.

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| **1** | | **APOLOGIES**  David Burnett, Jackie Clover and Chris LinehanEllen Thompson had resigned as councillor as she was moving out of the village. It is not necessary co-opt to fill the vacancy as there are parish council elections in May 2019.  *Lana Hempsall sent her apologies but this was received after the meeting.* | | |
| **2** | | **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** Barry Coveley declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in any financial transactions with the Recreation Centre, as a Trustee. Jamie Pizey is on the committee of Acle Society. Roger Jay is on Acle Social Club. | | |
| **3** | | **MINUTES** The minutes of the meeting of 29th October 2018 were agreed to be correct, and were signed by Tony Hemmingway as Chairman of the Parish Council. | | |
| **4** | | **MATTERS ARISING** | | |
| 4.1 | | NCC hopes to meet with Acle Parish Council in December to show the councillors some early proposals for the Herondale site. | | |
| 4.2 | | Annie reported that she is in touch with Acle Academy and with the Headteacher. There was a good turnout by pupils at the recent Remembrance Day service. | | |
| 4.3 | | The saplings received under the Woodland Trust scheme have been planted around the village, including at the Springfield play area and at Rotten Marsh. | | |
| **5** | | **CORRESPONDENCE** | | |
| 5.1 | | Crocus have suggested names for the Leffins Lane development; Swiftsure, Ellynore, Primrose, Sunne, Minnikin, Black Dog and Mary Grace. The councillors felt that most of these names would be very difficult to use as few people would know how to spell them. Previously the councillors had suggested Poppy, Rita George/Curtis, Finch, Sea, Roman, Smithdale, George, Porter and Great Eastern for road names. The councillors also suggested Tibbenham in memory of former Parish Council Chairman, Basil Tibbenham. | | |
| 5.2 | | De-maining Tunstall Dyke. The Environment Agency has to prioritise maintenance activities based on flood risk. Watercourses which present low flood risk can attract intermittent funding and intermittent maintenance. The proposal is to allow the local drainage board to take over the management of Tunstall Dyke. The maintenance responsibilities of the riparian landowners will not change. The councillors did not feel that they had the knowledge to comment on this, so long as the dyke was maintained adequately. | | |
| 5.3 | | Greater Norwich Local Plan – Call for Sites  Two new sites have been put forward by landowners for consideration for housing development.  Land at Jolly’s Lane – 7 hectares – approximately 150 units with open space. The councillors objected to the proposal: South of A47 so not very close to village facilities, highways access issues onto Leffins Lane which is national speed limit, the impact of increased traffic through the village if travelling north or east, poor pedestrian access to the village and the limits of the sewerage system.  Land at South Walsham Road – 37.85 hectares – residential development plus school extension. The councillors objected to the proposal: Overdevelopment of the village, traffic impact in the village centre for those travelling north, east and south, limits of the sewerage system and need to keep some land for a bypass for the village. | | |
| 5.4 | | The Police.uk website listed 10 crimes recorded in Acle in September. | | |
| 5.5 | | Residents were reminded that the bin collection on Monday 24th December will be moved forward to Saturday, 22nd December. | | |
| 5.6 | | Grants are available from BDC to eligible people to put in central heating in their homes for the first time. | | |
| 5.7 | | Norfolk County Council is consulting on its budget proposals. An increase of 2.99% is proposed, with no further increase permitted for social care budget. | | |
| **6** | | **PLANNING** | | |
| 6.1 | | 1. **Plans received during the month:**   **3 – 4 Calthorpe Cottages, The Green –** replacement timber windows and doors (listed building) (20181795). There were no objections to the plans. | | |
| **7** | | **HIGHWAYS** | | |
| 7.1 | | The councillors supported a request for a pedestrian crossing for residents who live north of South Walsham Road. This has been raised with NCC before and it was felt that the better location for a crossing would be at Bridewell Lane. The clerk will write to NCC to find out if the proposal is likely to receive funding in the near future. | | |
| 7.2 | | The councillors expressed their disappointment at the small size of the flashing SLOW DOWN signs at Acle Bridge. | | |
| **8** 8.1 | | **RECREATION CENTRE** Barry Brooks gave a report: the recent WW1 Commemorative Event was very successful – thanks to all involved, especially Angela Bishop and Debbie Morris. A pantomime is booked for the Christmas season. Sadly there has been some more vandalism and graffiti.  **Insurance:** the additional premium for the re-valuation of the premises will be £1,300 to 31st March 2019, with an increase of £3,000 for the full year. It was agreed to pay £1,300 this financial year and £2,500 in April. | | |
| **9** | | **STORAGE OF ARCHIVE MATERIALS** Tony Hemmingway reported that he had inspected the roof space above the old office at the Recreation Centre. It looks to be suitable for storage of the archive materials. Better access would be required, a better hatch and new shelving. The old office could be used by the archive group to work on the materials. Barry Brooks offered to get some prices for the works. The councillors agreed to pay up to £1,500 for this. | | |
| **10** | | **REFURBISHMENT OF PUBLIC TOILETS** BDC has said that the refurbishment is expected to cost between £30,000 and £35,000. The councillors asked for more details of the costs before deciding on a contribution. | | |
| **11** | | **PROJECTS** | | |
| 1.1 | | **Land for a cemetery:** discussions continue Nicholas Crane. | | |
| 11.2 | | **WW1 Commemorative event:** Angela Bishop gave a report: the event was well attended. The councillors thanked Angela for her hard work and commitment to the event. | | |
| 11.3 | | **Parking Restrictions in village centre:** NCC has issued letters to residents who live where the parking restrictions are proposed.  The parking restrictions are to improve safety, improve traffic flows and to restrict all-day parking in the village centre. Parking on some roads will be restricted to no more than 2 hours between 9am and 4pm Mondays to Fridays. This will mean that people can park more easily to access village services and businesses. The consultation has also been advertised on the Parish Council websites and facebook. | | |
| 11.4 | | **Youth Club** Nothing to report. | | |
| 11.5 | | **Baskets and Bowser** The councillors authorised repairs to the bowser. | | |
| 11.6 | | **Christmas Lights:** T T Jones will install new strings of coloured lights along the front of High House shortly and then test and install the rest of the village lighting. | | |
| 11.7 | | **Defibrillators** Nothing to report. | | |
| **12** | **FINANCE** | | |
|  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | **Receipts:** |  | £ | | 42 The Street | Rent for one month | 795.00 | | 44 The Street | Rent for one month | 600.00 | | Beighton PC | Reimbursement costs | 88.40 | | Various | Burial and memorial fees | 430.00 | | Recreation Centre | Loan repayment | 1,875.00 | | Upton PV | Reimbursement costs | 20.96 | | **Payments between meetings:** |  |  | | Mr & Mrs Le Brun | Repayment of rent | 132.50 | | **Online payments:** |  |  | | Employment costs: |  | 3,639.24 | | Pauline James | Clerk’s fee and exps: SO | 1,000.00 | |  | : balance | 484.50 | | Norfolk Pension Fund | E’ees and E’ers Pension | 724.94 | | Mick Ward | Cleaning: SO | 650.00 | |  | : balance | 182.67 | | HMRC | PAYE & NIC | 597.13 | | Acle Rec Centre | Youth club room hire x 5 weeks | 120.00 | | Hugh Crane Ltd | Supplies | 94.14 | | Garden Guardian | Grasscutting | 1,435.37 | | T T Jones | Streetlight repairs | 60.35 | | BDC | Litter bin collection 18/19 | 779.70 | | YMCA | Youth club staff – 6months | 4,544.00 | | Rhino | Supplies | 44.36 | | Nflk ALC | Training course | 72.00 | | Copy IT | Copying | 84.38 | | Justin Nudd | Maintenance at Barclays Bank | 160.00 | | **Cheques for payment:** |  |  | | Wendy Butler | Holiday cover | 128.38 | | Wilkersons | Supplies | 20.68 | | ENTUA | Subs | 10.00 | | Methodist Church | Room hire | 80.00 | | **Balance c/f 26.11.18** |  | 162,291.66 | | **Balances in Savings:** |  |  | | Government Stocks |  | 132,188.00 | | Cambridge B/Soc | Instant access 0.15% | 1,309.09 | | Lloyds Bank | 32-day notice 0.57 % | 101,019.83 | | Nationwide B/Soc |  | 438.24 | | Total monies |  | 397,246.82 | | | |
|  | Expected capital income: £311,770 is expected as overage monies from properties sold on Springfield land.   Outstanding commitments:  Parking amendments £20,000 + VAT The monies include reserves for repairs and renewals totalling £186,832. It was noted that Annie Bassham had checked the October online payments to the bank statements and the clerk’s latest bank reconciliation.  Actual v Budget figures for the 8 months to 26th November were noted. The payments were authorised. | |
| **13** | **MATTERS FOR NEXT MEETING**   * **Budget** * **Refurbishment of Barclays building** * **Refill project** | |
| **14** | **DATE OF NEXT MEETING –The next meeting is Monday 17th December 2018 at 7.00pm.** | |