# Parking and Speeding

Part of the Parish Council’s project to consider restricting parking in the village centre to 2 hours, during working hours, was to review the current parking restrictions. Many people have complained about the parking space on Old Road, nearest to the village centre, as a parked car at this location means that drivers have to pull out into the centre of the road, on a corner. Norfolk County Council have agreed that this is inappropriate and will be shortening the parking bay and moving the space back.

Following complaints from residents about people driving too fast on Reedham Road, in and out of the village, NCC have agreed to review the road markings to see if any additional SLOWs or speed roundels could help. They have also suggested that the Parish Council might buy a mobile Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) which flashes up vehicle speeds and should remind most drivers to slow down. The sign can be moved to different locations around the village.

# New Cemetery

The Parish Council hopes to buy just over half an acre of land from the Crane family. The land is at the very top of Pyebush Lane, adjacent to the footpath across to Fishley. The Environment Agency has confirmed that the land should be suitable for double-depth burials and we are now applying for planning permission for change of use of the site for a cemetery.

It is planned to have just a turning circle for a hearse at the new site, and one disabled parking space, so that there would not be too much use of the current track. People attending a service at the new site would be asked to park at the current cemetery or at the Recreation Centre and walk to the new cemetery.

This is extremely good news for the village as there are not many spaces left at the current cemetery.   
  
Accounts

The Accounts for the Parish Council for the year ended 31st March 2019 will be discussed at the meeting on 20th May.

The (as yet unaudited) Accounts include £386,000 received as further income from the sale of the land at Springfield. This money has been transferred to a capital reserve and can only be spent on capital projects, such as new buildings, extensions or new land.

Capital money was used this year to build the new parking spaces at the Recreation Centre and to fit out the Archive Loft.

The running costs for the parish include the running and maintenance of parish assets such as streetlights, benches, 3 play areas, cemetery, Fletcher Room (Pre-school building), grasscutting, Christmas lights, hanging baskets, the youth club (run for us by the YMCA) and staff costs for the parish clerk and the cleaner. The Parish Council

also tops up the grant from BDC for the public toilets in The Street.

Donations were made to Acle Community Gym, Acle Good Neighbours, Acle Archive Group, The Royal British Legion, East Coast Truckers and grasscutting costs at St Edmund’s Church

# Herondale Site

We have another meeting with Norse Care shortly to discuss their plans for housing-with-care flats. When there are detailed plans for the proposals for the site, we will publish these on our websites.

# Elections

European Parliamentary Elections are scheduled to take place on Thursday, 23rd May. Details of those nominated for the Eastern Region are on the Broadland District Council and Acle Parish Council websites.

Ten people were nominated for the twelve spaces on Acle Parish Council so they are automatically elected as parish councillors: Sally Aldridge, Angela Bishop, David Burnett, Jackie Clover, Barry Coveley, Jayne Greenacre, Brian Grint, Jamie Pizey, Tony Hemmingway and Anna Wade.

We thank Annie Bassham, Roger Jay and Chris Linehan, who decided not to stand again as parish councillors, for their help and support.

Lana Hempsall (Conservative) was re-elected as your Broadland District Councillor with 422 votes. (Tony Hemmingway (Labour) got 243 votes and James Barker (Lib Dem) got 130 votes.)

# Community Gym

Don’t forget the Community Gym, open to all local residents at the Yare Room at the Rec Centre, on Monday afternoons from 5.30 to 7.30 and Friday mornings from 9.30 to 12.30. £5 per session. Qualified instructor. All welcome.

Banks and Banking

Barclays Bank will shut on 17th May.

Lloyds Bank has a mobile branch at the Recreation Centre car park on Tuesdays from 10.00 to 12.15 and 13.00 to 14.45.

At the Post Office you can:

* Withdraw cash from your usual bank account using your card
* Pay cash into your usual bank account using a card or paying-in slip
* Check your bank balance using your card
* Deposit a cheque using a paying-in slip (though Nationwide customers can't do this)
* These banking services are available for free to customers of 28 banks. The Post Office says it's able to serve 99% of UK banking customers.

# Dates for your Diary

The next Parish Council meetings are Mondays, 20th May, 24th June and 29th July, all at **7.00 pm** in the Methodist meeting room, with refreshments from 6.45pm. All residents are very welcome to attend all meetings.

Meetings are advertised on the board in The Street, on the websites and facebook.

Pauline James – parish clerk