# Parking

As you know, the Parish Council has been working with Norfolk County Council for some time to work out the best way to restrict all-day commuter parking in the village centre, so as to ensure that parking is available to people who want to visit local businesses, whilst also trying to avoid issues for local residents. The final design is about to go out to the emergency services for formal consultation and then those residents who live in the relevant areas will also get a consultation letter.

The revised plans are for some parking bays where parking will be restricted to up to 2 hours, between 9 – 4, Monday – Friday. In effect, this will mean that people could park until 11.00am and then arrive back from 2.00pm. The change is that there will also be some areas with single yellow lines, where parking will be possible at all times, apart from during the hour of 10 – 11am, Mondays to Fridays. Both these restrictions will prevent all-day parking, but will minimise inconvenience to local people and those wishing to visit local businesses.

For safety reasons, there will be some areas where double yellow lines will be added, to prevent parking where visibility could be affected, or where the roads are narrow.

# Herondale Site

We understand that plans for housing-with-care flats on this site are expected to be available in September.

# New Cemetery

We have just heard that we have obtained planning permission for a cemetery on the new site at the very top of Pyebush Lane, to the left of the footpath across to Fishley. This is excellent news! We shall now get on with buying the land….

Land off Norwich Road/Mill Lane – 138 new homes

On 24th June, agents for the developers of this land – Norfolk County Council and Lovell Homes – attended the Parish Council meeting to show their draft plans for the site, for 138 homes. 45 homes would be “affordable”, either rented or shared ownership. The site will be for a mix of 1,2,3 and 4-bedroom homes, with some public open space. The principal vehicle access would be from Norwich Road, with a secondary, emergency only, access onto Mill Lane. The company hopes to start work on site in Spring 2020.

The meeting was well attended by people who live near to the site and the residents were able to ask questions about the development.

We have heard that the formal planning application for this site is about to be submitted to Broadland District Council, so the Parish Council should get a copy of the plans mid-August, as part of the normal consultation process.

We will call a special meeting to look at the plans and decide on the response. New homes are needed in the area and will support local schools and businesses, but the Parish Council wants to do its best to ensure this is a good quality development, with adequate parking, open space and a good mix of homes.

# Leffins Lane Site

Work has started on the construction of new homes on the site south of the train station. The first phase is for 30 homes, (20 market homes and 10 affordable rented or shared-ownership), and the second phase is for 15 homes, (12 self-build or custom-build and 3 affordable). This site is being developed by Crocus Constructors, who are just finishing the Springfield/Oaks Lea development in the village.

# Councillors

Acle resident Richard Powell has just been co-opted on to the Parish Council. There is still one space on the Council. If you are interested in being considered for this voluntary role, please get in touch with the parish clerk, or one of the councillors.

Barclays Bank Site

We are still waiting to hear what is planned for the former Barclays Bank building. You may have seen that it is advertised for let. They continue to pay rent to the Parish Council.

# Banking

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 planned Parish Council meetings are Mondays, 30th September, 28th October and 25th November, 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. Keep an eye out for notices about extra meetings where these above-mentioned planning applications will be discussed.

Pauline James – parish clerk