**Acle Parish Council**

**Clerk’s report for Parish Council meeting on 18th May 2020**

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| **1** | **Covid19 Virus:** |
| 1.1 | The **public toilets** and **play areas** remain closed. Broadland District Council said that the toilets would remain closed until at least the end of May. Mick Ward will do some cleaning. The play areas cannot be re-opened because we are not in a situation to wipe down surfaces or to enforce the 2m distancing. |
| 1.2 | Angela Bishop will write a report on what she has been doing to help residents and co-ordinate volunteers, including our new **Acle Food Bank.** |
| 1.3 | **Broadland District Council’s 01508 533933 and Norfolk County Council’s 0344 8008020 numbers have been widely advertised and remain the numbers to ring for assistance. There have been some changes in personnel for the support hubs. BDC/SNC are very keen to find out which families need support so that they can ensure long-term support once the situation eases so we will encourage all families who seek support to also contact BDC for advice.**  **I attended a Zoom meeting with BDC and SNC on 1st May, which was all very positive, about the support hub for the district.** |
| 1.4 | The Norfolk Community Fund grant is being used to make payments for purchases for the foodbank. |
| 2 | **Minutes**  The minutes are on the website. |
| 3 | **Matters Arising from the Meeting of 27th April** |
| 3.1 | The Council has received a complaint about the way an item of correspondence was dealt with by the Council at the April meeting. This can be discussed at the meeting on 18th May. |
| 3.2 | We’ve had a thank you email from the East Anglia’s Children’s Hospice for the recent donation. |
| 4 | **Correspondence Received:** |
| 4.1 | The Recreation Centre has written to ask for financial support to enable it to continue to trade and to support the smaller clubs who meet at the Centre. I missed the email until today, so it is not on the agenda. I’ll put it on the agenda for the June meeting. |
| 5 | **Projects:** |
| 5.1 | **Youth club** –Anna shared information of the YMCA’s facebook page activities to engage with the young people. |
| 5.2 | **New Cemetery** – a quote will be considered for the resurfacing of the track to the new cemetery and then the creation of a new access and turning circle for the new cemetery. |
| 5.3 | **Barclays Building –** the solicitors are dealing with the surrender of the lease from Barclays back to the Parish Council |
| 6 | **Planning:** |
| 6.1 | There is an application for some works to trees at Speckled Wood in Pyebush Lane  “20200864 - Pinus Nigra (T1) - Reduce crown by 1.5m, reducing height from 23m to 21.5m and crown spread from 12m to 10.5m Leyland Cypress (G2) - Fell Pinus Nigra (T3) - Fell to ground level Ash (T4) - Dead, fell Ash (T5) – Fell” |
| 7 | **Agenda items:** |
| 7.1 | Charity donations and Grants ;   1. Leonard Cheshire Homes 2. AgeUk 3. Scotty’s Little Soldiers – provide support for children whose parent has died in conflict 4. Martin Greenland has written to ask for a grant towards the cost of re-thatching the Church |
| 7.2 | The Accounts and Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2020 have been published on the website and are on the agenda on Monday. |
| 8 | **Any Other Business** |
| 8.1 | I’ve written to the three households in Oaks Lea, on the private roadway adjacent to the play area, to advise them that the square of grass outside the play area will be dug over shortly and planted, and enclosed a map showing that the Parish Council’s piece of land was not the Bin Collection Point, as had been suggested. I have also asked them to help to water the new plants over the summer. |
| 8.2 | There were some lovely photos on facebook showing the newly resurfaced tennis courts. The Parish Council gave a donation towards this work. |
| 8.3 | We’ve already talked about the disappointing vandalism and littering in Damgate Woods. The trustees are aware of the problem. |
| 8.4 | PC Ian Kennedy sent me an email to say he was moving to another role and will no longer be our local officer. I did send him a thank you for all the help he has given us and our communities. PC Steve Clarke will be our point of contact until a replacement is found. |
|  | Pauline 14th May 2020 |