**Acle Parish Council**

**Clerk’s report for Parish Council meeting on 27th July 2020**

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| **1** | **Covid19 Virus:** |
| 1.1 | The **public toilets** are were re-opened on 4th July. Mick Ward has reported that there have been no problems. |
| 1.2 | The **play areas** were also re-opened on 4th July. |
| 1.3 | Chair Angela Bishop will update her report on what the Resilience Group has been doing to help residents and co-ordinate volunteers, including our **Acle Food Bank.** |
| 1.4 | Cllr Jamie Pizey met with BDC when the hand sanitiser stations were installed around the village. Mick Ward will check these and re-fill as necessary. |
| 2 | **Minutes**  I’ve published the draft minutes for the June meeting. |
| 3 | **Matters Arising from the Meeting of 29th June** |
| 3.1 | We continue to discover local **businesses** and have added these to the Visit Acle website, facebook and the paper list. I have suggested that a paper booklet is printed shortly and delivered to every household by Royal Mail. I think we could probably also include a Parish Council newsletter as we’ve not done one since February. |
| 3.2 | The mobile **SAM2** speed sign has been ordered from Westcotec. I’ve not heard yet when the fixed vehicle activated sign for Reedham Road will be erected. |
| 3.3 | I met up with our new **PC Jackie Chambers** and we walked around the Recreation Centre and up to the cemetery. She was a PCSO and has been a PC for several years so is experienced and approachable. |
| 3.4 | I went to Moulton to buy plants for our **flower bed at Springfield** and the area has been planted up by Martin Pitchers and looks lovely. |
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| 3.5 | Our new **planter** was made by CRM Gardening Services and I saw a lovely photo of Cllrs Wendy Kenny and Jackie Clover after having filled it with plants. |
| 3.6 | NCC have agreed to check the **path** from Oaks Lea onto Old Road and see if any signage could be added. |
| 3.7 | Some of the items agreed to be purchased for the **Rec Centre and the Social Club** have been purchased. Barry Brooks and Barry Coveley will each report on progress to date. |
| 4 | **Farmers’ Market** |
| 4.1 | Councillors Wendy Kenny and Angela Bishop will update the meeting on the plans for the **Farmers’ Market** on Saturday, 8th August, to be held at the Recreation Centre car park. |
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| 5 | **Government Stocks** |
| 5.1 | We have some money invested in **Government Stocks**. A while ago, Barratt & Cooke moved us into “execution only”, which means they no longer advise us on which stocks to buy. One stock matured so we have some money sitting on deposit, but it needs to be re-invested. |
| 6 | **Correspondence Received** |
| 6.1 | The Broads Authority got in touch to say that their refurbished 24-hour moorings at Acle Bridge will re-open in early August. |
| 6.2 | I’ve had a request from a family who want to buy a bench for the current cemetery in memory of their son who is buried there. |
| 6.3 | I’ve had a complaint that Acle Car Centre are parking their stock along Market Manor, which is making it difficult for residents to park, and difficult to exit Market Manor. I’ve asked the police to take a look in case there is any obstruction. |
| 7 | **Projects:** |
| 7.1 | **Former Barclays Bank** **building** – work on the surrender of the lease by Barclays continues. |
| 7.2 | **New Cemetery** – I spoke to our solicitor today. Some of the searches are back in for the new site, but not all. |
| 7.3 | **Youth club** –A detached form (outdoors engagement) of the youth club will start back from 4th August. |
| 7.4 | **Parking restrictions –** Harrison from NCC has just been in touch to say that the formal consultation will start on 7th August, for 4 weeks, and will be advertised in the local press and notices sent to residents whose homes front onto the relevant roads. |
| 8 | **Any Other Business** |
| 8.1 | There is nothing new on the BDC planning website about the Herondale site. Brian Iles has sent an email to NCC to ask for an update but may not hear back in time for our meeting. |
| 8.2 | Sadly, the people at Scooters Café have decided not to re-open as they do not feel it would be viable, even with tables on The Green. |
| 8.3 | I’ve ordered two new **green litter bins** for New Road, one to go opposite the BP garage and one at the entrance to New Close. These were agreed many months ago, but I have only just had time to sort them out. Norfolk County Council gave permission for the locations of the bins and Broadland District Council will empty them for us. Although they are green bins, they can also be used for disposal of dog poo, which was requested by residents. I felt that green bins would look more attractive than the red ones, given that this is one of the main roads into Acle. |
| 8.4 | I’ve also ordered a replacement **bench** for the A47 westbound sliproad. |
| 8.5 | Crocus/ Saffron said that they plan to start on site with the **Leffins Lane** development soon. |
| 8.6 | District Councillor Lana Hempsall has arranged for **MP Jerome Mayhew** to visit the Recreation Centre, to meet members of the clubs etc to find out how the current situation is affecting sports and social clubs. |
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|  | Pauline – 23rd July 2020 |