**Acle Parish Council**

**Clerk’s report for Parish Council meeting on 24th August 2020**

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| **1** | **Covid19 Virus:** |
| 1.1 | BDC’s application for funding for market stalls was successful. APC’s advert for Acle Businesses went out to 13,000 homes in The Village Book, and Angela has also arranged for an advert in the NR29 Guide. |
| 2 | **Minutes**  I’ve published the minutes for the meetings on 27th July and 10th August on the website. |
| 3 | **Matters Arising from the Meeting of 27th June** |
| 3.1 | I’ve started to write a Parish Council **newsletter** to be delivered with the paper copy of the **businesses listing**. I’ve not heard of any new businesses for the past few weeks. If anyone knows of a new business or one that is not yet listed on our website, then please let me know. |
| 3.2 | The fixed **vehicle activated sign (VAS) for Reedham Road** has been put up and is working. |
| 3.3 | Scooters’ Café posted on facebook that they would be re-opening after all. |
| 3.4 | Crocus reported that they hope to have planning permission for the Herondale site by September or October. |
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| 4 | **Farmers’ Market** |
| 4.1 | Hopefully there will be a report at the meeting on the successful farmers’ market that was held on 8th August, and the forthcoming market on 12th September. |
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| 5 | **Purchase of Chocolate Box building** |
| 5.1 | We are now waiting for the survey to be done and the solicitors to check the paperwork.  Sally Aldridge has been in touch with the vendor and he has kindly offered to change the locks and then let us have a key to move the foodbank stocks into the downstairs room at the side, as the Methodist Church want to re-open for services in September. |
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| 6 | **Correspondence Received** |
| 6.1 | The external auditors, PKF Littlejohn, have approved the Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2020, without comment. I’ve published the Notice of Conclusion of Audit on our website, as required. |
| 6.2 | Lovells sent an email to say they would pay us £1,000 per streetlighting column on the new Norwich Road estate, so I’ve acknowledged that. This money would be earmarked for future repairs and maintenance of these lights. |
| 6.3 | Lovells also asked us to think about possible street names for the various roads on the new development. It looks like they will be naming 8 roads.  The names that the Parish Council has previously suggested included:  Gariensis – after the estuary – but we are naming the path at Springfield Gariensis  Constantine – after the coin found  Estuary  Roman  Norfolk butterflies  Dragonflies  List of Norfolk women’s names  As a reminder, the Leffins Lane development roads will be Daisy Way, Daniels Close, Poppy Way, Primrose Drive and Alder Way. |
| 6.4 | BDC sent notice that they are consulting on a review of their Licensing Policy. |
| 6.5 | The Broads Authority sent notice that the footpath closure on the other side of Acle Bridge has been re-opened. |
| 6.6 | Acle United Football Club sent an email asking for funding for some of the sanitiser products totalling about £340, and some they had already bought, totalling £255. I sent them the grant application form and asked them to send me the receipts for those they had already purchased, but I have not heard back. |
| 6.7 | I’ve had a complaint about trees overhanging the walkway from Nursery Close to South Walsham Road. The trees do have a TPO on them. I’ve reported this to NCC to take a look at. |
| 7 | **Projects:** |
| 7.1 | **Former Barclays Bank** **building** – The surrender was finally completed and Barry went to collect the keys from the Yarmouth branch.  Barry and Tony have been looking at repairs that are needed in the short-term and will talk about this in more detail once the public have been excluded at the end of the meeting, as prices will be discussed.  Our meeting with the **Pre-School** was useful. Obviously they would like the opportunity to have a look inside the building. Barry has offered to sort this out for them. (He and Tony have the keys to the building.) Obviously the Pre-school has been following Government guidance on the numbers of children allowed in a class, which resulted in a lower number being able to attend. |
| 7.2 | **New Cemetery** – the purchase of the land continues. |
| 7.3 | **Youth club** – The sports part of the youth club started back on 7th July. A detached form (outdoors engagement) of the youth club start ed back on 4th August. |
| 7.4 | **Parking restrictions –** Harrison from NCC rang me to say that the formal consultation was delayed even further, to 28th August, for 4 weeks, and will be advertised in the local press and notices sent to residents whose homes front onto the relevant roads. Depending on what objections are received, Harrison will then book the lining crew to paint the lines on the roads and the little notice plates will be put up at the same time. |
| 8 | **Any Other Business** |
| 8.1 | BDC confirmed that there had not been a request for an election for the one vacancy on the parish council. The co-option will be at the next meeting, on 28th September. I have had four applicants so far:   * Jackie Brooks * Jess Burgess * Sarah Howlett * David Stephenson (he was the one who applied last time but couldn’t commit to Monday meetings at that time) |
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|  | Pauline – 24th August 2020 |