**Acle Parish Council**

**Clerk’s report for Parish Council meeting on 28th September 2020**

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| **1.** | **Agenda items** |
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| 1.1 | **Purchase of The Chocolate Box** |
|  | The survey was carried out. |
| 1.2 | **Acle Foodbank** |
|  | Drop off continues to be on Thursdays, from 10.00 – 11.00 at the Methodist Church. |
| 1.3 | **Shop Acle and Resilience work** |
|  | The parish council continues to support local businesses and local families. |
| 1.4 | **Farmers’ Market** |
|  | The Farmers’ Market was very successful again this month, in the Rec Centre car park. It was expected that the Market would return to the Church Room in October but some stallholders were concerned that it might be too cramped there.Jackie Clover has been making enquiries about holding it in the main hall at the Rec Centre – and it is on the agenda to considering part-funding the hire of the hall. |
| 1.5 | **Herondale Site** |
|  | NCC has signed over the site to Crocus to build the housing with care scheme for affordable rented and shared ownership flats. |
| 1.6 | **Acle and District Men’s Shed** |
|  | Amie Evans (NCC) hosted a Zoom meeting attended by a few councillors and a couple of residents. Amie felt that a few people were put off by it being an online meeting. A experienced “shedder” from another village spoke about the opportunities, and the difficulties, in setting up a Shed, and has offered to attend the first actual meeting that will be held, with no more than six people, to try to get a constitution adopted so as to start the Acle and District Men’s Shed group.Amie is still looking around for suitable premises. A representative of Clarion Housing who attended the meeting offered £500 to the group and Amie has since been in touch with Saffron Housing who said they also might be able to help. Rhino’s has offered a discount on purchases. The Co-Op has offered tea and biscuits.Lana Hempsall has said she might allocate some of her councillor’s £500 to pay some rent for the Shed. |
| 1.7 | **NCC Ward Boundaries**  |
|  | The Acle division currently includes Lingwood, Beighton, Moulton St Mary, Reedham, Halvergate and Tunstall. It is proposed to add Upton, Cantley, Limpenhoe and Southwood, to equal up the numbers of residents represented by each councillor. |
| 1.8 | **Donation to Royal British Legion** |
|  | I’ve ordered the wreath on behalf of the parish council. Last year we gave £100 to the Poppy Appeal. |
| 1.9 | **Grant for Acle Rainbows**  |
|  | Sharon Rowsell, the Rainbow leader, plans to attend our meeting to answer your questions. The group normally meets at the Primary School, but the school is not permitting meetings at present. The Yare Room is available, but costs £12 per week, for 1.5 hours. She only has seven girls attending at present, and they are currently meeting on Zoom, doing badges etc. Three more didn’t want to do online meetings but may return if physical meetings start again. Five more are on a waiting list for January 2021.Of the 7, 5 are from Acle, 1 from Moulton and 1 from South WalshamSharon is asking for £257.28, being half the cost of the rent of the Yare Room to 21st July 2021. |
| 1.10 | **The Government’s Planning White Paper** |
|  | 1. New district council Local Plans will be needed, taking less than 30 months to produce, that will allocate all land into Growth, Renewal and Protected areas. 2. Once land is in the Growth area, any proposal that is put forward, that meets Government guidelines, will automatically be approved, without any further consultation of district councils, parish councils or neighbours...CPRE's view is that, since most people only get involved in the planning process when their neighbours want to build an extension, this will mean that local people will have next to no input into Local Plans...3. S106 agreements and Community Infrastructure Levy will be amalgamated into a new Community Levy - no details yet as to whether parish councils will receive any of this money and if they do, whether those with a Neighbourhood Plan will receive 25% instead of 15%.4. CPRE says not enough pressure to ensure existing sites are built-out before other sites are designated for housing.5. Little detail yet as to what land will be Protected, other than saying that if it is not Growth land, or Renewal Land, then it is Protected land. This will therefore depend on how much land is included in the Growth zones. |
| 2 | **Matters Arising from the Meeting of 24th August** |
| 2.1 | I’ll be writing a Community News shortly. |
| 2.2 | **Parking restrictions –** the consultation started on 28th August.  |
| 2.3 | I’ve received complaints about bad **parking in Market Manor**.  |
| 2.4 | The new string of **Christmas lights** was due to be put up across the Mitre House and Manor House on Friday, but I suspect it was delayed, given the terrible weather.  |
| 3 | **Correspondence Received** |
| 3.1 | I joined a meeting with **Highways England** in early September; they were talking about the consultation on their latest drawings for the dualling of the North Burlingham stretch of the A47. They have since delivered leaflets to Acle residents. |
| 3.2 | I’ve had a complaint about vehicle speeds at **Acle Bridge**. |
| 3.3 | **Strumpshaw Parish Council** sent an update on their new village hall, Despite everything, they have managed to open the hall, eventually. They plan to repay £18,000 of their £21,000 loan shortly.  |
| 3.4 | The Lands Trust had removed a willow tree that had fallen across a dyke on the **Doles**, but that was before the strong winds so no doubt there is more work to do now! |
| 3.5 | I received a complaint about **Network Rail** carrying out maintenance work at night – using a chain saw.  |
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|  | Pauline James – 28th September 2020 |