**Acle Parish Council**

**Clerk’s report for Parish Council meeting on 30th November 2020**

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| **1.** | **Agenda items** |
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| 1.1 | **Purchase of The Chocolate Box** |
|  | The legal work on this is nearly completed and we hope to complete the purchase shortly. |
| 1.2 | **Acle Foodbank and Christmas Parcels** |
|  | We continue to get cash and food donations from residents from within Acle and from outside the villages. I have contacted the parish clerks for the other villages where food parcels have been delivered to ask them for any support. |
| 1.3 | **Shop Acle and Resilience work** |
|  | Councillors will update the meeting. |
| 1.4 | **Men’s Shed** The committee continues to meet, online. They went to look round the Fletcher Room and felt it would be very suitable for their needs. They are applying for funds from district councillor Lana Hempsall and from the Acle Conservative Trust. |
| 1.5 | **Barclays Building**  We are investigating whether it would be a good idea to put **solar panels** on the roofs.  The **measured survey** was done on 19th November. |
| 1.6 | **Christmas lights**  T T Jones will put up LED lighting ropes in the Folly Tree for Christmas.  T T Jones have checked and re-lamped the strings where they could get access and will return once the other premises have re-opened after lockdown. |
| 1.7 | **Noticeboards** We are considering replacing some of the older noticeboards around the village. |
| 1.8 | **Exercise Equipment** We are considering some outdoor exercise equipment. |
| 1.9 | **Play equipment** We are considering refurbishment of the play areas. |
| 1.10 | **S106 monies** There will be some money for allotments, play areas and formal sports facilities. |
| 1.11 | **Plastic-free community status** We just need to formally adopt this scheme in order to complete our application. |
| 1.12 | **Cycling** Angela Bishopwill report on this. |
| 1.13 | **Christmas Trail and Carols**  Sam Nutt (who did the Hallowe’en trail) would like to do a Christmas trail around the village, together with a carol service at the Rec Centre, on Sunday, 20th December. |
| 2 | **Matters Arising from the Meeting of 26th October** |
| 2.1 | **Herondale** Work has started on the Herondale site. |
| 2.2 | **Acle Lands Trust**  The volunteers have found a **Christmas tree** for the village. Rhino’s have kindly offered to pay for the tree (£50) and transport it for us. The Lands Trust volunteers will fit the lights.  The volunteers have also been meeting with people from **Cadent.** They want to reroute the gas main through part of Damgate Wood. They have a statutory right to do this, but there will be a formal easement drawn up. |
| 2.3 | **Parking Restrictions:**  As reported in my last clerk’s report, there were a few objections from residents to the formal consultation. NCC have put forward their plan to deal with these objections. Please note that the scheme in general is still as set out on the maps we had some time ago, on the website, and these latest points are the only changes they are proposing. |
| 2.4 | First Bus replied re the idea of adding an extra stop for a park and ride :  Our planning team in Norwich would be happy to discuss serving such a provision, they advise that primarily much would be dependent on the location of any car park site that is secured by the Parish Council. Ideally any site would be near the current route followed by our services as, given the nature of the road network in Acle there may be limited opportunities to divert the X1 without significant time penalties which may increase our operational costs. However once the site location is identified this could that be assessed and discussed.    The provision of any bus stop infrastructure such as bus stops and shelters would require the approval and input of Norfolk County Council Passenger Transport Group to ensure that it is funded and safely located. We can work with the Parish Council to make appropriate contacts.    If indicative sites have already been examined or if a representative of the Parish would like to discuss the matter further please contact paul.martin2@firstgroup.com , iain.rankine@firstgroup.com or philip.magill@firstgroup.com. We can also advise on the range of ticketing products that we have available which may make the service even more attractive to a wider range of passengers and how the Parish could help us promote their initiative to attract more passengers to bus services. |
| 2.5 | I attended a online meeting with **Highways England**. They expect to submit the application for the dualling at North Burlingham shortly. |
| 2.6 | Barry Brooks was re-elected as Chairman of the **Rec Centre Trustees**, having been appointed by the Bowls Club. |
| 2.7 | The **litter bin** **post** in Bridewell Lane was replaced by our contractor. |
| 2.8 | Sharon Rowsell sent a thank you for the donation towards the room hire for the **Rainbows**. |
| 3 | **Correspondence Received** |
| 3.1 | Solicitors for the sale of 6 Oaks Lea sent me details of a restriction on title that needs to be removed. |
| 4 | **Any Other Business** |
| 4.1 | The YMCA have been running detached work and an online event during lockdown, but plan to return to the Acle site on Tuesday, 1st December. |
| 4.2 | Lana Hempsall asked me to invite the local co-ordinator for the 2021 Census to the meeting to introduce herself – there will be work opportunities so I have shared the link on facebook. |
| 4.3 | Angela Bishop asked me to invite several people to our meeting on Monday to present them with a community Certificate of Thanks and to thank them for helping out during the pandemic. |
| 4.4 | I asked BDC to sweep the leave on the corner of De Carle Smith Road and Old Road as it is getting pretty mushy and slippery, but they have no duty to do so, so don’t. The next pavement sweep is scheduled for 16th December so hopefully this will clear up the leaves. |
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|  | Pauline – 27th November 2020 |