Acle Parish Council

Meeting Date: Monday, 2nd November 2020
Venue: Online Meeting
Time: 7.00 p.m.

Following the introduction of new legislation, (The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020), which took effect on 4th April 2020, this Parish Council meeting was a virtual meeting, held online. This legislation may remain in place until 7th May 2021.

**PRESENT:**
Chair: Angela Bishop
Vice-Chair: Jamie Pizey
Councillors: Sally Aldridge, Sarah Carter, Jackie Clover, Barry Coveley, Tony Hemmingway, Anna Holt, Hannah Jackson, Wendy Kenny and Richard Powell

Also Parish Clerk, Pauline James.

There were three members of the public present. Matters raised included the need to shut down the Recreation Centre because of the forthcoming lockdown.

David Savory, as Chair of the Acle Pre-School spoke about the proposal to develop part of the former Barclays building as a new Pre-School area. He said the Pre-School Committee was very keen to move forward with the proposals, so long as the safety of the children could be accommodated. He said that the growth of the village meant that the service needed to be increased and enhanced.

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| **1** | **APOLOGIES** Jayne Greenacre |
| **2** | **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**None. |
| **3** | **FORMER BARCLAYS BUILDING** Some of the councillors had had a meeting with Marcus Pearcey, from Blofield Farm Shop, with the others able to see the recording of the meeting on the shared drive. He has proposed renting part of the building for a bakery to supply his various businesses, with a café, possibly with a profit-share agreement. The councillors welcomed the idea of a bakery and café.There was some discussion about the use of the building. The councillors were keen to see some of the building used as a community facility and welcomed a retail space that would be open to all residents.It was agreed to appoint Fraser Hall, architect with Brown & Co, to do a feasibility study for the building and land, costing £3,300, looking at:1. The Pre-School in the right-hand unit, looking from the front, and the bakery and café in the left-hand unit and the middle unit, with the forecourt available for additional seating.
2. The Pre-School in the right-hand unit, with the left and middle units refurbished to a general standard to suit retail or office space.
3. Three general units for retail or office space.

The clerk will send Fraser Hall the Pre-School’s “wish-list” and the Early Years specifications for pre-schools, for his information.It was further agreed to pay for a measured survey of the site, costing £1,700, to enable drawings to be produced to enable the feasibility study.The clerk reported that the Refurbishment & Demolition asbestos report had been received and was on the shared drive for councillors’ information. A few substances contained asbestos and were recommended for removal. The clerk will ask the company for a quote to prepare an asbestos management plan and for a quote to remove those items.The removal of the safe doors was discussed. As it had been agreed at the meeting of 23rd September to remove these doors, it was required that the majority of the councillors present at the meeting agreed to discuss this again. This being so, it was agreed to leave the doors in situ for the present, but noting that Maverick had offered the best price for their removal should this be required in the future. |

There being no further business, the meeting was closed.

Signed:………………………………. Dated:……………………………………
 Chair