**Acle Parish Council**

**Clerk’s report for Parish Council meeting on 25th January 2021**

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| **1.** | **Agenda items** |
| 1.1 | **Acle Foodbank and Christmas Parcels** |
|  | Drop off for non-perishable food and household items is still on Thursdays from 10.00 – 11.00 at Acle Methodist Church.  Cantley Parish Council have given a donation of £100 and South Walsham Parish Council have given £200 towards the families we have been supporting. Limpenhoe, Southwood and Cantley PCC sent us £203.04, raised at their Christmas Carol Concert. Acle Relief in Need have given us another £250. Freethorpe Parish Council has also promised to send us a donation. |
| 1.2 | **Plastic-free Acle**  Anna Holt will report on this at the meeting. |
| 1.3 | **Dr Bike Day- 30th January 2021 between 9.00 and 14.00**  Jackie Chambers from the Acle Police will attend and will provide some anti-crime stickers.  Sarah Carter has asked her paramedic colleagues if anyone is free to attend. |
| 1.4 | **Shop Acle and Resilience work** Angela Bishop’s latest report has been published on the website. |
| 1.5 | Sally Aldridge, Jackie Clover and I had a very interesting and informative site meeting at the **Norwich Road** development. They confirmed that the access road they are building at the moment will be constructed to a high enough standard to become a main road if they then build the link road to South Walsham Road. |
| 1.6 | The **Broadland Community Lottery** has been launched. I have registered Acle & District Foodbank as one of the causes that can benefit from people purchasing tickets. 50% of the ticket money goes to the chosen cause.   The first draw is at the end of February. |
| 1.7 | Consultation has been issued on the **Broadland Futures Initiative.** |
| 1.8 | Jamie Pizey has sent notice of works being done to the sewage works in **Damgate Lane** w/c 25th January, which will result in an increase in lorry traffic during this time. |
| 1.9 | The **Youth Club** had to close because of the lockdown. There will be some online presence until the club can re-open. |
| 1.10 | Sharon Rowsell, the leader of **Acle Rainbows**, sent a report that the meetings in the Bure Room had been successful, but that she is continuing with Zoom meetings for now. |
| 1.11 | I attended an online meeting with members of the South Norfolk and Broadland (SNAB) **Community Links** – lots of people who have been supporting their communities since March. |
| 1.12 | Sally Aldridge, Wendy Kenny and I, together with Andrew King, Caroline Crane and Lana Hempsall met online with Mark Deveney who is keen to ensure that local families who need support are getting in touch with the **Help Hub**. |
| 1.13 | Tony Hemmingway, Jayne Greenacre and I met with the **Headteacher and Chair of Governors** at the Primary School to update them on plans to move the Pre-school to the former Barclays building.  I have been back in touch with Norfolk Property Services to ask if the lease for the site might be extended, and for how long. |
| 1.14 | BDC are carrying out a count of **rough sleepers** on the night of 31st January. Please let me know if you are aware of anyone sleeping rough. |
| 2 | **Matters Arising from the Meeting of 14th December** |
| 2.1 | Anna Holt arranged with Rhino’s to transport the old **concrete litter bins** to their new locations in New Road. They have been filled with compost, and some plants are on order. I have sent an email to Rhino’s to thank them for their help. |
| 2.2 | **Christmas Trail and Outdoor Carol Service** The Carol Service was held on Sunday, 20th December, outdoors at the Rec Centre and Methodist Church car parks. The money raised at the event will be given to the Foodbank. |
| 3 | **Planning:** |
| 3.1 | The **draft Great Norwich Local Plan** has been published. The proposal shows an additional 140 homes on the fields west of the Norwich Road site and west of Acle Academy, but does state that plans should include land for a link road able to cope with HGVs and agricultural traffic, and should leave land available for any future extension to Acle Academy. The public right of way from the top of Mill Lane would be protected.  The website says,  “We have already consulted three times on the contents of the plan.  The next stage of the plan-making process allows for **comments to be made on the legal compliance and soundness** of the Local Plan before submitting it to the Planning Inspector for independent examination in public.  This means:   * Has the plan been prepared in accordance with all legal and procedural requirements? * Does the plan meet the prescribed tests of soundness?”   Back in February 2020, Acle PC objected to both sites being developed:  “Acle Parish Council objects to this site being developed. The councillors do not feel that there is sufficient infrastructure in the village to support this size of development and that the impact on the village as a whole would be unacceptable; doctors' surgery, traffic movements etc. There are concerns about the carting away of waste from the sewerage plant in Damgate Lane and the impact on local residents if this were to increase.” |
| 3.2 | BDC has approved works to a cedar tree at **62 Nursery Close**, which has a TPO on it. |
| 4 | **Recreation Centre** |
| 4.1 | Barry Brooks may have some more information on **solar panels** for the centre. |
| 4.2 | The Parish Council agreed to pay for a proportion of **room hire** for groups hiring rooms at the Rec Centre, up to £800. I will be using part of the £10,000 Small Business Grant from BDC to pay this grant. |
| 4.3 | **S106 monies** – this has proven more complicated that it perhaps should have been. It transpires that only the S106 agreements for Herondale site and the 15 homes on Leffins Lane have agreements that permit the expenditure to be incurred before the S106 monies are collected in. I am waiting for confirmation from BDC as to how much money will be coming from the Leffins Lane site, and some will be for formal sports provision, which would pay towards the drainage of the football pitches. The Herondale site will generate £18,630 for formal play equipment, but none for formal sports provision.  BDC did say that just over £47,000 in **Community Infrastructure Levy** should be coming to us in April, from the Leffins Lane site, with a further £141,000 to come on the Norwich Road and Leffins Lane sites. |
| 4.4 | **Acle Social Club** – since I wrote the agenda, they have informed me that they have received a small grant from elsewhere that they hope will keep them going. |
| 5 | **Chocolate Box:** At present I have nothing further to report on this one. |
| 6 | **Barclays:** On 4th January I wrote to BDC Planning Department asking for their advice as to whether we will need Change Of Use permission to rent out the building to the Pre-school, but the reply was that enquiries are taking 4 – 6 weeks. |
| 7 | **Highways:** |
| 7.1 | Jon Fox, Regional Repairs Manager for Clarion Housing,will attend the meeting and give an update on what they are doing to help their tenants in the homes in **Beighton Road** where there was **flooding** just before Christmas.  Simon Faraday-Drake from BDC has been in touch with Jon Fox, and NCC Flood & Waste Management Team to discuss the flooding.  Angela Bishop said she would speak to the landowner of the field across the road from the houses. |
| 7.2 | **Flooding in Norwich Road** at the same time was added to by water coming off the Norwich Road site as the bund they had constructed failed in one place. The site manager stated that this is now inspected daily. |
| 7.2 | There has been a lot of concern about the **silt** that has turned up in the waterways in **Damgate Wood**, whether it has arisen from the developments in Norwich Road, Leffins Lane or the infill work at Acle Garden Machinery.  This has already been raised with Lovells re Norwich Road and Wellington re Leffins Lane, but Richard Powell has suggested that I also contact Acle Garden Machinery to ask what they are doing to protect the water courses during their works, and I will also contact Planning Enforcement in case there is anything they can do. |
| 7.3 | I reported the suspected **diesel spill** on the track at the top of Mill Lane to Norfolk County Council and to BDC Environmental Services. |
| 8 | **Environment:**  Richard Powell will give us a report at the February meeting but you might like to be thinking about places in the village where you might like to consider planting **trees or bulbs.** |
| 9. | **My Hours:**  I have worked some overtime during 2020. I will take time off in lieu over 2021. |
| 10 | **Any Other Business:** |
|  | MP Jerome Mayhew will attend our February meeting. |
|  | Pauline – 22nd January 2021 |