**Acle Parish Council**

**Clerk’s report for Parish Council meeting on 28th June 2021**

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| **1.** | **Agenda items:** |
| 1.1 | **Acle Foodbank**  Sally Aldridge can give an update on the foodbank. We continue to receive small donations via the BDC Community Lottery. |
| 1.2 | **Shop Acle**  Angela Bishop can give an update at the meeting. |
| 1.3 | **Land for New Cemetery** The solicitors are working on the purchase of the land. |
| 1.4 | **Acle’s Beeline** Richard Powell can give a report on Monday. |
| 1.5 | **Summer Markets** The second market was held this week (the second one having been cancelled because of the yellow weather warning.) Attendance was very good. Angela will report further on Monday. |
| 1.6 | **Committees and Working Parties** David Stephenson would like to be on the working parties for website, Roads, Youth, Play Areas and Environment, as well as being included in discussions about Barclays and the Chocolate Box. |
| 1.7 | **Men’s Shed** The new Chairman, Lewis Platten, will attend the meeting to give an update. |
| 1.8 | **Flooding**  Angela and I attended a Zoom meeting with BDC and Clarion Housing to discuss the flooding at Beighton Road. Jon Fox from Clarion confirmed that works have started to reduce the impact of flooding.  Jamie Pizey has reported that the ditch in Beighton Road has been cleared out, but the discharge pipes from the road seem to be damaged/blocked, electric cables have been exposed and the exit drain to the under-road culvert looks very blocked. |
| 1.9 | **Dr Bike Sessions** Angela will report on the session held on Thursday, 3rd June (outside Barclays, paid for by us), and forthcoming sessions on Saturday, 14th August (a workshop on the grass to the rear of Barclays, paid for by Cycling UK) and 23rd October (probably paid for by Cycling UK). |
| 2 | **Matters Arising from the Meeting of 24th May** |
| 2.1 | **Car park at The Hermitage** I wrote to the owner, Mike Young, and he rang me to explain that he is using the container to store furniture from his pub in Yarmouth, which he has sold, and that he hopes the container will only be there on a short-term basis. |
| 2.1 | **Acle Community Gym** Vernon Cumpstey sent a letter of thanks for the PC’s grant agreed last month. He also sent me some posters to advertise the gym. |
| 2.2 | Richard will report back on the progress he has made about the maintenance work needed on the **Spring Dyke**. He has found out that the Environment Agency maintains channels such as this one, and has “an interest in ensuring effective conveyance in the channel” but is not the landowner and does not have a duty to maintain the banks. Where funding allows, the EA does carry out some maintenance, in order to protect the channels. The EA is willing to do some repair to this bank in this case. |
| 3 | **Planning:** |
| 3.1 | **Denby, Bridewell Lane** - Proposed two-storey side and single-storey rear extension. Proposed detached triple garage (20211027). |
| 3.2 | APC’s planning application for the former Barclays building have been published too. |
| 4 | **Finance Report** See separate sheet. |
| 5 | **Chocolate Box:** The working party met and agreed the details for the doors and windows. I placed the order, and made the deposit payment, and am meeting the surveyor from the company on Thursday, for him to measure up.  The plans for the replacement window and the small velux windows in the rear roof have been submitted to BDC. |
| 6 | **Barclays:** BDC finally processed the planning application (apparently they have had staffing issues). |
| 7 | **Highways:** |
| 7.1 | **Hanging baskets**  The baskets are up and being watered. Thanks to Jackie for planting up the baskets. Adam Fisher is co-ordinating the watering and will let me have the lists of who does what and when, so that I can sort out the payments.  Adam asked if we could fit a cage of some sort to the rear of Barclays to enable the watering cart to be secured there, rather than behind Harvey Hines Woods, where it tends to get vandalised. |
| 7.2 | I have received a request from Brenda Berry on behalf of the Royal British Legion that the **railings** at the war memorial be re-painted. The paint is peeling a bit. |
| 7.3 | **Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign** – Jamie sent a report of vehicle speeds on the approach to Moulton St Mary, which has been sent to the police. |
| 7.4 | New **noticeboards** have been put up in South Walsham Road, Reedham Road, the Rec Centre and Beighton Road.  The fifth board is to go on the wall of the front garden of Badgers Holt in Mill Lane. |
| 8 | **Funding for Technology**  I will miss being able to share my screen at meetings, especially if we are to reduce photocopying and paper, and to do this successfully we need an appropriate projector and use of a screen. There is a screen at the Rec Centre main hall, and in the worship area at the Methodist Church, so it would work at either venue. Or we could get our own screen…. |
| 9 | **Any Other Business:** |
| 9.1 | I have booked in the work necessary to pass the **electrical testing at** **both flats** for 8th July. |
| 9.2 | The **play areas** in Damgate Lane, Beighton Road and Springfield were inspected by RoSPA. There were some minor points raised. |
| 9.3 | NCC has apologised for the delay in processing the **parking restrictions**. |
| 9.4 | It was decided to allow **Scooters to put picnic tables** on The Green, in the short-term, to help them achieve sales with social distancing. The arrangement is that Scooters will remove the tables every evening so there is no risk of the tables being stolen or vandalised. |
| 9.5 | I “attended” the **Safer Neighbourhood Panel** meeting this week and a meeting of BDC/SNC Community Hub. The priorities remain speeding, anti-social behaviour and drug taking (mostly in Brundall). They did report that most crimes are still much reduced compared with pre-lockdown, apart from domestic violence, which is much increased (45 calls per week in the BDC/SNC area, compared with 1 call per week for burglaries or car theft.) |
| 9.6 | Network Rail sent a letter about a **dangerous tree** on land that is looked after by Acle Lands Trust so I passed that on to Adam and Nigel. |
|  | Pauline James, parish clerk – 28th June 2021 |