**Acle Parish Council**

**Clerk’s report for Parish Council meeting on 19th July 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** Mills & Reeve say that they have been discussing the draft contract with the Cranes’ solicitor. Our solicitor felt that it might be completed in about 4 weeks’ time. |
| 1.4 | **Acle’s Beeline** Richard Powell can give a report on Monday. |
| 1.5 | **Summer Markets** Attendance has been good, apart from during a downpour! Angela will report further on Monday. |
| 1.6 | **Men’s Shed** The Rec Centre put forward the idea of the Men’s Shed using the strip of land east of the play area, between the Herondale site and the Outdoor Bowls, where there is space for a narrow pre-fabricated building. It is also accessible on foot, from Habgood Close. Angela and I spoke to Saffron Housing and they said they had already been thinking what could be done to that land to tidy it up, as it is currently very overgrown. They sounded amenable to helping, while they have machinery on site….  The Men’s Shed group is also talking to Acle Academy about using the DT department facilities, obviously out of school hours.  They are still interested in the Fletcher Room, but are keen to get a premises sooner rather than later, and the date to move the Pre-school out of the Fletcher Room moves later and later. The headteacher at the Primary School has previously expressed concerns about the Men’s Shed using the Fletcher Room. |
| 1.7 | **Flooding** Any update can be discussed at the meeting. |
| 2 | **Matters Arising from the Meeting of 28th June** |
| 2.1 | NCC felt that Roman Wood would not be suitable for their **art/sculpture project**, mainly because of access issues for their contractors. |
| 2.2 | The **casual vacancy** following Jayne’s resignation is being advertised by BDC. The expiry for a request for an election is Monday, so the co-option will take place at a later meeting. |
| 2.3 | The vegetation was cut back at the exit from **Gariensis Walk** onto Old Road. |
| 2.4 | Sarah Carter’s husband has been in touch with some suggestions for **technology** to help with meetings. A good quality projector is between £800 - £1,000. Laptops with a suitable spec are £600 - £800. Jamie Pizey is going to lend us his projector and screen for this coming Monday, while we get the new equipment sorted. |
| 3 | **Planning:** |
| 3.1 | **Acle Garden Machinery –** variation of conditions 2 & 4 and removal of condition 3 of 20190618 – to allow increase in size of storage building and additional land to be raised (20211179). Some of the documents are in the folder. Interesting comments from a neighbour. The Water Management Alliance and Natural England have both recorded no objections. |
| 3.2 | **10 Springfield –** 2-storey side and single-storey rear extensions (20211130). Some of the documents are in the folder. |
| 3.3 | Details of the works to the road outside the **Norwich Road** site are also in the folder. Also the proposed location of the streetlights. (20211106). |
| 3.4 | The PC’s **Chocolate Box** plans have been published – (20211142) |
| 3.5 | **36 Old Road** – permission was given to remove a dead pine tree, but replace with another tree. |
| 3.6 | **Southfields, 7 South Walsham Road** – building in front garden to include single bay garage, store and hobby room (20210861) – was refused by BDC:  *“The proposed development will not be in keeping with the existing built form and character of the area by virtue of its proposed design, scale and siting forward of the principle elevation and associated visibility within the street scene. The scheme is therefore contrary to Policy GC4 of the Development Management DPD and Policy 2 of the Joint Core Strategy.”* |
| 4 | **Finance Report** – published on the website. |
| 5 | **Recreation Centre:** There is a request to use CIL monies (or S106 if possible) to purchase a device to aerate the field from Ben Burgess. |
| 6 | **Chocolate Box:** No news to report.  The local Royal British Legion got in touch to ask if they could use a ground floor room for their Poppy Shop for 4 weeks, so the Chocolate Box would be perfect, unless building works have started by then, of course. |
| 7 | **Barclays:** The decision on our planning application should be on 8th August.  John Mansfield of Brown & Co are considering estimated rents for the retail spaces. |
| 8 | **Highways:** |
| 8.1 | **Crown-shaped planter:**  To be discussed at the meeting. |
| 8.2 | **Parking in the village:** to be discussed at the meeting. |
| 8.3 | **Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign:** Jamie can give a report. |
| 8.4 | The **fifth noticeboard** has been put up on the wall of the front garden of Badgers Holt in Mill Lane. |
| 9 | **Drone film of the village:**  Angela will report on this. |
| 10 | **Events:** We’ll add this as a standing item on the agendas |
| 10 | **Any Other Business:** |
| 10.1 | Both flats have now passed the **electrical testing.** |
| 10.2 | Jackie Clover reported an alarm going off a lot near the **Herondale site**, but it turned out to be the Library. NCC tells me that the engineer has attended so it should be ok now. |
| 10.3 | Angela and I attended an event at the Rec Centre for the former Herondale site, now named **Swallowtail Place**, together with the great and the good from BDC, NCC/Norse, Carters and Saffron, and were shown round the site. Photos in the folder. |
| 10.4 | NCC said re **parking restrictions**:  *“Harrison has prepared the Delegated Powers report for Committee and it is currently with me for checking before it’s sent on for internal sign off.*    *We will update you as soon as this has been reviewed and is ready to go to Committee.*    *I must apologise for the delays with this project and I understand both the Parish Councils and residents frustrations with how long this is taking.  There have been significant pressures on our design resource in recent months and unfortunately is has meant that despite our best efforts, some projects have slipped well beyond where we had hoped.”* |
| 10.5 | The owner of **Beaconsfield House** said about the crack in boundary wall: “*The low wall in question had a tree leaning against it when I purchased the property in 2015. This was immediately removed and repaired. The wall is extremely safe and cannot be moved unless by large mechanical machines. It cannot fall on to pedestrians as confirmed by independent surveyor.*” |
| 10.6 | I am taking **annual leave** from Wednesday, 21st – Wednesday, 28th July inclusive. |
|  | Pauline – 16th July 2021 |