# Community

The Acle Parish Council quarterly newsletter - November 2015 Editor: Pauline James

#### **New Parish Councillors**

The Parish Council co-opted Jamie Pizey and Ellen Thompson on to the Council at the September meeting. All twelve spaces are now filled.

## Crossing on A1064

The Parish Council has commissioned Norfolk County Council to carry out the formal design process for a pedestrian refuge in the middle of the road, south of The Hermitage, with additional pavement on the east side being provided. There will also be "gateways" and planting beside the road to help drivers see that they are entering a village and need to slow down. With a fair wind, it is hoped that NCC can construct the crossing next October, at the same time as their planned works to improve the drainage in the area. The cost of the works is estimated to be £114,800 and will be part-funded by Acle Parish Council from the sale of the land north of Springfield, with NCC contributing £30,000.

### **New Cemetery**

You may be aware that the Parish Council has been looking for land for a new cemetery for many years. We have been trying to purchase the piece of land north of the existing Pyebush Lane cemetery but the landowner does not wish to sell. The Parish Council believes that this is the best site for a cemetery and reluctantly applied to Broadland District Council to make a Compulsory Purchase Order for the land for a cemetery and for the adjacent land as an extension to recreational space. BDC refused to make the Order.

APC has not found any other land around the village which would be suitable for burials, or which looked likely to get planning permission. After taking legal advice, APC has gone back to BDC for a CPO for the piece of land north of the current cemetery, but this time just for land for a cemetery as it was felt that the case for a new cemetery is more urgent.

In order to be able to continue to offer space for burials, APC regrets that reservations for burial plots will no longer be accepted. If we are successful in finding extra land then we will start taking reservations again.

### Recycling

Broadland District Council sent a plea to residents to be more careful with what goes in your grey recycling bin; you can put in paper and cardboard, newspapers, magazines, catalogues, junk mail (all without plastic wrapping), food and drink cans, plastic bottles, plastic food pots, tubs and trays, glass bottles and jars, food and drink cartons and aluminium foil and trays (all rinsed). Please put your recycling loose in the bins - do not wrap it in bin liners. Everything you recycle is carefully sorted at Costessey and sold on for re-use, bringing in revenue for the district council and keeping your council tax down.

#### Dogs

As the evenings draw in and you want to take your dogs out for a quick walk in the evening, please do pick up after your dog.

### Streetlights

Let me know if there is a problem with a streetlight. The lights with a streetname and a number such as MIL6 belong to the Parish Council.

#### Websites

Parish Council at http://aclepc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk

VistAcle.com lists contacts for local groups and societies, and has some lovely photos of old Acle and a What's On calendar. Please send me the details of your local events for inclusion in this calendar.

# Dates for your Diary

The next <u>Parish Council</u> meetings are Mondays, 30th November, 14<sup>th</sup> December and 25<sup>th</sup> January all at 7.30 pm in the Methodist meeting room, with refreshments from 7.00pm. All residents are very welcome to attend.

The December meeting is when the Parish Council sets its budget for next year. If you want more facilities, or fewer facilities, less us know...