

Community

The Acle Parish Council quarterly
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New Councillors

Brian Grint and Nigel Law have resigned from the Parish Council. We thank them both for their work and support. Brian has been a councillor for many years and was also a trustee on the Recreation Centre. Brian will continue his work with the Archive Group and the Lands Trust. Nigel was Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council and worked on various committees including the Council's Quality Status project and the new website.

The Council will be looking to co-opt two new people as councillors. If you are interested please contact a parish councillor or the clerk Pauline James.

Tel: 01493 751070 or
email: Paulinejames@aol.com

Acle Neighbourhood Plan

A draft of the Neighbourhood Plan document has been submitted to Broadland District Council for further public consultation and independent inspection. You can view a paper copy at the Library, the Post Office or the office at the Recreation Centre. It is also available online at the Ingham Pinnock website:

<http://www.inghampinnock.com/acle-neighbourhood-plan/>

Please let us have your feedback on this draft Plan by 21st February.

Village Website

The committee has been busy writing pages for the new website and compiling lists of contact details to start the website off, ready for launch shortly. Local **groups and charities** are encouraged to have a free page on the site to advertise themselves and their fundraising events. Please complete the form under "New Website" on the current Parish Council website at

<http://aclepc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/>

Local **businesses** can choose either a free short listing (**Standard**), a chargeable page with a link to their own existing website (**Enhanced: £25**), or pay us to set up their own chargeable webpage on the new Acle website (**Premium: £75**). You can find the forms to apply on the existing Parish Council website, or contact the parish clerk.

Acle Lands Trust

More volunteers are still needed to maintain the Damgate Woods and Roman Woods. Please contact the Trust's chairman Brian Grint if you would like to help – 01493 750039.

Good Neighbour Scheme

We hope to launch the Acle Good Neighbour Scheme in April. The aim is to create a group of volunteers who are willing to assist vulnerable, disabled or isolated local residents in simple ways such as by befriending them, helping with domestic tasks like mowing the garden or putting up curtains or changing light bulbs, arranging appointments, helping with shopping, or giving a lift to shops or appointments. If you would like to join the volunteers please ring Angela on 01493 751299. We will be arranging training for all volunteers ready for the launch.

Resilience Plan

We still need volunteers to help; people who have a 4 x 4, people qualified to use a chain saw, people to check on their neighbours, people to collect food or prescriptions for their neighbours during icy weather – we hope to divide up the village into smaller areas with a named volunteer for each area. Could you help?

Land off Norwich Road

Norfolk County Council owns the land between Norwich Road and Mill Lane. The County Council is working on a planning application for the site, for an outline application for up to 150 homes, with an indicative drawing showing how the homes could fit on the site.

The Parish Council has met with their planning consultant and we will be working to get the best plan for the site. Please note that it is likely that the County Council will sell the land to a developer who will then draw up their own plans for the site but we think it is best to talk about play space, parking and house types at this early stage.

We'll put a note on the website and the noticeboard when the NCC plans are available to view.

Dates for Your Diary

The next Parish Council meetings are 24th February, 31st March and 28th April, with the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday, 14th April at 7.30 pm.

Parish Council Current Website

The Parish Council's current website can be found at:-

<http://aclepc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/>