

Community

The Acle Parish Council quarterly
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This is the first edition of what is planned to be a quarterly Parish Council newsletter. We know we have a great community with the potential to become even more vibrant. Our idea is to bring you news and information about the activities of the Parish Council, what it does and how it spends your money on your behalf in providing and maintaining village facilities and promoting community wide activities.

Parish Council Meetings are held at The Methodist Church in Bridewell Lane on the last Monday of every month except August. Meetings start at 7:30 p.m. Members of the public are very welcome and at the start of every meeting there is time for people to have their say and ask questions.

Should you wish to contact the council your first point of contact is usually our Parish Clerk, Pauline James, and her contact details are shown on this page. Pauline is usually available from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday to Friday. At other times there is an answering machine on which to leave a message.

If you wish to have an informal chat with one your councillors their contact details are also shown here. If you are telephoning please try and keep to reasonable times. Daytime between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. would be acceptable to most of us.

I would like to thank the Acle Society for agreeing to distribute this newsletter along with their own.

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Play Area News

At the March Parish Council meeting the council committed to supporting projects for the refurbishment of the current children's play area at the Recreation Centre and the provision of a new skate park and zip wire. The new skate park is to be on land, made available by the Recreation Centre Management Committee, and sited beyond the all-weather pitch on the playing fields at the Recreation Centre.

A small group of people has been pushing these two projects along. They have held meetings with the Recreation Centre and are now at the stage where they are chasing grant money from wherever they can find it!

Support for Local Groups

Throughout the year the council receives numerous requests for funding. Some of the groups that have benefitted from our ability to support them financially are, The Acle Archive Group, Acle Pre School, MacMillan Cancer, Age UK, CAB and the successful 'Murder Mystery' event.

We are also supporting the Diamond Jubilee and Olympic torch Relay celebrations in the village.

Did you know your Parish Council owns about 200 of the street lights in the village?

New Website

The Parish Council now has its own new website and this can be found at:- <http://aclepc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/>

The website has a growing amount of useful information. Contact details for your Parish Councillors, minutes of Parish Council meetings, Agenda for future meetings and the Parish Annual Report to list just a few.

Hosepipe Ban

Before the hosepipe ban your Parish Council had, as usual, ordered the hanging baskets that give The Street and the area around the green such a colourful display of flowers throughout the summer.

The baskets are watered by a team using a small cart with a large water tank, a battery powered pump and spraying lance. Anglian Water is adamant that we will not use mains water for watering plants so we are asking the community to donate some of its waste water to tip into a large tank outside the Post Office. This could be washing up water or that bit you waste down the sink while waiting for the water to run hot. This is an opportunity for our community spirit to shine through. If we all bring just a litre plastic bottle full, once or twice a week we can fill the water cart from that. Not having hanging baskets in this Diamond Jubilee year is not something we are willing to accept.