

Community

The Acle Parish Council quarterly newsletter – February 2015

Editor: Pauline James

Neighbourhood Plan

84% of those who voted on 8th January voted to adopt Acle's Neighbourhood Plan. Thank you to those of you who turned out on a cold day to vote. We'll keep you up-to-date with parish projects via this newsletter.

Elections

There are Government, District and Parish elections on Thursday, 7th May. Keep an eye on Acle's websites and noticeboards for more details; there will be lots of notices, for the various elections.

All the current parish councillors cease to be councillors on Monday, 11th May. Some of the current councillors may decide to put themselves forward again for election. Some may not.

Would you like to stand for election?
Are you interested in parish matters and would you like to find out more?

There are 12 spaces on the Parish Council. If 12 or fewer people put themselves forward then everyone

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who has been nominated will automatically be "elected" on to the Council, without an election. If more than 12 people stand for election, then there will be a vote on 7th May.

Parish councillors are unpaid volunteers. Training is available. Parish Council meetings are held on the last Monday of the month, unless there is a bank holiday, when the meeting is moved forward one week, so you would need to be able to attend most of these evening meetings.

You need to be 18 or over on the day you complete the nomination form, and live or work in Acle, to be a councillor, and you must be a British subject or an eligible Commonwealth citizen or a citizen of any other member state of the European Union.

If you are interested in finding out more, speak to one of the current councillors or contact the clerk at the address below. Nomination forms will be available from the parish clerk, or from Broadland District Council on 01603 431133.

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Land at Springfield

The Parish Council's application for 36 homes was agreed by Broadland District Council at its planning meeting in November. We are currently negotiating the S106 details for the new play area and for the affordable housing.

Budget

The parish councillors spent some time discussing the budget at the December and January meetings for the year to 31st March 2016. It was agreed to set a precept of £73,000 which works out as an average of £75.96 per band D house, for the year, or £6.33 per month. The precept is collected via your council tax bill and pays for many things around the village, including the parish clerk's salary, streetlighting, cutting the grass on the verges and at the cemetery, maintenance of play areas, the Fletcher Room (Preschool building) and public toilets in The Street, the lovely hanging baskets and donations to local groups including grasscutting at the churchyard and room hire for the youth club.

Christmas Lights

I hope you liked the lovely tree on the Green, and the uplighting of the Folly Tree.

Resilience Plan

The Resilience Team is looking for volunteers to be the contact point for a street, or part of a street in the village. If you would be interested in helping, please contact the clerk at the address below.

Good Neighbour Scheme

Don't forget that there is a team of volunteers waiting to help you. For assistance please ring 07538 532 796 and leave a message.

Dates for your Diary

The next Parish Council meetings are Mondays, 23rd February, 30th March and 27th April, all at 7.30 pm in the Methodist meeting room.

Also, the Annual Meeting of the Parish of Acle will take place on Monday, 20th April at 7.30 pm in the Methodist Church Worship Area.

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