

Community

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Acle Neighbourhood Plan

Work on the Acle Neighbourhood Plan is going ahead. The required representations have been made to Broadland District Council and The Broads Authority. The initial public consultation took place in the Church Rooms on the Saturday of the Victorian Weekend and was attended by about 60 people.

The input from this first consultation further informs the next stage which is where local policies will be formulated.

The whole point of the Neighbourhood Plan is to give local people some say in the planning decisions that will affect them for the next 16 years or so.

While the policies are worked on, work also goes ahead to produce a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA). This is a legal requirement designed to ensure that all of the objectives and policies in the final plan have been assessed against a series of criteria to ensure that any adverse impacts on the environment are minimised. This specialist work is being carried out on our behalf by Ingham Pinnock Associates and is being funded by grant monies allocated from Broadland District Council. If you would like to be kept up

to date with work on this project then you can sign up to a newsletter here:-

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

Skate Park

The new skate park has been officially opened but was in use as soon as it was finished. It is a shame that such a wonderful facility attracted the attention of a silly element of the community who felt the need to daub unpleasant graffiti upon it. Thanks to all those who cleaned it up with such speed.

The dry weather has prevented the growth of the grass on the banks around the structure and erosion has exposed some of the under structure. The contractor, 'Gravity', will be returning to do some remedial work in the very near future.

Village Website

The current village website has been around for a number of years now and, as is often the case with websites built by volunteers, it has become tired and out of date. The Acle Economic Masterplan identified a need for the village's online presence to be modernised and made more useable and informative. The target audiences identified fit broadly into three categories: people who live in the area

and want to access useful information about services, people who would like to move into the area and are investigating homes, schools and local service provision and people who are would be visitors or tourists to the area.

After talking to three local companies, a subcommittee of the parish council has made a recommendation to the Parish Council who have now appointed a local web design company, HCOMS UK, to work with us to design and build the new village website.

Anglia in Bloom

The inspection of the village for this event has taken place and we have to wait until later in August to find out the verdict. Some of the written and illustrated submission about the village, which supports the village entry in Anglia in Bloom, was put together this year by pupils at Acle Academy. They did a fine job and their work made a great supporting document and we thank them 😊

Acle Lands Trust

The Acle Lands Trust is a group of volunteer trustees who manage Damgate Woods and Roman Wood.

The task of keeping footpaths open and clean and the management of the woodland has becoming a task too big for this small group of volunteers to handle. We desperately need volunteers to join working parties. The

trustees, led by the Chairman, Brian Grint, will shortly be sorting out working party dates which will be available on the Parish Council website. See below.

Parish Council Website

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

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

You can sign up to receive email updates whenever anything is added to the site – agendas for meetings, details of local events etc., and you can find contact details for your councillors and links to other useful sites.

Incident Reporting

Unfortunately incidents are occurring, around facilities at the Recreation Centre mainly, where bottles and other debris are being thrown at users of the all-weather pitch and the tennis courts, often accompanied by abusive language. Incidents such as these should be reported to the police at the time. At the very least people on the receiving end of this sort of behaviour should call the police non-emergency number 101. If you feel in immediate danger or believe a crime is being, or is about to be, committed then dial 999. It is important that the police know what the scale of this problem is. Please remember it is YOUR responsibility to report incidents, the Parish Council or recreation centre management cannot do it for you.