

ACLE PARISH COUNCIL

Community News - February 2022

The new deputy clerk, Becky Furr, writes on the next page about the capital projects which have kept the Parish Council busy since our last newsletter. In addition to these, the Council has bought a new tractor and part-funded the installation of solar panels on the roof at the Rec Centre, part-funded new goals and team shelters for Acle United, wicket covers for the Cricket Club, and bought a defibrillator, which will be installed in the former phone box in The Street.

The Council ran a very popular Summer Market last year, and a Christmas Market on the evening of the Christmas carols. We paid for bicycle repairs for young people and gave grants towards the Acle Winter Beer Festival, Cuppa Care advice events, Tea & Talk events, Acle Community Gym and the Poppy Appeal. (More details are available on our website)

Jubilee Events

Keep an eye out for posters around the village for events to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee, which will include:

- a Big Band concert on the evening of Friday, 3rd June
- a children's party in the afternoon of Saturday, 4th
- a sing-song and refreshments in the afternoon of Sunday, 5th

Parking Restrictions

Frustratingly, Norfolk County Council has only just signed off the proposals to restrict all-day commuter parking in the village centre to free up the parking for people to access village shops and offices. We hope the various double yellow lines, single lines and parking bays will be marked out soon.

Websites

VisitAcle.com

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

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The current parish councillors are:

Angela Bishop - Chair
Jamie Pizey - Vice-chair
Sally Aldridge
Sarah Carter
Jackie Clover
Barry Coveley
Indra Goodson
Tony Hemmingway
Hannah Jackson
Wendy Kenny
Richard Powell
David Stephenson

The Next Parish Council meetings are on:

Monday, 28th March
Monday, 25th April
Monday, 30th May

The Annual Meeting of the Parish of Acle is on Monday, 11th April

All at 7.00pm in the Methodist Church
Residents are always welcome to attend, to raise local issues and concerns. Agendas are published online and on the noticeboard in The Street.

Support

Acle Foodbank has been running for two years now. If you need short-term support with food you can leave a message on 0800 774 7286 or message via Acle & District Foodbank on facebook.

For additional support email: helphub@broadland.gov.uk or call 01603 430431.

The Norfolk Assistance Scheme helps people who are unable to meet their immediate needs or need practical support to set up home. Call 0344 800 8020 for more details or go to Norfolk.gov.uk

New Deputy Clerk & Assets Manager

My name is Becky Furr and I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you and express how delighted I am to be involved with Acle Parish Council. As a resident of Acle, it is a pleasure to work for my own community.

It has been a very exciting time to join the Council where many projects are underway to strengthen and develop the Parish Council's assets, improving opportunities for social and economic development such as the renovation of Parish Council owned buildings and the development of the new cemetery.

I am also responsible for assisting the Parish Council with the maintenance of the play areas at Springfield, Beighton Road and Damgate Lane, the public toilets on The Street and the Fletcher Room, which is occupied by Acle Pre-School.

I would like to thank the parish clerk and Parish Council for making me feel so welcome.

Former Barclays Building

Acle Pre-School have decided they would like to remain in the Fletcher Rooms due to its ideal location next to the primary school and Norfolk County Council agreeing to extend their lease at their current site. As a result the Pre-School have been applying for grants to contribute towards funding for a new modular building to replace the existing portacabin.

The Parish Council have therefore agreed that they would like to convert the ground floor into 3 commercial units.

A sub working party of the Parish Council has been obtaining quotes from architects and builders so the Parish Councillors can make an informed decision on future planned works. East Coast Insulations will be removing all the asbestos from the ground floor in March 2022. The two residential flats remain on the first floor.

The Chocolate Box

The Chocolate Box will be relocating to the Barclays building temporarily whilst renovation work is carried out. A date is yet to be agreed but we anticipate this will be within the next 3 months. The renovation work at the Chocolate Box includes re-roofing, damp-proofing, rewiring, redecorating and installing new windows and doors.

Louisa has been busy preparing for the move to come and the Council plans to use the offices for community spaces.

Acle Beeline

We shall continue to leave a few verges uncut, to add wild flowers and to create more spaces for wildlife. To get involved, please contact the parish clerk.

Acle & District Men's Shed

The Men's Shed committee have secured two portacabins. With the voluntary help of Carters and Saffron Housing these will be installed on the green at the bottom of the car park outside the Recreation Centre. This accessible space will be open for men, and women, to join to create, build and socialise together.

More to follow later...

Land for a New Cemetery

We are very pleased to confirm that we have purchased additional land for a new cemetery, at the top of Pyebush Lane, by the footpath across to Fishley. I have been getting quotes for fencing the new land and working together with the Bure Valley Conservation Group in respect of planting a native hedge.

Acle Play Areas

I have been applying for grants and getting quotes for adult gym equipment and a table tennis table to be supplied at Damgate Lane play area.

The fence will be repaired at Springfield Play Area and I am exploring possible options to develop Beighton Road Play Area.

Have Your Say & Get Involved

I am very keen to hear about your ideas and how you feel the Parish Council can help improve the facilities within our community.

We also have opportunities for volunteers to assist with litter picking and topping up biodegradable bags at parish dog bins.

If you would like to have a chat or offer your support please contact me at:

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