

Castle Acre Parish News

The Parish Council (PC) met on Thursday 9 November at 7.30pm, with two members of the public in attendance.

Bailey Gate - Portcullis. If you read the Lynn News, you would have seen that the PC released a story about the Portcullis and its aim to prevent damage to the monument by oversized vehicles from going through the arch. Initial feedback is that the news article seems to have reduced the amount of illegal traffic. With this in mind, please continue to take photos, note the registration and report any oversized vehicles attempting to go through the arch to the Clerk.

Massingham Road Development – Review of Holkham’s Initial Designs. Another meeting between Holkham and the PC is planned for late November, to discuss the final plans for the development before they go to the Borough Council’s Planning department. The PC has been pleased with Holkham’s willingness to discuss their plans at such an early stage. The PC is keen to ensure that the development includes smaller properties and ways in which to give locals priority in buying/renting in the development. Watch this space for further news!

Consultation on draft recommendations for ward boundaries in King's Lynn and West Norfolk. The PC has been asked to comment proposed new ward boundary which would expand the ward boundary for Castle Acre to 2,500 voters. At present, the recommendation from the Borough Council is to join Castle Acre with Great Massingham. There is also an additional proposal to include Harpley in this new ward. The proposed new ward would no longer be called Priory Ward. The consultation ends January 15th and will be discussed at the December 14th PC meeting.

Thefts and break-ins – BE VIGILANT. Over the past two months, a number of homes have been burgled in the area; items stolen from gardens and cars have been either tampered with or stolen. This is far beyond what the police would expect at this time of year. These callous crimes are upsetting and distressing for all those who have been unfortunate enough to be targeted. Items being taken from homes have included jewelry, computer tablets and cash. If going out, even for a short period of time, please ensure that your property is secure and that items of value are out of plain view; ideally in a secure location. If you do see anything or anyone suspicious, please report it on 999.

Drones at English Heritage sites - There is increasing interest in the use of drones to film or photograph our historic locations. Please note however, that without prior approval, the use of UAVs (Unmanned Aerial Vehicles) or drones is not permitted on or over any English Heritage site.

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The next PC meeting is at 7.30pm on **Thursday 14 December** at the village hall.

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