

## Castle Acre Parish News

The Parish Council (PC) met on Thursday 8 November for the usual monthly meeting with two residents in attendance.

**Anglian Water, Castle Acre** – Cllrs invited Anglian Water (AW) who explained that the recent low water pressure to some households has been improved through repairing a partially collapsed valve near the shop that had blocked part of the supply pipe. AW asks that residents experiencing low water pressure should please contact their customer relations team on 03457 145145 who will send a technician round to check the fault. AW can only take action on variable water pressure if residents inform them. AW is confident that the new development of 11-15 houses at Massingham Road wouldn't affect either the water pressure or future supplies as there is a plentiful flow from the bore holes at North Pickenham.

Next April, AW is converting the sewerage treatment plant on the Water Meadows into a new smaller pumping station which will take all the village's sewerage to Swaffham for treatment. No longer will treated water be diverted into the River Nar.

**Dogs and the Nar River** – we have been approached by the Conservation Consultant who works for Norfolk Rivers Trust to ask if dog walkers using the path along Minns Meadow could encourage their pets to go into the river only at the special ramp constructed on the bank just before the boardwalk to South Acre Road. Please avoid anywhere else along the river bank (apart from the ford itself) to help reduce erosion that causes silt and mud to pollute the river. Your understanding and cooperation in this matter would be most appreciated.

**Street Lights** – since April, five defective street lights were reported to the Clerk. If you spot a faulty street light near you, please e-mail or call the Clerk stating the address/position of the light. As they fail, it is the Council's policy to replace the old yellow lights with LED white lights which are more efficient and cost effective. So far, 20 out of the 34 street lights in the village are LED.

**Bailey Gate posts** – the width between the posts on the Stocks Green side of the Gate has been slightly reduced to equal those on the Bailey Street side. Please take extra care when driving through.

**Recycling at The Ostrich** – please remember to take all your newspapers, magazines and bottles to the Ostrich recycling centre. The recycling credits the village earns helps reduce your Council tax. The paper bank has been moved into the corner next to the bottle banks replacing the textile bank which is no longer on site. Negotiations are underway with a new textile bank supplier and to locate it nearer the school as the single beneficiary of any credits.

**Amended Five year Action Plan** – the agreed amendments to the Five Year Action Plan 2016 - 2021 is now posted on [castleacre.info/parish\\_council](http://castleacre.info/parish_council).

The Parish Council wishes you all a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year.

To view past Council Minutes and finances, go to [www.castleacre.info/parish\\_news.htm](http://www.castleacre.info/parish_news.htm)

The next PC meeting is at 7.30pm on **Thursday 13 December** at the village hall.

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