

Castle Acre Parish News

The Parish Council (PC) met on Monday 12 June at 7.45pm for the usual monthly meeting; a different day because of the General Election. One resident attended the meeting.

Bailey Gate. At last good news on preventing the Gate from further damage by large vehicles! The CEO of English Heritage (EH) has written to the PC to confirm that fixing the false portcullis below the top of the arch to lower its height will take place by the end August. At the same time they will repair any damage to the flint and stone structure from previous incidents. Hoorah! New Highways signs should be erected within the next four weeks to reinforce compliance with both the reduced height and the safe vehicle width of 6ft 6inches.

Private water pumping stations. Good news for parishioners with a private pumping station on their property who have not yet registered with Anglian Water. As of 1 October 2016, many of these private pumping stations were automatically transferred to Anglian Water and they are now responsible for all their maintenance and the running costs. If you believe that you have a private pumping station, please contact Anglian Water. To help customers identify and report the pumping stations, go to www.anglianwater.co.uk/privatepumpingstation

Litter at the Ford. Two of our fantastic volunteer litter pickers reported that debris from a barbecue was left scattered along the river bank at Minns Meadow when they went to clear the area on 16 June. If you see visitors leaving litter, perhaps you would ask them to take it home – very politely, please! Also the PC's heritage sign made specifically for the ford has disappeared completely. Oh dear. What can we do to encourage people not to do this type of petty activity? You will see later in the Nar Valley News, the Priory has been having its problems with vandalism too.

Off-rovers and scrambler bikes driving through the Ford. If you witness any intrusive activities by these vehicles driving up the Nar, racing through the ford or disturbing/frightening families with children playing in the water, please make a note of vehicle numbers and send a written report to the Clerk. This will be kept on file to use as evidence for a future submission to restricting vehicle access.

King's Lynn walks. Walks are held on Monday evenings during June and July at 7.00pm. Tickets in advance from the TIC in The Custom House (01553 763044) or turn up and pay the guide at the start of the walk. Prices - £5 Adults, £4 concessions and £1 under 16s. The King's Lynn Town Guides give their services entirely voluntarily and the money from the walks goes directly to conservation projects in the town. **In July – 3rd Maritime Trail, 10th Gaywood Walk and 17 Betjeman Walk.**

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The next Parish Council meeting is at 7.30pm on **Thursday 13 July** at the village hall.

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