

Castle Acre Parish News

The Parish Council (PC) met on Thursday 14 June for the usual monthly meeting, with six residents in attendance.

Bailey Gate posts: You may have noticed that the posts on the Bailey Street side of the gate have been moved closer to 8.5 feet apart to discourage oversized vehicles from trying to navigate through and damaging the Gate further. English Heritage has insisted on this before replacing the portcullis. The posts on the Stocks Green side will be equally moved closer.

New dog waste bin. There is now a new bin at the Bailey Street entrance to the Minns Meadow section of the Nar River path which should help with the ever increasing problems reported of discarded dog waste. A big thank you to our litter team for putting up new warning signs. Please help us keep the walks around Castle Acre clean... and, please, clear up after your dog. Thank you.

Parking problems around Spar. We have a wonderful new store and fish & chip shop with six marked parking spaces in front which seem underused a lot of the time! With shoppers parking too close to the junction with Back Lane and blocking sightlines, there have been a few near misses over the last couple of months and a serious accident is a real danger. We urge everyone to use the allotted parking spaces or at least to park considerately and further away from the junction. The PC is seeking advice on preventative measures.

Holkham – open access land around Castle Acre. Cllrs are alarmed at Holkham's 'Deposit' with NCC that could legally restrict the public across their open access land, in particular Minns Meadow, The Water Meadows, Priory Field and Abbey Field. Permissive paths across these lands are unaffected but could be withdrawn in the future and the land fenced off. Castle Acre Common, Emmanuel Common and Broadmeadow Common, all registered as Commons, are unaffected. The PC is in negotiation with Holkham to change this restrictive deposit. Cllrs are calling on residents to sign affidavits that they walked these permissive paths continuously so as to change their legal status into Public Rights of Way (PROW).

Village fete - 1 July. The PC is funding a stall with information about PROW and which footpaths in and around the village need legal registration at NCC. See details on the next page. Please come along and help John Roff and the PC preserve your footpaths for future generations.

Bus Shelter. A concerned resident highlighted the dreadful state of the bus shelter. Cllrs had approved an attractive brick and flint shelter but this was withdrawn due to unforeseen circumstances. The next round of 50% funding through the NCC Parish Partnership scheme is set for December 2018. If you are a local builder and would like to quote for building our residents a beautiful new bus shelter, please contact the Clerk.

To view past Council Minutes and finances, go to www.castleacre.info/parish_news.htm
The next PC meeting is at 7.30pm on **Thursday 12 July** at the village hall.

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