

## Castle Acre Parish News – June 19

**Clerk to the Council** - after seven years of selfless and dedicated service to the village, Linda has decided to retire from the post of Clerk to Castle Acre Parish Council. Cllrs paid tribute to her at their monthly meeting on Thursday 9 May. Linda has generously offered to remain as Clerk until a replacement is in place and to train him/her. Please take a look at the job description [below this article](#) and contact me, Martin Hickey, at [martin.hickey3@btinternet.com](mailto:martin.hickey3@btinternet.com) or Linda at [linda.roast@btinternet.com](mailto:linda.roast@btinternet.com) if you would like more details.

**Annual General Meeting** - in my role as Chairman of the Council's four year term that ended on May 2, I read out a report which reflected on the PC's successes, failures and frustrations. To read this, please go to [www.castleacre.info/parish\\_news.htm](http://www.castleacre.info/parish_news.htm) - Chairman's report. A printed copy can be supplied on request.

**First meeting of the new Parish Council** - all the existing Cllrs were re-elected unopposed as, regretfully, no other residents put their names forward for election to the Parish Council. Cllrs elected Martin Hickey as Chairman and Laurie Fisher as Vice Chairman. Individual Cllr's responsibilities for finance, health & safety, highways, allotments and trees were nominated and approved. Cllrs congratulated Jim Moriarty on his election victory as the village's Borough Cllr. Following Highways' objections, Cllrs considered a revision to Holkham's planning application 19/00148/F which adds four extra car parking spaces on the service road without changing the position of the eight spaces behind the proposed four semi-detached houses. Cllrs agreed to object, calling for the car parking spaces to be adjacent or closer to the properties by changing the alignment of the two blocks of semis. However, it is good to note that one of these dwellings will be for social rent. Cllrs also considered the landscaping plan for the whole Massingham Road development site. Cllrs agreed to object as not enough thought has been given to the layout of trees or shrubs, the planting along the northern boundary and the position of the soakaways which could cause flooding to neighbouring properties.

**Playing Field litter** – an additional litter bin has been ordered from the Borough Council. As we approach the busy Summer season, please dispose of your litter thoughtfully - equally dog waste, this can be double bagged, brought home and put into your black bin.

**Handrail from the Church gate onto South Acre Road** – Quotes are in for replacing the 25 year old rickety handrail. The PC is sharing the cost with the PCC and the work will take place during the summer.

**Village fete** – Cllrs are supporting the playing field committee's decision to hold the fete again along Pyes Lane and in the village hall, following last year's successful switch from the playing field. The date is Sunday 21 July. Please give this your full support and let's hope the sun will again shine!

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 June** at the village hall.

### **Martin Hickey**

### **Vacancy - Castle Acre Parish Clerk**

Castle Acre Parish Council is seeking an enthusiastic local person with a love of the village to fill the part-time post of Parish Clerk. Reporting to the Council, the Clerk is the public face and contact point for the village. It is an exciting opportunity to make a real difference.

Duties include attending regular monthly and occasional extra Parish Council meetings (minimum 11 per year), preparing Agendas and drafting Minutes, plus a summary in the Nar Valley News, keeping tight financial controls with detailed records of all Council income and expenditure, liaising with

contractors and services providers, making and dealing with enquiries, responding to planning applications, obtaining quotations and general administration, as directed by the Council.

This is a paid post based on four hours commitment per week. Approved expenses paid. No previous experience necessary as full training will be given. Own computer and email/excel skills necessary. To be available to start as soon as possible.

Please contact the current Clerk Linda Roast on 07778 769985 or email [linda.roast@btinternet.com](mailto:linda.roast@btinternet.com) or call the PC Chairman Martin Hickey on 01760 755214 or email [martin.hickey3@btinternet.com](mailto:martin.hickey3@btinternet.com) for more information. There will be an interview process for shortlisted candidates.