

Castle Acre Parish News

The Parish Council (PC) met on Thursday 29th March for a special planning meeting and again on 12th April for it's usual monthly meeting with eight residents in attendance.

Special Planning meeting The Council met in the playing field pavilion to discuss amendments to two of the new dwellings along Massingham Road. In the Council's opinion, the amendments were minor and the PC agreed to support them.

12th April Meeting: Holkham development, Massingham Road. James Bracey, representing Holkham Estates, presented amendments to the Massingham Road development. As yet, these plans have not appeared on the Borough Council planning website, but do look out for them if you'd like to comment. The PC will discuss the revised plans once the Borough Council has notified them of their consultation period. www.west-norfolk.gov.uk

2026 Public rights of way deadline. A villager has been working on a scheme for collecting information about Footpaths and Rights of Way around the parish. The definitive map is to be brought up to date in 2026 and evidence of footpath & rights of way use will need to be collected well before this deadline and submitted to the County Council for review. At least 10 people will need to walk each footpath and fill in a Definitive Map Modification Order form for each path submitted. Watch this space for further news.

Recycling area, Ostrich Car park. Please remember that any recycling put into these bins, makes additional money for the Parish Council to improve and repair village amenities. Please collect your old newspapers, bottles and textiles and put them into the appropriate bin – all your recycling needs in one location – IT'S EASY!

Village Transport: New bus service.

A more comprehensive timetable is to be introduced later this year, planned for September, with buses linking Pentney, Narborough, West Acre, Castle Acre and Swaffham.

The new timetable includes 5 bus services to Swaffham throughout the day Monday to Friday, with 4 return services. In addition, there will be 2 services to and from Swaffham on Saturdays. There will no longer be a need to book, as the buses will be scheduled to call at the village. The new timetable includes services leaving Castle Acre and linking with the X1 at Narborough Green for onward travel to and from King's Lynn.

Sadly however, the direct service to King's Lynn on Tuesdays and Fridays will no longer be running from January 2020 due to new vehicle accessibility legalisation. Operators, Peelings and Carters, have both indicated they will cease operating routes as a result of these new requirements.

West Norfolk Community Transport. If you'd like to go by bus to Fakenham for Thursday's Market, then please register with Karen on 01760 720906. The one-off registration costs £4. You can then arrange to get picked up by the bus at around 9.10, returning around 12.30, for a fare of £4 return.

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 10 May** at the village hall. The Annual Parish Meeting will be held before this at 7pm. Residents are encouraged to attend to quiz the Council on any matters that have arisen over the last 12 months.

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