

Castle Acre Parish News

The Parish Council (PC) met on Thursday 11 October for the usual monthly meeting with three residents in attendance.

Amended Five year Action Plan – You may remember that in last months' Nar Valley News the PC asked for your feedback on the draft amendments to the current Five Year Action Plan, now posted on [castleacre.info/parish council](http://castleacre.info/parish_council). One resident stressed the importance of pedestrian safety by proposing a simple footway down Newton Road from East Green to Sandy Lane, similar to the 'trod' on St James's Green. Cllrs agreed to add this to the draft Plan and to obtain outline costs. In the interim, just creating a natural path along the wide grass verge is welcome.

Massingham Road development site – the PC Chairman reported on both his meeting with the Borough planners and with Holkham, raising in particular the continued unease at the unimaginative house designs but receiving assurances on no onsite street lighting and accepting that both roads into the development should be adopted by Highways. Holkham also presented draft proposals for an extra four smaller semi-detached dwellings in the north-west corner of the approved development site. If these receive planning permission, construction on all 15 houses will now not start until early 2019. Holkham's longer term plans might include an 'exceptions' site on the edge of the village for lower cost housing, either rented or shared equity purchase, with first refusal to village residents or their relatives. Holkham supports the idea of small business units at Manor Farm. To see more details go to [castleacre.info/parish council](http://castleacre.info/parish_council) after 8 November when the October Minutes will be formally approved and posted.

The Mayor's Civic Awards for Voluntary Service - combined last year with the new KLFM Local Hero Awards, nominations are open for the 2019 awards. Categories include, but are not limited to, Volunteer, Neighbour, Sportsperson, Lifetime Achievement, Colleague, Uniformed Services, Health and Carer of the year. If there is someone (or a team of people) from the village you would like to nominate as making a difference to our community or going above and beyond their call of duty, please email the Clerk ASAP.

Road surface Priory Road and Back Lane – after complaining to Highways about the chip and tar surface dressing applied in the summer on Back Lane and Stocks Green that continues to lift and scatter, the PC received this reply from Highways: *"The dressing work is widely used in both rural and urban locations and is in our opinion appropriate for the locations. It seals the surface and increases the texture/skid resistance. The locations have been inspected and found to be to the required standards.*

Anglian Water, Castle Acre – the publicised visit from Anglian Water is postponed until the November PC meeting. A representative will explain where our drinking water comes from and why water pressure may vary. Residents experiencing sudden low water pressure should please contact AW's customer relations team on 03457 145145.

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 8 November** at the village hall.

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