

## Castle Acre Parish News

The Parish Council (PC) met on Thursday 13 September for the usual monthly meeting with three residents in the audience.

**Parking problems around Spar Shop.** The A board “No parking” sign is helping to deter people parking too close to the junction with Back Lane although it seems not to deter everyone, particularly at busy times. Parking rules stipulate that cars cannot park within 10 metres of a junction, but sightlines along Massingham Road are still being dangerously blocked. Please use the allotted parking spaces when possible.

**Planning** – Cllrs were very alarmed to read the planning officer’s report approving the eleven new dwellings off Massingham Road as they felt it gave both an inaccurate summary of the house designs and site layout as well as leaving out several important planning conditions requested by the Parish Council. You can read our letter of complaint and the subsequent e-mail correspondence which is posted on the Borough’s planning website at [https://www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/planning\\_applications](https://www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/planning_applications), enter ‘Decided’ and 17/02341/RMM in the search boxes.

**Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) application** – Castle Acre resident and heritage expert Anne Mason presented an update on the HLF funding bid application which, if successful, will give residents and visitors alike the opportunity to take part in a range of workshops and activities based around the cultural and natural heritage of Castle Acre. The project could include new skills training, workshops and visits with studies and surveys on wildlife, birds and butterflies, training on looking after our trees and common land as well as interesting archaeological investigations. It is hoped that the application will be submitted by the end of October with the decision being known in the new year. Thanks again go to Anne for all the hard work she has put in.

**Amended Five year Action Plan** – Cllrs have been considering the draft amended Five year Action Plan over the last few PC meetings and it will be on the agenda for discussion on the October meeting. If you would like to see the plan, please go to [www.castleacre.info](http://www.castleacre.info). Any comments or suggestions to be sent to The Clerk.

**Litter** – The PC has been talking to the Borough Council about litter problems in the village and will hopefully be given a couple of spare wheelie bins to use when necessary. Our fantastic litter picking team monitor the situation each week, empty bins and re-arrange waste bags so that no single bin gets too full. There was a big problem with too much litter in the hot weather during the summer but Cllrs agreed to monitor over the winter to see what actions may be necessary in the future.

**Footpaths around Castle Acre** – Don’t forget to register your support by joining the hour’s mass walk of the village footpaths on SUNDAY 7 OCTOBER starting at the Village Hall for tea and coffee at 10am.

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 11 October** at the village hall.

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