

## Castle Acre Parish News

The Parish Council (PC) met on Thursday 13 July at 7.45pm for the usual monthly meeting with five members of the public in attendance and Mr Graham Middleton, the new Norfolk County Councillor. There was no meeting in August.

**Drones over Castle Acre.** The PC has received a couple of complaints from resident about the use of drones around the village. To clarify, Drones are not allowed “*within 50 metres of any vessel, vehicle or structure which is not under the control of the person in charge of the aircraft; or within 50 metres of any person unless prior permission has been sought*”. Cllrs suggest that anyone wishing to make a complaint about an intrusive drone over their property should ring 101 and report the infringement as a civil offence.

**Litter at the Ford.** The PC has received a request to re-instate a litter bin at the Ford as visitors are not always taking their rubbish home, as requested. The residents suggesting this have said that they would be prepared to replace the full black bin bag on a regular basis. You may remember that there used to be a bin here, but that the Borough Council’s Waste disposal team were/are unable to get their lorry near enough to empty the bin, leaving the bin to be emptied by a succession of PC Councillors. The PC decided to trial a bin’s usage, by using the red bin which was once at the Castle car park. If effective, it could in the longer term be replaced by a large bin like those on Stocks Green. Many thanks go to the residents concerned for emptying the bin.

**Neighbourhood Plan.** Thanks go to all residents who filled in their questionnaires – over half of the village took the time to help by returning their completed forms. The questionnaire responses will be checked for their viability and whether there are any conflicts with the Borough Council’s strategic plan. A second open public event is planned, this time as a whole day informal drop in session to encourage as many residents as possible to attend.

**Priory Field walk.** Hopefully by the time this issue of the Nar Valley goes to press, the walk around the field to the west of the Priory would have been cut by Holkham. There has been a delay to the PC’s request because their main cutter has been out of action, to quote, “*the blades decided to drop off!*”

**Bailey Gate.** Since our last report in June, the fixing of the false portcullis below the top of the arch to lower its height has been postponed until towards the end of September when Bailey Street will need to be closed. At the same time repairs to the flint and stone structure from previous incidents will be done.

To view past Council Minutes and finances, go to [www.castleacre.info/parish\\_news.htm](http://www.castleacre.info/parish_news.htm)  
The next Parish Council meeting is at 7.30pm on **Thursday 14 September** at the village hall.

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