

Castle Acre Parish News

We hope that all residents have enjoyed this year's warm summer. The Parish Council (PC) met on Thursday 12 July for the usual monthly meeting with extra meetings taking place on 9th and 23rd August.

Minns Meadow walk boardwalk: Thanks to a small team from Norfolk River's Trust, assisted by a very handy Castle Acre resident, the slippery boardwalk surface has been laid with new chicken wire and a section of the handrail replaced.

Parking problems around Spar Shop. We hope that the new A board sign, designed by a Castle Acre resident, will alert shoppers that parking too close to the junction with Back Lane and blocking sightlines may pose a real danger. Please use the allotted parking spaces or park further away from the junction.

Planning – 18/01053/F proposed dwelling adjacent to Lime Kiln Cottage and opposite the castle in Cuckstool Lane. This ongoing planning application has been on the agenda for the June, July and 9 August PC meetings. Cllrs considered various amendments to the design and location but these have thrown up more questions about this sensitive village site. While initially agreeing with the neighbouring properties in their wish to see a dwelling on this overgrown plot of land, the PC now objects to this application. Go to <https://online.west-norfolk.gov.uk/online-applications/> to see comments and plans.

Water pressure in the village. The PC received various comments about the poor water pressure in the village and has asked Anglian Water to attend a future Council meeting to explain where our water supply comes from and why the pressure might be so low. Concerns include what will happen when further dwellings are built and will this affect the pressure even more?

Rural Crime. PC Lee Anderton, Western District Engagement Police Officer, made a short presentation to Cllrs at the meeting on 9 August. He assured the PC that there is now a higher police presence in the area with officers working on different operations over the next couple of months in their efforts to reduce rural crime. Simple tactics to prevent tool thefts include: locking up equipment with good quality locks, marking them with clear obvious marks to make them less desirable... or even painting them bright pink! To report a crime or suspicious persons, call 101 or to report a crime in progress, call 999. Anti-social behaviour, criminal damage, Dash cam or mobile phone footage, hate incidents, non-injury road traffic collision, retail and domestic theft can also be reported online at www.norfolk.police.uk. The website also includes contact options for missing persons, noise nuisance, lost animals, lost and found property etc.

Bus Shelter. Thanks go to Frank Moister for his sterling work on refurbishing the old wooden bus shelter to get it through the winter months. The PC is looking at funding options for a replacement brick built shelter. If you are a local builder and would like to quote for building a new shelter, please contact the Clerk.

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 13 September** at the village hall.

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