

## Castle Acre Parish News April 2023

The Parish Council (PC) held its meeting on 9 March, with 5 members of the public in attendance.

### Castle Acre Queen Elizabeth II Memorial

The PC has accepted a generous offer from residents offering to purchase and plant a new tree in the village by way of a memorial to Queen Elizabeth II. Cllrs felt this suggestion for a memorial was also in keeping with the Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) tree planting initiative created to mark the Platinum Jubilee in 2022. Further information on the tree planting to follow.

### South Acre Road Ford Bank Repairs

The PC has received confirmation from the Water Management Alliance Eastern Drainage Boards of small scale restoration work to be carried out in early March near to the ford to repair bank erosion.

### Why not become a parish councillor

The next Parish Council elections will take place on **Thursday 4 May 2023**. If you are thinking about standing as a candidate, please read all candidate 'guidance' which can be found on the [Electoral Commission](https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/candidate-or-agent/parish-council-elections-england) website: <https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/candidate-or-agent/parish-council-elections-england>

### New requirement to have photo ID for voting at polling stations

People who **don't** have a photo ID at all can apply for a Voter Authority Certificate and the council can help with this. To apply for a Voter Authority Certificate online, visit: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate>. Applicants need their National Insurance number or other documents (which must be scanned in or uploaded), such as utility bill, council tax statement, birth certificate, and a passport-style photograph. Full details provided on the [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk) website.

The council is running drop-in sessions where they will go through the process with people for anyone who would like help with it. Applicants need to take their National Insurance number or other documents such as utility bill, council tax statement or birth certificate. The sessions are as follows:

King's Court (council offices) in Chapel St, King's Lynn every Tuesday, 2pm-5pm, and every Wednesday 9am-12noon. There will be a final, all-day session from 9am-5pm on Tuesday, 25 April (which is the closing date for VAC applications).

### Energy Efficiency Roadshow

The Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk will be at Stocks Green in Castle Acre on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2023 discussing all things energy efficiency & cost of living. Their Housing Standards & Support teams will be present to assist with queries people may have surrounding their bills, energy efficiency, home improvements and any other kind of general concerns. Please contact [jacob.medlock@west-norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:jacob.medlock@west-norfolk.gov.uk) if you have any questions about this upcoming event.

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 13<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at CA Village Hall. Clerk- Libby Firth Tel: 07825229345

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