

The Parish Council (PC) met on Thursday 9 January 2020 for its usual monthly meeting, with five members of the public in attendance.

SAM 2 Speed Monitor

Local resident Philip Lines gave a presentation using data collected by the SAM 2 speed monitor stationed on Newton Road. The data was collected over a period of three weeks in November monitoring traffic entering the village's 30mph zone via Newton road. Cllrs all agreed that Mr Lines' report gave sufficient evidence to prove that there is a clear issue of speeding traffic coming into the village. Clerk to chase PC Glen Barnes regarding police speed checks in the village. Mr Lines' Traffic Analysis Report can be seen on request, via the clerk. The Council is very grateful to Mr Lines for all of his efforts and agreed further monitoring should be continued at different points of concern in the village.

Village Drainage issues

Highways (HW) and Anglian Water (AW) have undertaken detailed surveys of the village drains and it is clear that AW has to undertake significant work on its drainage pipes to reduce the surface water flooding in the village. The PC is pushing AW to get the work done as soon as possible.

Overfull Castle Acre bus service

Following reports of the No.32 bus service being unreliable back in December, in particular on Tuesday mornings for those trying to get into Swaffham and Kings Lynn, Jim Moriarty contacted NCC reporting these complaints and sought confirmation that an improved service would be offered. NCC confirmed improvements would be made during the busy Christmas period. Please do feel free to get in touch with the Parish Clerk if you are continuing to be let down by our local bus service, or any local service offered in the village.

Playing field Funding

The PC has supported the playing field committee in submitting a £100,000 bid for new play equipment. The committee will hear back in March if the bid is successful.

Councillor's Resignation

We are sad to announce that after over twelve years of service Councillor Charlotte Williams has resigned. The PC wish to thank Charlie for all of her contributions to the Parish Council, her insight and ability to pinpoint possible solutions to village issues will be missed.

The PC are now looking to co-opt a resident in the village to take the position. Cllrs are looking for someone who is keen and prepared to get fully involved in PC affairs. Interested parties should send the Clerk a brief CV explaining why they want to be on the Council and what key issues they are keen to address. Deadline – end March 2020

WANTED:

An Events Co-ordinator

For the VE Celebrations in Castle Acre

On Friday 8 May 2020

Interested parties to contact s.moister@btinternet.com. Tel: 755799

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 February 2020** at the village hall.

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VE Day Celebrations

It is planned to hold a day of VE Celebrations on Friday 8th May 2020 in Castle Acre. The event is for the whole village with the Royal British Legion, the Church and the Parish Council contributing to the day's commemorations and festivities.

Can you help in some way? Preparing food, entertaining during the day eg singing, dancing, playing instruments, something with a 1940s flavour. We need all age groups to be involved. If you can offer anything at all please contact: s.moister@btinternet.com, 755799 or smmckenna@btinternet.com, 077758 78696

Castle Acre RBL will be supporting our village's weekend celebrations. We are keen to remember and celebrate all aspects of support to the numerable wars and conflicts which our families, friends and neighbours have supported. An exhibition to celebrate Castle Acre residents' support to our armed forces, during this past 100+years, will be held in St. James the Great Church in Castle Acre. If you would like to support and contribute in any capacity, please contact Shaun McKenna at smmckenna@btinternet.com