

Castle Acre

Parish Council

The Parish Council (PC) held its monthly meeting on 10 June, with five members of the public in attendance.

Playarea parking signs

The PC have ordered new parking signs that are to be installed along Massingham Road to direct traffic to the playing field car park to ease the current congestion. The signs also direct drivers not to park on the verge or block driveways.

Adventure Out! events at the Castle

English Heritage has decided to cancel the planned events due to start at the Castle this year. They are currently planning to launch these events in 2022 instead.

Repaired bench on St James Green

The PC wish to express their thanks to Councillor Sean Allen for repairing and reinstating the bench on St James Green, that has been used and enjoyed by Castle Acre families since 1953.

Cattle on Castle Meadow

The PC received a report of a resident being knocked down by cattle on Castle Meadow whilst out walking. Thankfully the resident was not seriously injured. The Clerk will be informing Holkham Estate of the incident, and requesting appropriate warning signage is fitted at all entrance gates to the meadow when livestock are on site.

Verge cutting by NCC Highways

Following recent adverse comments over the latest verge cutting in the village, the PC contacted NCC Highways to request a copy of their cutting schedule for the verges they are responsible for in Castle Acre. The PC will review this schedule and aim to improve and support the environment for wild flower growth. One step forward is actioning the 'No May May' initiative on selected areas of St James Green recently. Councillors plan to review and enlarge this project in coming years and attempt to ensure verges are not cut until mid-June at the earliest.

Littering

The PC are most grateful to the owners of Wittles café who kindly offered the PC advice on how to tackle the continued littering issues within the village. Wittles continue to encourage their customers to dispose of their litter, use biodegradable products where possible and are also considering a second bin outside of the café. The PC will continue to review its provision of litter & dog waste bins. The PC would also like to pass on our thanks to our brilliant Litter team for all their ongoing efforts.

Internet speed

Our Borough Councillor, and newly appointed County Councillor, Jim Moriarty is trying to gain evidence as to whether Castle Acre's internet service meets the minimum service requirements. He has asked residents who are unable to get at least 20 MB to please contact him at Jim.moriarty.cllr@Norfolk.gov.uk

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 8th July 2021 at CA Village Hall. Libby Firth Tel: 07825229345

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