

Castle Acre Parish News – November 2019

The Parish Council (PC) met on Thursday 10 October for its usual monthly meeting, with one member of the public in attendance.

Portcullis

The good news is that English Heritage has confirmed that they have now sourced the funding required to repair and reinstall the Portcullis under the arch of Bailey Gate and that they will endeavour to reduce the amount of traffic disruption once the work commences. The bad news is that until a solution is found to prevent further damage to the Portcullis from extra wide or high vehicles which still ignore the warning signs, the PC is reluctant to proceed. The Council has encouraged English Heritage and Norfolk Highways to work together to come up with further preventative measures.

New Village Beat Officer

We have a new village police Beat Officer PC Glen Barnes 1709. PC Barnes has confirmed our invitation to meet up and address the continuing issue of vehicles speeding within the 30 mph limit on Newton Road.

Damage to village road sign at the A1065 end of Lower lane

The damage has been reported to Highways who have confirmed repairs will take place within six weeks.

Tree down on Lower Lane

In a downpour, on 27 September, a tree came down across Lower Lane ~~road~~ and thanks to the speedy action of a pair of local heroes, no one was injured and the obstruction was cleared. THANK YOU.

Village drainage issues

After intervention from the Parish Council, Highways and Anglian Water are finally working together to investigate the surface water drainage system in the village, following the recent flooding, particularly in High Street, the Massingham Road/Town Lane junction and elsewhere. Possibly, Anglian Water's main water ducts running under Massingham Road may need replacing.

Dog fouling

The Borough Council's Community Safety and Neighbourhood Nuisance team are now patrolling parts of the village, armed with a map kindly created by a resident of the places where dog poo is regularly left. The PC agreed to a trial of spraying the offending piles with bio degradable fluorescent paint which may shame those responsible into picking up their dog poo, while alerting others not step in it. **Remember, if you are caught, it is a substantial Magistrate's Court fine. We once again ask you to pick up after your dog. To those that do, thank you and to those that don't, the authorities are watching. Please, follow the code: Bag it, Bin it or Take it home!**

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The next PC meeting is at 7.30pm on **Thursday 14 November** at the village hall.

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