

Castle Acre Parish News – October 2019

The Parish Council (PC) met on Thursday 12 September for its usual monthly meeting with three members of the public in attendance.

Fly Tipping on the old tennis court and Little Lane – The serious case of fly tipping in the village on the old tennis courts off South Acre Road and Little Lane, reported in the September issue, has reached a conclusion with the suspected perpetrators receiving an official and strong warning from the Borough Council. Prosecutions could follow if any further incidents occur.

Dog Fouling – This is an ongoing problem in the village with faeces being left on all the walks in Castle Acre including at the Castle, a picnic spot for families and visitors. Cllrs called for a renewed campaign to combat this irresponsible action by pet owners, with checks from the Borough's Community Safety and Neighbourhood Nuisance Officers that could lead to fines in the Magistrate's Court. **Bag it, Bin it or Take it home!**

Corner of Back Lane and Massingham Road traffic problems – The PC enlisted the official help of Norfolk County Council Highways to come up with a plan to curb the dangerous parking that goes on here. Cllrs agreed to support Highways' idea for double yellow lines to prevent parking and blocking sightlines for vehicles trying to exit Back Lane. The yellow lines will replace the temporary traffic cones currently in situ.

Konik Ponies and the Nar Valley Way – The Koniks placed by Holkham to manage South Acre Common as part of their countryside stewardship scheme have been removed whilst Holkham review how to manage them. Reports received included distressing accounts of frightened walkers being confronted by these stubborn although friendly animals galloping along the path.

New Handrails on the steps from the churchyard to South Acre Road – The Parochial Church Council and the PC have agreed to divide the cost of a new metal handrails to be put in place. Hopefully this will happen in the next month ready for the autumn.

Telephone Box – British Telecom have been out to clean the listed box on Stocks Green but the PC will be asking that the box be repainted. On the subject of painting, residents may have noticed the shining red post box we now have outside the Spar!

Stocks Green – The PC would like to confirm that any sale of items or produce on Stocks Green should have prior permission from the Clerk.

Farewell from the Parish Clerk – I would like to thank all residents of Castle Acre for their support over the last 7½ years I have been Clerk. I moved away from the village to Cromer in May, a very difficult decision, as the village has been such a good home to me for the past 23 years and I still love it dearly. I wish the new Clerk Libby, the very best.

Linda Roast

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The next PC meeting is at 7.30pm on **Thursday 11 October** at the village hall.

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