

## **Castle Acre Parish News – October/November 2020**

The Parish Council (PC) held its usual monthly meeting on Thursday 10 September online by Zoom, with three members of the public in attendance. Given the increase in Covid-19 infections and the restrictions on more than six people gathering indoors, it seems likely that PC meetings will continue by Zoom until the end of the year. If you want to participate or just listen to the meetings, please e-mail the Clerk before 8 October and 12 November meeting dates. PC agendas and Minutes will be posted on the noticeboard by the shop and online as usual.

### **New Play area**

Following the opening of the highly awaited and much praised new play area, thanks to Castle Acre Playingfield Association (CAPFA), this has inevitably caused a surge of curious visitors to the village. Sadly, some have behaved thoughtlessly by parking on both sides of Massingham Road, causing difficulties for emergency vehicles, and in some instances blocking residents' drives. Thanks to CAPFA for their swift action in putting 'No parking' signs along the playing field fence and for directing vehicles to the St James' Green entrance of the playing field. There were also distressing incidents of people using the field as a toilet. These issues were reviewed at the PC meeting. While accepting that such demand to use the new play equipment will decline in school time and during the winter, visitor parking will be monitored and further restrictions considered. Cllrs asked the Clerk to get quotations for hiring temporary portaloos and to ask CAPFA to look into the feasibility of building a permanent public toilet block onto the side of the pavilion, linked to the drainage there.

### **RAF Marham – Lightening Force planes night flying notice.**

RAF Marham advised the PC that from Tuesday 25th August until Friday 9th October, there will be night flying exercises, predominantly between Mondays to Thursdays. We are assured the loud F-35 planes will return before 2300 each evening, as residents may have already noticed!

### **Bus shelter repairs**

Once again, the PC wishes to thank volunteer Frank Moister for repairing and repainting the village bus shelter.

### **New Visitor Map on Stocks Green Noticeboard**

Helen Breach kindly volunteered to design a wonderfully colourful and informative visitor map highlighting all the attractions of Castle Acre. This now fills the noticeboard on Stocks Green, near the Old School entrance. Special thanks to volunteer Len Rye for painting the noticeboard frame.

### **Revised Council Standing Orders**

These were last reviewed in 2011. Cllrs approved an updated version which can be viewed on the PC page of [castleacre.info](http://castleacre.info), in Archives. Any observations to the Clerk, please.

### **Damaged bench on St James' Green.**

This is beyond repair. If anyone would like to donate a smart wooden bench in its place, perhaps with a plaque in memoriam, please contact the Clerk.

### **CA Litter picking team**

The PC wish to express their ongoing thanks to our tireless litter picking team who continue to serve our village and clear the never ending litter which increased as lockdown eased and has yet to decline.

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