

Castle Acre Parish News October 2021

The Parish Council (PC) held its monthly meeting on 9 September, with seven members of the public in attendance.

Castle Acre Village Fete 2021

The PC wishes to congratulate the CAPFA on another wonderful Fete on what turned out to be a beautiful day. Lots of familiar faces and visitors came to enjoy and support the event. Thanks to all those involved and their voluntary efforts to make the day a success.

Glass and Paper Recycling banks at The Ostrich

The PC wishes to apologise for the delay in the setting up of the temporary recycling collection boxes at the rear entrance of the Ostrich car park, for residents to deposit their recycling into. This will be rectified shortly. Once the crates are in place, residents are kindly asked not to use the shared driveway leading to the Ostrich carpark to turn their vehicles around whilst making recycling deposits. This is only a temporary measure whilst the structural repair work continues in the Pub.

A1065 Speed limit reduction

The PC recently reached out to local NCC Councillors asking for their support in the introduction of speed limit reductions on the A1065; with particular focus on the junctions to Castle Acre. Cllr Kiddle-Morris is giving his support to the initiative, especially in view of the increased traffic generated by staycationers and second home owners over the weekends. Following introduction of the 50 mph speed limit on the northern section of the A1065 through Weasenham, he would like to see the 50 limit increased to encompass the B1145 junction and extending to the junction at the Newton-by-Castle Acre. The PC will continue dialogue with the NCC and press for these changes. The NCC cabinet member has been asked to prioritise a speed reduction on the A1065 and for the introduction of double white lines adjacent to the dip in the road between the Lexham junction and the Newton-by-Castle Acre to prevent overtaking.

Dog fouling in the village

Following a request from the PC the Borough Council's Enforcement Officer has been patrolling the village in an attempt to monitor members of the public who are not clearing up their dog mess. These patrols are planned to continue on an adhoc basis. If you are aware of an area in the village that is being fouled regularly, please bring it to the PC's attention.

Surface water flooding in the village

The PC continues to investigate villages flooding issues and have made some progress with NCC Highways (HW) and Anglia Water (AW) to ascertain which agency holds responsibility for addressing problems. Highways are contacting the various landowners who own the land surrounding the Newton and Jubilee Bridges to ensure the adjoining ditches are maintained correctly. This will help alleviate the back-up in road gullies which are currently not capable of handling all of the flood water during heavy rainfall. A CAPC Cllr had a site meeting with HW to review the failing drainage system at Foxes Meadow. HW shared their concerns about the possible complexities of solving the flooding issues, their first step will be to run a percolation test to assess the capacity of current soakaways. Depending on these results, this may result in additional soakaways being added to both branches of Foxes Meadow drainage system.

Castle Acre Toddlers and Babies Group

The Castle Acre Toddler and Babies Group will start running again from Friday 24th September. All parents and carers are welcome to join the group that will be based in the School's main hall every Friday, in term time, from 9am till 11am. For further information contact the Clerk, Libby Firth.

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 14th October 2021 at CA Village Hall. Clerk- Libby Firth Tel: 07825229345 Email: libbyofirth@gmail.com