

Castle Acre Parish News – September 2019

The Parish Council (PC) met on Thursday 11 July for its usual monthly meeting with seven members of the public in attendance. As customary, there was no meeting in August and I hope all residents enjoyed their summer months.

Holkham land open access & rights of way – on 26 June, representatives from the PC met with Holkham management to review progress on nomination of both the current six permissive and seven other footpaths across their land as Public Rights of Way (PROW) to safeguard their future. The PC welcomed Holkham's intention to declare the footpath across Minns Meadow as a PROW, making nine in total. While Holkham emphasized its desire to maintain good relations with the PC, it is considering a type of long-term Contract with the Council guaranteeing the retention of all thirteen footpaths as permissive rather than PROW (scope and time limits of such a Contract yet to be determined).

Recently the PC arranged to cut back the permissive footpaths - Ford to the Priory and round Abbey Field to Common Lane - which you will find are much more pleasant to walk through.

Holkham land - field margins – please be aware that their field margins are protected areas which should not be walked along. The margins are left natural to protect wildlife and should not be disturbed. Holkham has a duty of care to look after these margins and hopes that residents will respect this.

Fly-tipping – in early August, there was a disturbing fly-tipping incident comprising of 20 black bags of household rubbish left in Little Lane and on the old tennis court area off South Acre Road. Thanks to the Borough Council and some very helpful Castle Acre residents, the bags were removed very quickly. Evidence has been found which may incriminate the perpetrator and the Borough Council is investigating with a view to starting criminal proceedings.

Allotment vacancy – there is one allotment vacant. If you'd like to take it over, please contact the Clerk. The vacant plot is the last one on the right hand side, by the bottom tree line. 11 October is the time when the School Garden allotment rents are due. Allotment holders will receive a reminder at the end of September. Please be prompt with your payment which is now £8 per annum, paid in arrears.

Events posters. Please don't forget to leave a copy of any poster which advertises future events etc. in Castle Acre at the Spar shop, so we can display it on the playing field noticeboard.

Job vacancy - Clerk to the Council – The PC is delighted to announce that it has appointed Libby Firth, a local resident, as Clerk to the Council. She will take up her post on 1 September and work in tandem with me to the end of the month to ensure a smooth transition. I am sure you will all welcome Libby to her new position.

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The next PC meeting is at 7.30pm on **Thursday 12 September** at the village hall.

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