

Castle Acre Parish News June 2024

Castle Acre Parish Council (PC) held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday 13th June, with one member of the public in attendance.

Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) 2023-2024

In line with the PC's legal requirements and under the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, CAPC 23/24 accounts to 31st March 2024 have been audited internally by a local accountant. The accounts have been checked and signed off by CAPC under minute reference 8a, ready to submit to PKF Littlejohn to meet June 30th 2024, deadline. Public rights of excise started on 14.06.2024 and will complete on 25.07.2024. Parish Council annual finances are available both on request to the Clerk and, or to view online: www.castleacre.info/parish_news_archives_accounts.htm

The Village Sign - SOS 'Save Our Sign' Project

Works to demolish the old concrete plinth are now complete. The surrounding metal benches have been sandblasted and re-painted and are waiting to be installed. The 'beautiful' new Village Sign, artisan paintwork over the oak carving is now complete and all has been varnished. It is hoped the process of reconstruction will be taking place week 17th June, post and sign to be installed first, followed by the rebuilding of the plinth. The PC is pleased to confirm an official unveiling will take place, hopefully mid-July. Thank you again to all who have contributed to this project in any way.

Potholes at De Warrenne Place

The PC is aware of the poor condition of the road at De Warrenne Place. Officially an unadopted road, repairs have historically been difficult to report and request from County Highways. Cllr Beales has however kindly investigated the issue and has been able to arrange for Freebridge Housing Association and BCKLWN to work together by splitting the cost of the repairs required. The PC hopes repairs will now be conducted within the usual six-week time limit.

Help Castle Acre become a Hedgehog Friendly Village...

June and July are the Hedgehog breeding season, a time when Mum Hedgehogs will be looking after their Hoglets and helping them slowly shuffle from one garden or field to another. Sometimes they will need to cross a road or two, so can we ask Residents/Visitors to 'Slow you down boy!' when driving through the village to help Castle Acre's population of Hedgehogs cross safely? Another suggestion from the PC's recent Biodiversity training is to ask Residents to kindly create 'fence access holes' to allow Hedgehogs free movement between gardens to gobble up insects/invertebrates. If you would like to give them a meal in a low-lying saucer, wet cat or dog food or specialist 'native hedgehog' food can also be purchased.

To view past Council Minutes and finances go to: www.castleacre.info/parishnews.htm The next PC meeting is at 7.30pm on Thursday July 11th, 2024, CA Village Hall. Clerk- Amy Hart
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