

Castle Acre Parish News May 2024

The Parish Council (PC) held its AGM meeting, followed by its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday 7th May, with six members of the public in attendance.

Annual General Meeting

At the end of a year which has seen a number of projects undertaken in the village Cllr Tim Hubbard (Chair) presented his annual report. Wanting to thank all members of the community who have helped and supported the village and Parish Council in anyway over the last twelve months. To the residents that have kindly donated to the Village Sign project, especially the crafts people carving and painting the new sign. The village litter-picking volunteers and helpers, the Heritage Volunteer Group, Village Committees, especially CAPFA and Village Hall and of course, our dedicated group of Cllrs. We are grateful for all you do, thank you.

As a matter of usual business both the Chair, Cllr Tim Hubbard and Vice Chair, Cllr Neil Patrick stood down at the end of the Annual General Meeting.

For copy of full annual report, contact the Clerk on castleacrepc@gmail.com

At the start of the monthly PC meeting Cllr Tim Hubbard was re-elected as Chair and Cllr Neil Patrick as Vice Chair for a further year's term!

The Village Sign - SOS 'Save Our Sign' Project

The PC is pleased to report that the contract for works to remove and replace the old signpost, sandblast and respray the surrounding metal benches was awarded in April. While removing the original post to plinth height, it was discovered that the base in addition to the top was certainly rotten. As a result, the concrete and flint plinth surround has been demolished allowing for the complete removal of the old post. It is hoped the process of reconstruction will soon start. We look forward to seeing the new sign! Thanks go to Cllr Tim Hubbard (Chair) and Cllr Neil Patrick (Vice Chair) for their help overseeing the signpost and bench removal.

Biodiversity Training

Several members of CAPC attended a Biodiversity training workshop arranged by NALC on 24th April 2024, this was delivered jointly by The Norfolk & Suffolk Wildlife Trusts. The talk detailed the importance of including Biodiversity in Neighbourhood Planning, Biodiversity Gains, Dark Sky Policies and working to protect SSSI's and Conservation Area Status.

Village Gates

CAPC would like to thank the village resident / carpenter who has been carefully repairing / painting our village gates on the Newton & Massingham Roads. The work is now complete, the structures at the entrance / exit to the village are looking much better, thank you.

To view past Council Minutes and finances go to: www.castleacre.info/parishnews.htm The next PC meeting is at 7.30pm on Thursday June 13th, 2024, CA Village Hall. Clerk- Amy Hart Tel: 07815430777 Email: castleacrepc@gmail.com