Castle Acre Parish Council, October Report 2026.

On Thursday 8th October 2026, Castle Acre Parish Council (PC) held its regular monthly meeting, two members of the public attended.

Allotment Plot Vacancy!
A rare opportunity for an allotment plot has arisen in the 'School Garden' Allotments, behind the Old Village School building. Contact the Clerk should you fancy finding out more about renting your very own 'patch' to grow any variety of vegetables, soft fruits, herbs and flowers. Costs: the upfront registration fee is just £6, and then the annual rent is also a very reasonable £8.00, paid in arrears.

Highways Improvements?
Castle Acre Parish Council has recently received funding information from Norfolk County Council regarding a 'Highways' funding scheme for Parishes called the 'Parish Partnership Scheme' (deadline 1st Dec 2026). Bids of up to 25K for local Highways improvements can be made within the remit of potential improvements to, public rights of way, access paths, trods, road/street-signage, or new bus shelters and speed awareness monitors. If Residents have any ideas as to how our highways can be improved in Castle Acre, please write to the Clerk…

Funding Opportunities
Looking for funding to support your community group, charity or grassroots project in Norfolk? There are a wide range of opportunities available (see below) …
Norfolk Community Foundation: Offers a wide range of grants and support for local groups. https://www.norfolkfoundation.com/funding-support Email: grants@norfolkfoundation.com **Empowering Communities Partnership (Padlet)** A live board of funding opportunities and support for voluntary and community groups.https://www.ecnorfolk.org.uk/advice-and-information/funding-support **Family Hubs Community Fund** Funding to support families and children through local hubs.https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/article/41062/Family-hubs-Community-Fund

The Droves Solar 'Farm' / Power Station.
A further CAPC submission of the open floor hearing has been received by the Planning Inspectorate ahead of the 16th of September 2026 deadline, with interested party 'closing statements' expected by 30th October 2026 (deadline 6). November 6th, 2026, is the closing date for the examination. Reminder: After the examination and the writing of his report the Planning Inspector will either recommend **refusal or acceptance** of Island Green Power's application to Miatta Fahnbulleh (who replaced Ed Miliband) the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero. Miatta can then choose to listen to or go against his recommendation. A further Teams meeting with IGP/Copper Consultancy with representatives of Castle Acre PC (also representing South Acre), West Acre PC, Sporle PC & Swaffham Town Council has been arranged for 21/10/2026 to discuss how affected Communities may access any (voluntary/non-binding) Community Benefit/Funding' in the event of the applicant receiving approval for their 'DCO' application. The Clerk will take and publish minutes of this meeting.

To view Council Minutes and Finances go to: http://castleacreparishcouncil.gov.uk. Castle Acre PC's next meeting is 7:30pm, Thursday November 12th, 2026, at CA Village Hall. Clerk- Amy Hart Tel: 07815430777 Email: clerk@castleacreparishcouncil.gov.uk