



CLARE CASTLE
COUNTRY PARK

Clare Castle Country Park (CCCP) Newsletter – July 2014

Transfer of the Park

The Town Council is having a meeting at 7pm on Thursday 10th July in the Clare Park Centre. Apart from the legal formalities Councils have to observe the sole subject will be the financial offer from Suffolk County Council and the proposal from the future Trustees of the Park to the Town Council. This will effectively be the first stage of a 'consultation process' and a substantial number of documents are now available for anyone to read on <http://www.clare-suffolk.co.uk/>; they are also available in hard copy form in the Library for people to read there. These documents include the Suffolk County Council offer and the Trustees-elect proposals, plans and supporting documentation. Anyone can attend the public part of the meeting and there will be the opportunity to ask questions.

Following the meeting on 10th July there will be a 'feedback form' that will enable people to comment on the Town Council's initial decisions they will make at that meeting

On 31st July and the 1st and 2nd August, if the town Council recommend the Trustees proposal should be progressed, there will be display boards in the Town Hall for people to see which will give further opportunities to ask questions. This will be followed by a public meeting on 7th August, also in the Town Hall, after which the Town Council will make their final decision on whether or not the Park will be transferred.

New Cut

The following was received from the Environment Agency recently:

The plan for regularising the water levels in the New Cut that was agreed between the Environment Agency and the owner of Mill House last December has not met the stringent flood risk management requirements of the Environment Agency. At the first evaluation of the proposed New Cut solution, the Environment Agency came to the conclusion there would/could be an increased risk of flooding so all parties are considering further possibilities to reduce this risk.

Following a meeting with a technical manager of the EA on 20th June, Keith Haisman and I met the Area Manager in Ipswich on 27th June to discuss a proposed solution that John Knight had put forward. This variation would ensure the water levels were kept at the acceptable level but would address the EA's concerns. The EA are now running the proposal through their 'flood model' and until they get the results they are unable to say that John's solution would be acceptable; however they did say it looked as though it might work and provide a satisfactory solution. The EA are committed to finding an engineering solution that will meet everyone's needs.

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