



Corfe Castle Parish Council meeting

Monday 13th February 2023

Quinquennial (QQ) works – We are waiting on Trustee sign off of on the budget regarding the recent bid for £2m of central funding for a 2 year work plan for the castle. During 2020 and throughout 2021 there was minimal QQ work completed due to lockdown and contractor resources. This resulted in the Trust identifying the need for an increased conservation workload and output on the castle. Once we have confirmation of the funds available we will produce a plan of action, relating to the QQ report, and commence delivery ASAP.

Email to NT from CCPC regarding Bins

"Having collected quite an amount of litter from the bottom of West Hill this morning, I walked on and crossed the A351 with the intention of putting it in a bin at Castle View. To my surprise, there are no accessible bins there at all, which got me thinking. What I have realised is that the National Trust do not have any public-accessible litter bins at all in the village, despite welcoming some 250,000 or so visitors every year, and this doesn't seem right.

Could we ask the NT to provide, and service if necessary, litter bins along the riverside walkway from West Mill to Castle View, and ideally at Castle View itself. The double bin in the layby at the bottom of the Church Knowle road is frequently over-full and the layby itself littered, perhaps the above sheds some light on the reason why."

The Trust has thought long and hard about bins throughout the village and it is a topic that is raised every now and again. It is correct in that we do not have bins located in Castle View and this was a conscious decision to remove them back in 2019. We do provide bins inside of Castle View for visitors that are purchasing drinks and snacks whilst the building is open but believe that it should be 'owner responsibility' to take their own waste home with them and dispose of it accordingly. We do periodically complete litter picks of the areas around the castle itself but will speak to the Countryside Manager to see if this is an option on some of the other areas surrounding the village.

The topic of a bin along the riverside has again been discussed and as above we have agreed not to place bins along this section of the pathway. There is a bin already in place at the intersection of Ollie Vyse lane and the A351 and whilst this does often become full National Trust staff have historically emptied this despite it being the responsibility of the council. We opted to stop assisting in the removal of rubbish from this bin when it was identified that people were using it for dog waste and, for H&S concerns, I instructed the team to stop emptying it and report this to DC. The dog waste bin that was on Ollie Vyse Lane was removed completely by DC who have since opted not to replace it. The National Trust would back the CCPC if they were to approach DC asking for a new one, closer to a highway (for emptying reasons), to be re-instated.

Also, for clarification, we provide bins in the castle itself for visitors to site and dispose of the waste accordingly but are reluctant to invest in other bins for the village Square itself. Whilst some people are coming to the village to visit the castle we are not the local business that is creating and selling goods that fill the bins. We also find that the 'emptying of bins schedule' does not work well especially after a high visitor volume time frame. We are happy to work with the local business owners on how to make this work better for the whole village going forward – this needs to be a collective approach and not just the National Trust.

May Fair – We have met with the Village Festivities Committee and are working through the logistics and planning of the return of the 'For the Village, by the Village' event on Monday 29th May 2023. This event will be open for everyone and as always if you are a family or individual that lives within the Corfe Parish catchment free entry will be given upon showing proof of address. To emphasis this, it is only those living at that address who can gain free entry – it is not for other members of the family that are visiting from elsewhere. They would be required to pay to enter or if a member of the National Trust show their membership card.