

CASTLE EDEN PARISH COUNCIL

**Draft Minutes of the Meeting held in the Village Hall on Thursday January 19th 2012 at 7.00pm.**

Present:-

Councillor A. Rodham ( Chair)	Councillor R. Buckley (Vice Chair)
Councillor I. Bird (IB)	Councillor D. Newton (DN)
Councillor B. Nutter (BN)	Mr I.A. Goodrich (Parish Clerk)

There were five Residents present.

**1. Apologies for Absence.**

There were apologies from Councillors D. Fanthorpe, Councillor A. Milburn and County Councillor L. O' Donnell..

**2. Police Report.**

Sergeant Dickinson and PCSO Goodwin were present to give a Police report. There had been two Burglaries, one civil dispute and anti social behaviour with motor cycles on the Walkway. It was noted that There were difficulties reporting behaviour with motorcycles on the Walkway. There had been suspicious activity concerning poaching and with a male looking through Wheelie Bins.. PCSO Goodwin reminded everyone of the new telephone number to call the Police. This is 101. Sergeant Dickinson and PCSO Goodwin left the meeting and were thanked by all.

**3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday December 15th 2011.**

It was proposed by BN and seconded by DN that these were a true record.

**4. Matters Arising from the Minutes.**

- a) DN said that the new salt grit bin at Butterknowle Green had been filled.
- b) The Chair wanted item 9 amended to read. " The Parish Council had previously asked ACE to prepare a budget against those Parish Plan Actions and related activity that contributes to the well being of Castle Eden. This was done and the budget approved by the Parish Council. It was agreed that ACE should hold the budgeted monies of "2K in their bank account to more effectively progress such actions".

**5. Correspondence.**

- a) A letter from Durham County Council requesting the Precept for 2012/2013. It was agreed that this remain the same at £5,500.
- b) A letter from the Great North Air Ambulance requesting a donation. It was agreed to send £500.00.
- c) A letter from Mr D. Battensby, Traffic and Community Engagement Manager, Durham County Council, in response to the Parish Council's letter about traffic management in Castle Eden. A speed survey is to take place and once completed it will be analysed and compared with previously recorded speed surveys. The requested Stop sign at the junction of the B1281 and the C22 does not meet the criteria for such a sign. The present signage for such a junction is the Give Way sign. Mr Battensby has arranged for the provision of an advanced Give Way sign to be provided on the B1281 road approaching the T junction.  
The keys for the gate at the old A19 next to the bus turning circle will be left at Peterlee Police Station. Keys For the Golf Club and Mr I. Bird are refused. The Clerk was asked to write with further information  
Keys for the Golf Club and Mt I. Bird.
- d) An e mail from the Village Residents Association thanking the Parish Council for removing Action 32 from the Parish Plan.

**6. County Councillor's Report.**

County Councillor O' Donnell was not present therefore there was no report.

**7 Planning Proposals.**

Planning Proposals agreed to by Castle Eden Parish Council.

- a) PL/5/2011/0510. Change of Use from telephone Exchange and Physiotherapy Clinic With Internal and External Alterations at Stockton Road for Mr T. Connors.
- b) PI/5/2011/0498. Detached Double Garage at 6. Parklands Drive for Mr A. Bell.
- c) PL/5/2012/0499. felling of a Tree at Camberley, Stockton Road, for Mr M. Burton.

**8. Finance Report.**

Balance at the Bank.	£ 11,476	75
Expenditure.		
Donation to ACE towards the Parish Plan.	2,000	00
Clerk's Expenses November 2011 to January 2012.		37 96
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	£ 2,037	96

Balance at the Bank. £ 9,440 33

BN suggested that the Clerk be re imbursed for using Broadband. The Chair and the Clerk to come to an Agreement.

**9. Village Matters. Information and Discussion.**

- a) The Chair said that the Parish Council Website is almost ready to install. It will probably be castle eden pc.uk.
- b) Proposed Sheraton Wind Farm. There were two letters concerning this from the Village Residents Association saying that they had written to County Councillors Cox and Crute representing Monk Hesleden parish Council. They have also written to Mr Graeme Morris with concerns. Graeme Morris said he had raised concerns with EDF in London saying that the North of England has had more than its share of Wind Turbines. He fully supports the objections made by the Village Residents Association.

ACE Report attached.

**10. Any Additional Urgent items of Business**

There were none.

Date of next meeting. Thursday February 16th 2012 at 7.00pm.







