

CASTLE EDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Approved Minutes of the Meeting Held in the Village Hall on Thursday March 15th 2012 at 7.00pm.

Present:-

Councillor A Rodham (Chair)

Councillor I. Bird

Councillor A. Milburn (AM)

Mr I.A. Goodrich (Parish Clerk)

There were six residents present.

Councillor R. Buckley (Vice Chair)

Councillor D. Fanthorpe (DF)

Councillor B. Nutter (BN)

1. Apologies for Absence.

There were no apologies for absence.

2. Police Report.

PCSO Goodwin was present to give a Police report. There had been a theft of cable from Hardwick Hall, and a theft of ladders from The Foundry. Oil/creosote had been poured onto a lawn at Dene View. IB said that there had been two thefts from the Equestrian Centre. PCSO Goodwin had no record of this. IB said the boundary for Castle Eden Parish is the railway line. PCSO Goodwin was not aware of this.

IB said there had been a burglary at Catchgate Farm. AM reported a burglary at Headshope Farm.

PCSO Goodwin left the meeting and was thanked by all.

3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday February 16th 2011.

It was proposed by RB and seconded by IB that these were a true record.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes.

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

5. Correspondence.

a) A letter from the Clerk of Hartlepool Borough Council about the proposed Wind Farm at Sheraton. It was decided to leave this as it was on the Agenda under "Village Matters"

b) A letter from HMRC. The Clerk explained that under new legislation all Town and Parish Councils must register as Employers and pay Employer's tax and not leave employees to PAYE. The Clerk explained that he had registered the Parish Council as his employer. He would receive his annual salary less income tax. The remainder would be paid in income tax by the Parish Council.

6. County Councillor's Report.

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

7. Planning Proposals.

There were no Planning Applications within the Parish

8. Finance Report.

Balance at the Bank.

£ 8,8100 73

Expenditure.		
Clerk's Expenses. January to March 2012.	£ 52	40
HMRC Income Tax on Clerk's Stipend.	271	80
Clerk's Annual Stipend.	928	20
D. Newton. Land Registry Search.	13	00
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	£1,265	40
Balance at the Bank.	£7545	33

9. Village Matters. Information and Discussion.

- a) The Clerk read a letter from Hartlepool Borough Council concerning the proposed wind farm at Sheraton. Their Council are still considering the application. Ultimately a report will be prepared to their Planning Committee and a decision will then be taken.
Castle Eden parish Council objects to this planning proposal and the Clerk was asked to write saying, " This Parish Council objects to the proposed Sheraton Wind Farm because of its proximity and despoiling of southern aspects of the Parish, the negative environmental impact in an Area of High Landscape Value and heritage Coast, likely TV interference and the ineffectiveness of wind turbines in combating global warming and the high concentration of wind turbines in East Durham"
- b) Improving of the War Memorial was discussed. It was decided to commission an architect to produce a short number of preliminary options for refurbishment of the War Memorial prior to investigating the possibility of obtaining grants for any work.
- c) IB said that the DCC Depot at Wellfield was full of new recycling bins. He questioned the reason for this and the cost of such a large number of bins. The Clerk was asked to write to County Councillor O' Donnell asking him to investigate this matter.
ACE Report attached.

10. Any Additional Urgent items of Business

AM reported a neighbour who had placed a decorative wheelbarrow on the Walkway advertising her home as a Café and bed and breakfast house. No planning permission had been sought. The Clerk was asked to write to the Enforcement Officer at Durham County Council to bring this to his attention.

Date of next meeting. Thursday April 19th 2012 at 7.00pm.

