

CASTLE EDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Approved Minutes of the Meeting Held in the Village Hall on Thursday April 19th 2012 at 7.00pm.

Present:-

Councillor A Rodham (Chair)

Councillor D. Fanthorpe (DF)

Councillor A. Milburn (AM)

Mr I.A. Goodrich (Parish Clerk)

There were six residents present.

Councillor I. Bird (IB)

Councillor B. Nutter (BN)

Councillor M. Wilmer (MW)

The Chair welcomed the newly elected Parish Councillor M. Wilmer.

1. Apologies for Absence.

There was an apology from Councillor R. Buckley.

2. Police Report.

PC A. Holland was present to give a Police report. Bales of hay had been set alight at Southfield Farm. The Police are not sure as yet, whether this has been an arson attack. PC Holland said that whilst Wellfield does not come up on his radio contact number, he is aware that the boundary line for the Parish of Castle Eden finishes at the railway line at Wellfield. IB said that there had been another road traffic accident on the A19 flyover and another at the junction of the C22 and the B1281 roads. DF said that whilst the two mini roundabouts on the flyover have solved some of the traffic problems, the real answer was traffic lights on the slip road. It was recognised that this is all connected with finance. PC Holland left the meeting and was thanked by all.

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

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

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes.

- a) IB asked the Clerk if the income tax on his annual stipend had been sorted out with HMRC. The Clerk said that it had.
- b) The Clerk said that he had spoken to County Councillor O' Donnell about the many new wheely bins being stored at the Depot at Wellfield. County Councillor O' Donnell told him that Durham County Council had purchased these from France at a very reduced cost. These have now been distributed.

5. Correspondence.

- a) A letter from Mr S. Timmiss, Head of Planning, Durham County Council thanking the Parish Council for its letter objecting to the proposed Wind Farm at Sheraton. It is hoped that a decision will be taken in May.
- b) A letter from Pamela Glaister, Senior Enforcement officer, Durham County Council, concerning the activity at Headshope Farm. A Planning Contravention Notice had been issued to the resident the previous week, after several visits from the Enforcement officers to the site to verify the ongoing situation. AM said that he is in contact with the Planning Officer concerning this situation.

6. County Councillor's Report.

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

7 Planning Proposals.

Planning Proposals with no comment by the Parish Council.

PL/5/2012/0049. Single Storey Side Extension and the Erection of a Timber Enclosure at Greytiles, Stockton Road, for Mr S. Burton.

PL/5/2012/0111. Erection of 2. No. Agricultural Buildings for Storage of Wet Grain and Machinery At Catchgate Farm for Mr I. Bird.

IB declared an interest in this Planning Proposal.

8. Finance Report.

Balance at the Bank.	£ 7,454	33
Income.		
Precept 2012 to 2013	£ 5,500	00
Gross Interest January to March 2012.	1	18
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	£ 12, 955	51
Expenditure.		
County Durham Association of Local Councils. Annual Subscription.	£ 69	52
Balance at the Bank.	<hr/>	
	£ 12,885	99

9. Village Matters. Information and Discussion.

- a) AM gave an update on repairs needed to clean up the War Memorial. David Beaumont (Architect) is to survey the War memorial and produce as existing drawing.
- b) IB said that the Village Hall will be closed on April 23rd for one week for refurbishment.
- c) BN said that many houses in Castle Eden are being re assessed for Council Tax purposes. Any enquiries to be referred to Durham County Council.
- d) AR said that he would be vacating the Chair at next month's Annual Meeting. He was thanked by everyone. BN thanked him for the excellent work he had done in producing the Parish Plan.
- e) The Clerk said he could not be present at May's Annual Meeting. It was agreed to bring this forward from Thursday May 17th to Thursday May 10th.

ACE Report attached.

10. Any Additional Urgent items of Business

There were none.

Date of next meeting. Thursday May 10th, 2012 preceded by the Annual Meeting.