

CASTLE EDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Approved Minutes of the Meeting Held in the Village Hall on Thursday September 20th 2012 at 7.00pm.

Present:-

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| Councillor R. Buckley (Chair) | Councillor A. Milburn (Vice Chair) |
| Councillor B. Nutter (BN) | Councillor A. Rodham (AR) |
| Councillor M. Wilmer (MW) | |
| Mr I.A. Goodrich (Parish Clerk) | |
| There were Five residents present. | |

1. Apologies for Absence.

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

2. Police Report.

There were no Police present and therefore no Police Report. The Clerk was asked to write to the Police asking that if ever they cannot send a representative, then can they e mail the Clerk with a brief report.

3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday August 19th 2012.

It was proposed by MW and seconded by AM that these were a true record.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes.

There were no matters arising.

5. Correspondence.

A letter from Mr S. Timmiss, Head of Planning, saying that the proposed development at the Castle has been refused on the grounds of increased traffic noise and disturbances associated with a Hotel. Also the Highway visibility splay does not meet the required Highways design standards. There is also a Highways safety issue at the entrance to the Village. The Developer is allowed to appeal against the decision to the Secretary of State for the Environment. If this happens then the Parish Council minute that they have had notice of refusal.

6. County Councillor's Report.

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

7 Planning Proposals.

There were no Planning Proposals.

8. Finance Report.

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| Balance at the Bank. | £ 7,931 | 01 |
| Expenditure . | | |
| Donation. Shotton Hall School Brass band. | £ 100. | 00 |
| Clerk's Expenses July to September. | 63 | 20 |
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| Balance at the Bank. | £ 7,767 | 81 |

9. Village Matters. Information and Discussion.

- a) AM produced drawings from the Architect showing what the improvements would look like. He produced costings from Wearside Contractors. These varied up to £20,000 for finished work. BN suggested that the drawings be placed on the website. It was agreed that costs should be made for minimum essential repairs and agree a wider option for the next grant funding application.
- b) AR said that he had received a complaint from a resident of the Factory who said that despite the well placed signs by the Golf Club, some visitors park in the back street by the Factory and block residents cars and access. The resident asked that the Golf Club reminds visiting parties and visitors that there is an overflow car park and this is not the back street. The resident appreciates that the Golf Club clearly displays signage to the effect to park kindly in any event but it seems that some folk do not observe them. The Golf Club have called the Police on occasions.
- c) BN has started to look at the possibility of a new local bus service contracted away from Arriva. The company is called Scarlet Band. He read a letter from Durham County Council suggesting a meeting to investigate a new bus service on a regular basis. He said he is going to reply saying that the Parish Council would like to go ahead with a consultation.
- d) A resident said that he was concerned about a sewer on his land. He has contacted Northumbrian Water who have been out and pumped sewerage out. AM said there were similar problems at Headshope Dene.
- e) Amanda Moon gave an update on the last meeting of ACE. Copies are to be placed on the Village Notice Boards.

10. Any Additional Urgent items of Business

There were none.

Date of next Meeting. Thursday October 18th 2012