

CASTLE EDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Meeting Held in the Village Hall on Thursday October 18th 2012 at 7.00pm.

Present:-

Councillor R. Buckley (Chair)	Councillor A. Milburn (Vice Chair)
Councillor I. Bird (IB)	Councillor D. Fanthorpe (DF)
Councillor B. Nutter (BN)	Councillor A. Rodham (AR)
Councillor M. Wilmer (MW)	Mr I. A. Goodrich (Parish Clerk)
County Councillor R. Crute.	

There were three residents present.

1. Apologies for Absence.

There were no apologies for absence as all Parish Councillors were present.

2. Police Report.

PCSO Goodwin and PCSO Esdon were present to give a Police report. There had been a neighbourhood dispute. Hens had been slaughtered at Dene Leazes Farm. There is to be a PACT (Police and Community Together) on October 24th at 5.30pm, led by Community Inspector Coxon. PCSO gave the e mail address for anyone who can't attend and this can be read on line. There is to be another PACT meeting on November 14th at 6.00pm at Blackhall Resource Centre. AM reported that some fencing had been stolen on the Footpath leading to the A19. He was concerned that livestock could stray onto the A19. The two PCSO's left the meeting and were thanked by all.

3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday September 20th 2012.

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

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes.

- a) BN said that he had contacted Durham County Council about a new bus service within Castle Eden. The person he spoke to is looking at the possibility of a questionnaire to all residents.
- b) The Clerk said that he had spoken to officials at the Golf Club about illegal parking. They said that they had done all in their power to try to stop this from happening. The Secretary said that when he writes to the organisers of visiting parties he emphasises that they should park on the old practice field.
- c) BN said that the request for the precept 2013/2014 will be arriving soon. In view of an election in May 2013, the Parish Council need to think in advance of increasing next year's precept request. He asked County Councillor Crute to assist in this matter.
- d) With reference to the problem with a sewer at Mill Hill Farm, the Chair said that he had contacted the Land Agent who had given a rapid response. Mr Martin, the Farmer of Mill Hill, thanked the Parish Council for its support. The problem has not gone away but things have improved rapidly.

5. Correspondence.

A letter from Haswell and District Mencap Society inviting Parish Councillor's to their annual Christmas Carol Service to be held in the Cathedral on Saturday December 8th at 2.30pm.

6. County Councillor's Report.

County Councillor R. Crute was present to give a report. The proposed Wind Farm Development at Sheraton has been withdrawn. This was in the Northern Echo on October 18th. He said that there is to be a Community event on Sunday October 28th. This will involve volunteers coming along to help tidy up the

7 Planning Proposals.

There were no Planning Proposals.

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Haswell to Hart Walkway. The Clerk is to place posters advertising this on all four Notice Boards. County Councillor Crute reported news from the Boundary Commission for England. Castle Eden will be within The Easington Constituency whilst the rest of the Blackhall ward is recommended to be transferred from The Easington to the Hartlepool constituency for Parliamentary purposes. For local government purposes Castle Eden will transfer from the Wingate ward into the Blackhall ward in May 2013. County Councillor Crute was thanked for his report.

8. Finance Report.

Balance at the Bank.	£ 7,767	81
Income.		
Gross Interest June to September.	1	14
Expenditure .		
Donation. Shotton Hall School Brass band.	£ 100.	00
External Audit Fee.	186	00
Balance at the Bank.	£ 7,482	95

The Clerk read the constructive criticism from the External Auditor. The main one was that of a Risk Assessment. The Clerk had contacted the External Audit office who in return had sent him a model copy. This was distributed and it was decided to put this on next month's agenda for discussion and acceptance.

9. Village Matters. Information and Discussion.

- a) Amanda Moon (ACE Secretary) distributed a written report from the last ACE meeting. The Clerk is to put these on all four notice boards. BN said that he was concerned that ACE are raising money for the War Memorial when this should be the duty of the Parish Council. The Chair said that all donations to this are acceptable. AR said that all actions of Ace should be supported. AM said that the estimated costs of repairs to the War Memorial are in the region of £17,000.
- b) The Clerk said that the arrangements for Remembrance Sunday would be as previous years. A short service at 10.50am, conducted by Reverend Liddle and the silence at 11.00am. Mrs Averil Renton brought the wreath for the Chair to lay. County Councillor Crute said he would contact County Councillor O'Donnell about a wreath from Durham County Council. IB said he would store the surrounding posts and Chains to make more safe room for those attending.

10. Any Additional Urgent items of Business

There were none.

Date of next Meeting. Thursday November 15th 2012

