

CASTLE EDEN PARISH COUNCIL

**Draft Minutes of the Meeting Held in the Village Hall on Thursday November 15th 2012 at 7.00pm.**

Present:-

Councillor R. Buckley (Chair)

Councillor I Bird (IB)

Councillor A. Rodham (AR)

Councillor M. Wilmer (MW)

Mr I. A. Goodrich (Parish Clerk)

County Councillor R. Crute

There were four residents present.

**1. Apologies for Absence.**

There were no apologies for absence from Councillors D. Fanthorpe and A. Milburn.

**2. Police Report.**

PCSO Goodwin was present to give a Police Report. There had been three road related incidents and two domestic incidents. He said that there has been a downward trend of incidents within Castle Eden. IB said there had been a spate of Farm burglaries in the area. PCSO Goodwin left the meeting and was thanked by all.

**3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday October 18th 2012.**

IB said that the proposed planning wind farm at Sheraton has not been withdrawn. The Clerk to amend this in the Approved Minutes. With this it was proposed by MW and seconded by IB that the minutes were a true record.

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

The Chair made reference to the new signage at the Golf Club about illegal car parking.

**5. Correspondence.**

- a) An e mail from the Finance Director at Shotton Hall Academy thanking the Parish Council for its donation of £100 to the brass band. This is greatly appreciated.
- b) An e mail from Steve Ragg concerning election costs for next may. He is unable to give any estimated cost as things have moved on considerably since the elections of 2007. He said that as a rough guide the Parish Council should add around 25% onto the cost of the last election when considering the Precept for 2013/2014.
- c) Another e mail from Steve Ragg concerning dispensations required by Parish Councillors to set their Council's budget/precept requests. This is to be dealt with under Finance.

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

County Councillor R. Crute was present to give a report. He said that he is not technically County Councillor for Castle Eden but hopes to be after the elections next May. All information will go to County Councillor's Joan Maslin and Len O' Donnell. He is happy to attend Parish Council Meetings in the meantime.

**7. Planning Proposals**

Planning Application agreed to by Castle Eden Parish Council.

**8. Finance Report.**

Balance at the Bank.	£ 7,482	95
Expenditure .		
Donation.Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.	£ 50.	00
Clerk's Expenses September to November.	52	80
Balance at the Bank.	£ 7,380	15

The Clerk issued a Dispensation Form as a legal requirement from Durham County before discussing the Precept for 2013/2014. This was signed by Parish Councillors. The Precept is linked in with the budget requirements from ACE. The Chair said that the Parish Council needs to look at an increase of £200 to £3,000 to accommodate next May's elections. Also the needs of the new Parish Plan need to be taken into account.

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

- a) Parish Plan. A new Parish Plan is to be prepared as the existing one comes to an end in 2013. Councillor M. Wilmer has volunteered to take this over. She has formed a small steering group including Amanda Moon and James Crottey. She is to go through the introductory stages and bring back to the Parish Council. Durham Rural Communities will be asked to be involved. Councillor Wilmer will say what has to be taken forward from the original Parish Plan. There is a need to look at what has been achieved. It was proposed by AR and seconded by MW that these arrangements be accepted.
- b) The Chair said that the Remembrance Service went well and was well attended. He thanked Ace for taking down the posts surrounding the War Memorial so that visitors had more scope for safety.
- c) Amanda Moon gave a report from the last ACE Meeting. The Clerk to put the report on all four Village Notice Boards.

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

There were none.

Date of next Meeting. Thursday December 20th 2012







