

**Draft Minutes of the Meeting Held in the Village Hall on Thursday December 20th 2012 at 7.00pm.**

Present:-

Councillor I Bird (IB)

Councillor D. Fanthorpe (DF)

Councillor A. Milburn (AM)

Councillor A. Rodham (AR)

Mr I. A. Goodrich (Parish Clerk)

There were five residents present.

**1. Apologies for Absence.**

There were apologies for absence from Councillors R. Buckley, B. Nutter, M. Wilmer and County Councillor R. Crute. In the absence of the Chair Councillor A. Milburn took the Chair.

**2. Police Report.**

PCSO's Goodwin and Esdon were present to give a Police Report. There had been sixteen calls to the Police since the last Meeting. Six were road related to the A19. There had been six suspicious activities. A for by four vehicle had been seen acting suspiciously. There had been three phone calls from a confused lady. There had been no anti social behaviour. PCSO Goodwin said that the next PACT Meeting will be held in Blackhall Resource Centre on Wednesday January 9<sup>th</sup>. The PCSO's left the Meeting and were thanked by all.

**3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday November 15th 2012.**

It was proposed by AR and seconded by IB that the minutes were a true record.

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

The Clerk said he had amended the minute about apologies from the last Meeting. IB pointed out that the costing in Minute 8 should read £2,000 and not £200.

**5. Correspondence.**

An e mail from Justine Wilson, community resuscitation officer, north east Ambulance Service, offering to give a free training in life saving techniques. The Clerk was asked to contact her for further details as the Parish Council are very interested in this.

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

County Councillor R. Crute was not present but had contacted the Clerk to say that the only thing he had to report was that the new dimming of lights at night time would not affect Castle Eden as it was within a built up Area.

**7. Planning Proposals**

There were no Planning Proposals.

**8. Finance Report.**

There had been no financial transactions since the last meeting.

Balance at the Bank.

£ 7,380 15

The forthcoming Precept was discussed. The Clerk was asked to contact Durham County Council to ask what the Parish Council's share is going to be from the Local Council Tax Support.

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

AR and three residents are very concerned about drainage in their area. IB said that we had 24 inches of rain last year. To date we have had 42 inches. Two residents said that they had inadequate drainage and had seen raw sewage in the beck leading down towards the Bleachery. The Clerk was asked to write to Northumbrian Water and Durham County Council expressing concern.

A resident complained that the west verge of the area between Mill Hill Farm and Meadow Bank Cottage had been cut but not the eastern side. This has proved to be a hazard to pedestrians. The Clerk was asked to write to Durham County Council drawing their attention to this.

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

There were none.

Date of next Meeting. Thursday January 17th 2013





