

Draft Minutes of the Meeting Held in the Village Hall on Thursday January 17th 2013 at 7.00pm.

Present:-

Councillor R. Buckley (Chair)

Councillor I Bird (IB)

Councillor A. Milburn (AM)

Councillor B. Nutter (BN)

Councillor A. Rodham (AR)

Councillor M. Wilmer (MW)

County Councillor R. Crute.

Mr I. A. Goodrich (Parish Clerk)

There were five residents present.

1. Apologies for Absence.

There was an apology from Councillor D. Fanthorpe.

2. Police Report.

PCSO Goodwin was present to give a Police Report. There had been eighteen incidents since the last Meeting. Most of these were on the A19. There had been two thefts from vehicles in Stockton Road.

A male had been seen dragging an item near the Golf Club. There had been two anti social incidents and one burglary. PCSO Goodwin said that the Police were looking for a Neighbourhood Watch co ordinator. County Councillor Crute asked where residents from Castle Eden go to attend PACT Meetings.

PCSO said they can either go to Blackhall or Wingate. PCSO Goodwin left the Meeting and was thanked by all.

3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday December 20th 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 that Northumbrian Water had telephoned him about the letter concerning the drains in Castle Eden. They are investigating this and will be in contact soon. IB had brought a plan of all sewers and drains within Castle Eden.

5. Correspondence.

- a) An e mail from a resident saying that he had not been given enough notice to attend January's Meeting to explain why he had placed metal fencing around his property. He is to write explaining why. The Clerk said he had e mailed him back saying that the next Meeting would be held on Thursday February 21st and that he would be welcome to attend.
- b) A letter from Mr S. Clasper, Durham County Technical Support Officer, Open Spaces outlining reasons why the verge between Mill Hill Farm and Meadowbank Cottage is not bring trimmed. Most of the reasons are concerned with Health and Safety issues. The Secretary of ACE said that she is going to arrange a site meeting with him.
- c) An e mail from a resident of the Village via the ACE Secretary saying that she is to visit an orphanage in Haiti soon and wondered if any residents would like to make small donations to this cause.

6. County Councillor's Report.

County Councillor R. Crute said that he had spoken to County Councillor O'Donnell who said that no issues had arisen concerning Castle Eden. IB said that he was very concerned about road safety at the mini roundabouts on the A19 fly over. He said that some motorists were going around these the wrong way daily. There is at least one accident every week. County Councillor Crute said that he would take this back to the

Durham County Highways Department.

7. Planning Proposals

The Chair produced a Planning Proposal from Persimmon Homes to remove two large trees at the entrance to Burdon Walk, Butterknowle Green. The Clerk said that this had not appeared on the weekly Planning Proposals sent to him each week. The Clerk was asked to write to Planning asking that the Parish Council be consulted on the Tree Officer's report before a decision is made. Also to say that they are concerned about the removal of trees from a Conservation Area. The Clerk asked to include the question as to why this Planning Proposal was not on the weekly list e mailed to him.

8. Finance Report.

Balance at the Bank.	£ 7,380 15
Expenditure.	
Beaumont Brown Architects. Work done to the War Memorial.	449. 40
Clerk's Expenses November to January.	55 80
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	£ 505 20
Balance at the Bank.	£6874 95

AM said that he had now stopped employing the Architect.

It was unanimously agreed to Precept £8,000 for the Financial Year 2013 to 2014.

9. Village Matters. Information and Discussion.

- a) Two female members of the NHS Ambulance Service were present to give a presentation about CPR and the use of a Defibrillator. They said that part of their job is to visit community groups. They are willing to speak to any Castle Eden Groups. They demonstrated the use of a Defibrillator and said they could install one inside or outside the Village Hall. The cost is £400, but funding is available from the British Heart Fund. The Chair said that this information could be circulated on the website and minutes asking for interested parties. The Clerk said that there was a Defibrillator in the Golf Club. He said he will contact the person responsible for it and arrange for the Chair and himself to go there and have an introductory meeting. The two ladies left and were thanked by everyone.
- b) MW gave an up to date on the Parish Plan. There had been two working party meetings looking at the questionnaire. A Time line has been drawn up. The Clerk will e mail Parish Councillors with a copy of the questionnaire.
- c) Amanda Moon (ACE) Secretary gave an up to date report, copies of which will go on all four notice boards.
- d) IB said that the state of the allotments opposite the Factory was not good.

10. Any Additional Urgent items of Business

There were none.

Date of next Meeting. Thursday February 21st 2013

