

Draft Minutes of the Meeting Held in the Village Hall on Thursday February 21st 2013 at 7.00pm.

Present:-

Councillor I Bird (IB)

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 apologies from Councillors R. Buckley (Chair), A. Milburn and Councillor D. Fanthorpe.

2. Police Report.

PC. A. Holland was present to give a Police Report. There had been two thefts. One was a customer leaving the Castle Eden Inn without paying for the meal. The other was someone refusing to pay a taxi fare. Criminal damage had been done to a car outside Ivy Cottage. A large quantity of livery had been stolen from Edenwell Equestrian Centre, valued at £5,000. County Councillor Crute raised concerns at the A19 flyover. He said that there is a need for someone to come out and observe some of these problems. BN reported a near miss on the first mini roundabout caused by the sign "Give Way". These two mini Roundabouts are confusing some motorists. PC Holland said he would report this to Maxine Stubbs at Police Headquarters and try to convene a meeting with her and Mr D. Battensby. PC Holland 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 BN and seconded by MW that the minutes were a true record.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes.

- a) The Clerk said that the Precept for 2013/2014 had been confirmed as £8,000.
- b) The Clerk said that the person at the Golf Club in charge of the Defibrillator is away sick. He is to see to this before the next meeting.

5. Correspondence.

- a) An e mail from County Durham Association of Local Councils informing that election packs were now available for collection. The Clerk said he would go to County Hall, collect these and distribute to all Parish Councillors.
- b) A letter from a resident explaining why he had secured the surrounds of his property with metal fencing. His property had been vandalised and he himself assaulted. The guilty party had been taken to court and prosecuted. The Parish Council agreed not to get involved with neighbourhood disputes. The Clerk to reply outlining this.

6. County Councillor's Report.

County Councillor R. Crute reported the temporary closure of a Footpath leading to Hesleden due to overhead works on telegraph poles. He also reported on a meeting which had taken place in County Hall concerning temporary stop over sites for travellers. All the sites identified are not going to be in the Castle Eden area due to it being a Conservation Area.

7. Planning Proposals

There were none.

8. Finance Report.

There had been no financial transactions since the last meeting.

Balance at the Bank.

£ 6874 95

It was agreed to ask Mr. R. Heywood to act as Internal Auditor.

9. Village Matters. Information and Discussion.

a) BN said that the posts removed for Remembrance Sunday are in his garden. The chains are in a neighbour's garage. He asked if they are going to be removed permanently or reinstated. ACE said that no decision had been agreed. It was agreed to agenda this for the next meeting as this may have to go to Planning for a decision.

b) MW distributed the questionnaire to go out to residents for the start of the new Parish Plan. These are to be printed in green. After showing the questionnaire MW asked that all Councillors approve the layout and content so we can move to the next stage. Councillors approved the format and content. It is hoped to have these completed and returned by March 20th. A public meeting will follow.

c) The ACE Report was distributed. This will go on all four Village notice boards.

10. Any Additional Urgent items of Business

There were none.

Date of next Meeting. Thursday March 21st 2013

