

CASTLE EDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting Held in the Village Hall on Thursday April 18th 2013 at 7.00pm.

Present:-

Councillor R. Buckley (Chair)

Councillor I. Bird (IB)

Councillor D. Fanthorpe (DF)

Councillor B. Nutter (BN)

Councillor A. Rodham (AR)

Councillor M. Wilmer (MW)

County Councillor R. Crute.

Mr I. A. Goodrich (Parish Clerk)

There were three residents present.

1. Apologies for Absence.

There were apologies from Mr A. Milburn (Vice Chair) and Mr and Mrs P. Carter.

2. Police Report.

PCSO Goodwin was present to give a Police Report. There had been 17 calls to the Police, 7 A19 related. There had been one violent incident against a neighbour. There had been two anti social behaviour incidents in the early hours of one morning. There had been one assault at Beechwood when an arrest had been made. The Chair reported that he and BN and MW had met Mr D. Battensby (DCC) and Maxine Stubbs (Police Headquarters) to look at the situation on the A19 Flyover. They had observed fifteen road traffic incidents in a short period of time. One motorist had done a U turn on the wrong side of one of the mini roundabouts. Mr Battensby said that the road layout was the best option that Durham County Council could do. County Councillor Crute said that the Parish Council should still persue trying to resolve this this problem. PCSO Goodwin left the meeting and was thanked by all.

3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday March 21st 2013.

It was proposed by BN and seconded by DF that the minutes were a true record.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes.

- a) The Chair said that as only five candidates had been put forward for election to the Parish Council, there would be no election. The new Clerk will have to display notices asking for candidates to be either elected or co opted. He said that six people had applied for the Clerk's job and two are going to be interviewed soon.
- b) DF said that two defibrillators should be purchased, with one being placed in the Village Hall. BN is to follow this up with the help of another organisation

5. Correspondence.

- a) An e mail from a resident concerning his property. The Chair had visited him prior to the meeting and the matter is now closed.
- b) An e mail from a resident of the Village saying that there had been some anti social behaviour in the early hours of April 11th. The Police had been called and the youths disbursed. There are no reports of damage. Also reported were dead birds, wild fowl and hares lying around the pond and pathway in Castle Eden. County Councillor Crute said he would follow this matter up.

6. County Councillor's Report.

County Councillor R. Crute said that he had contacted the Wildlife Officer about the reported dead animals and birds. He said that the removal of dead wildlife is the responsibility of the land owner. If this occurs on on a pathway or road then it is the responsibility of Highways. IB said that the footpath from Wellfield to

Station Town had been recently tarmaced and asked where the money has come from for this. He said that such money should have been spent on improving roads. County Councillor Crute said that this money could have come from various restricted budgets. He is to follow this up.

7. Planning Proposals

Planning Proposal agreed to by Castle Eden Parish Council.

PL/5/2013/0119. Fell, prune and Crown Lift of Trees at Tollgate Lodge, Stockton Road, for Mr D. Johnson.

DF had the drawings. The owner wishes to tidy up the existing trees. It was agreed to leave the decision to the Tree Officer.

IB said that a house at the Factory has had a porch replaced with plastic. This should not be allowed as these dwellings are listed buildings. The Chair said he would speak to the Planning Department and report back.

8. Finance Report.

Balance at the Bank.	£ 5292	99
Income.		
Gross Interest January 1 st to March 31 st .	0	89
Precept 2013 to 2014.	£8107	00
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	£ 13,400	88
Expenditure.		
County Durham Association of Local Councils Annual Subscription.	£74	98
Balance at the Bank.	£13,325	91

9. Village Matters. Information and Discussion.

- a) MW gave an update on the Parish Plan together with Amanda Moon (ACE Secretary). There had been 95 responses to the questionnaire. MW distributed pie graphs showing details from residents who had responded. Car parking and public transport were the major dislikes. Residents were happy with entertainment and leisure. A public meeting is to be held soon so everyone can see and discuss the results of the questionnaire.
- b) Amanda Moon distributed information and progress of ACE. These are to be placed on the village notice boards.

10. Any Additional Urgent items of Business

There were none.

Date of next Meeting. Thursday May 16th 2013. Preceded by the AGM.