

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
CASTLE EDEN PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 17 OCTOBER 2013**

Present:

Councillor Mrs M Wilmer (Chair)
Councillors D Martin, B Nutter and B Turnbull

Also Present:

PC Holland, Mrs A Moon – ACE, Councillors R Crute and Mrs L Pounder

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Mrs V Robertson and B Robertson.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

3. **POLICE REPORT**

PC Holland explained that since the last meeting, there had been 7 incidents which included a motorcycle on the walkway. He gave details of successful operations with RSPCA in other areas of the County.

The Chair referred to the car that was parked on a daily basis in the turning circle. PC Holland explained that he would speak to the driver and ask not to park in that location.

Councillor Nutter referred to the problems experienced by residents due to motorists cutting across the road markings on the exit slip road of the A19. There were a number of road traffic offences committed on a daily basis. Discussions had taken place previously with Maxine Stubbs who dealt with road traffic problems and the only solution was to widen the road.

Following a lengthy discussion, Councillors queried if the Police could have some Officer presence at the location. PC Holland advised that he would discuss the concerns with his superiors.

RESOLVED that the information given be noted.

4. **THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** held on **19 SEPTEMBER 2013**, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member were approved and signed by the Chair.

5. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Minute No 5 refers – The Clerk advised that the enforcement team had been unable to locate the owner of the recycling bin therefore proceedings for its removal had begun.

Minute No 6 refers – Councillor Nutter explained that he had attended an AAP forum which was held for young people to help identify the priorities for the coming year.

Minute No 8 refers – Councillor Pounder had reported the pavement at the junction with a number of other schemes for the Blackhalls Ward.

Minute No 11(iii) refers – The Clerk advised that the Community Heartbeat charity had provided posters to be used at the event at The Glebe Centre. Grant Holland from North East Ambulance Service had

kindly offered his assistance at the event and would bring AED training equipment and be available to answer any technical questions.

6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

(i) **Consultation on review of garden waste collections**

The Clerk advised that a consultation on the review of garden waste collections was underway. The proposals included introducing a charge for collections at £20 pa and offered the service to more households in the County. The closing date for responses was 28 October 2013.

(ii) **Residential Care Homes Consultation**

The Clerk advised that Durham County Council had agreed to consult on the future of five Council run residential care home. The consultation would run from 17 October 2013 to 19 January 2014.

(iii) **County Durham Plan, Pre Submission Draft Consultation**

The Clerk advised that a consultation had commenced on the County Durham Plan. A number of public consultation events had been scheduled. The consultation would run from 14 October to 6 December 2013.

(iv) **Great North Air Ambulance**

Great North Air Ambulance had requested the Parish Council to consider making a donation from the 2014/15 budget to support the charity and ensure that a vital service was maintained. It was suggested that views be sought from residents as to which charitable donations they wished to support.

(v) **Parish Plan**

The Chair advised that she had received an email from a resident congratulating the Parish Council on the parish plan. She was also pleased that the war memorial was identified within it.

7. **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Councillor Crute advised that that issues within his report had been dealt with previously on the agenda.

8. **PLANNING PROPOSALS**

(i) CE/13/01084/FPA Double garage and store room extensions at Dene Leazes Farm, Hesleden

Members commented that the proposals did not cause any problems to neighbouring properties.

RESOLVED that no objection to the application be made.

(ii) Land adjacent to Rose Cottages, Castle Eden

The owner of the land had contacted the Parish Council prior to submitting a further planning application. He wished to gain the views of the residents on the amendments he had made to the application

A copy of the proposals had been circulated to Members together with an explanation on how the applicant intended to alleviate some of the concerns raised to the original planning application.

The following points were noted by Members:

- With regard to the flooding concerns, it was felt that the proposals needed to be totally clear within the revised planning submission. The explanation was too vague and an expert should be consulted on whether the soakaways would be sufficient to deal with the flooding issue.
- Concern was expressed that the proposal was over development of the site and imposing on the skyline.
- Concerns were also raised regarding the steep gradient on the proposed driveway and the health and safety of the access onto the highway.

RESOLVED that the concerns of the Parish Council be relayed to the applicant.

9. **FINANCE REPORT**

Balance at Bank as at 19 September 2013	£11,680.96
<u>Receipts</u>	
Interest	£1.62
<u>Expenditure</u>	
Alphagraphics – Parish Plan Booklet	£177.00
Clerks Expenses Aug/Sept	£114.59
Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	<u>£50.00</u>
Balance at Bank	£11,340.99

With regard to the Remembrance Day Service on 10 November 2013, residents be invited to put wreaths onto the war memorial

10. **VILLAGE MATTERS**

- (i) **Parish Plan/Newsletter**
The Chair requested that Members compile an article on items of interest for the Parish Newsletter.
- (ii) **ACE Report**
Amanda Moon circulated the key points from the last ACE meeting and gave an update on progress.