

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE

CASTLE EDEN PARISH COUNCIL

HELD ON THURSDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2013

Present:

Councillor Mrs M Wilmer (Chair)

Councillors D Martin, B Nutter, Mrs V Robertson and B Turnbull

Also Present:

PCSO Goodwin and Edson, Mrs A Moon – ACE, Councillors R Crute and Mrs L Pounder, Mrs Forbes, Mrs Booth, Mrs Barclay, Mr P McGlasham and Mr R McGlasham

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor B Robertson.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. POLICE REPORT

PCSO Goodwin advised that 29 incidents had been received since the last meeting. There had been two thefts, one from an allotment and one metal trough. A loose horse had been reported five times and there had been two sightings of males with torches and dogs. Incidents were down 11% and crime down 26%.

With regard to speeding on the B1281, an update was awaited from traffic management and would be circulated once received. A stationary patrol had been carried out on the exit slip road from the A19 and one driver had been spoken to.

A joint operation with Northumbria and Cleveland police forces was in operation regarding suspicious activity at sea and along the coast.

RESOLVED that the information given be noted.

4. THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING held on **17 OCTOBER 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 3 refers – The Chair advised that she would speak to the businesses at the brewery as the car was continuing to park in the turning circle.

Minute No 5 refers – The Clerk advised that the recycling bin had been removed 2 weeks ago to Wellfield Depot.

6. PROPOSED CREMATORIUM AT LAND NORTH OF THE FORMER CASTLE EDEN BREWERY

England & Lyle, Chartered Town Planners had contacted the Parish Council to advise that they were working on behalf of Dignity Plc who intended to submit a planning application to Durham County Council for a new crematorium facility on land to the north of the former Castle Eden Brewery.

A consultation event was held by the company on 13 November 2013 in The Old Brewery. Representatives from the Parish Council had also met with the company prior to the event.

The Clerk gave details of statistics of the number of funerals from January to August 2013 which had been held at Durham Crematorium and explained that the maximum number of cremations that could be carried out were 13 per day.

Councillor Crute advised that there would still be a consultation period once the planning application had been submitted and any objections to the proposals must be material planning considerations.

The Chair explained that the company had provided details of a list of sites that had been researched for the proposal as well as a number of sites that DCC deemed suitable. Castle Eden was not one of those sites identified by DCC.

Concerns were raised about the effect the proposal would have on the visual amenity of the area, traffic generation, highway safety and road access, hazardous materials, smells, effect on listed buildings and the conservation area, nature conservation and the local, strategic, regional and national planning policies.

It was suggested that a leaflet be distributed to residents to make them aware of the proposals as only nearby properties had been contacted by England and Lyle.

Advice was sought from residents on how to lobby members of the planning committee. Councillor Crute explained that the application may be considered by either the County Planning Committee or Central and East Planning Committee. Once the application was submitted then this would be known.

Following a lengthy discussion, it was **RESOLVED** that

- (i) Objections to the proposal be made to England and Lyle on the following grounds:
 - Visual amenity
 - Traffic generation
 - Highway safety
 - Road access
 - Hazardous materials
 - Smells
 - Effect on the listed buildings and the conservation area
 - Road access
 - Nature conservation
 - Local, strategic, regional and national planning policies
 - Need for a crematorium
- (ii) A leaflet be distributed to all residents advising them of the proposal.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

(i) **“Hop and Shop”**

The Clerk advised that Durham Communicare Ltd had commenced a “Hop and Shop” service. This was a door to door facility for residents of East Durham. Posters had been displayed on the noticeboards.

(ii) **Durham Cathedral Carol Service**

The Clerk advised that an invitation to the Mencap Carol Service on Sunday 21 December 2013 at 2.30pm had been received. Councillor Nutter explained that he would like to book two places.

(iii) **Review of the Statement of Licensing Policy**

The Clerk advised that Durham County Council were reviewing their Statement of Licensing Policy. The proposed changes and online survey were available on DCC's website.

(iv) **East Durham Association of Parish & Town Councils**

The Clerk advised that an email had been received from the Secretary of the East Durham Association of Parish & Town Councils encouraging Parish Council's to add specific topics for debate for future meetings.

(v) **North East War Memorials Project**

The Clerk gave details of an email received from the North East War Memorials Project requesting a donation towards their running costs.

RESOLVED that the correspondence be received be noted.

8. **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

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

The Chair advised that the tender process for the compound at Wellfield had now closed and she believed that three bids had been received. Councillor Crute explained that he was meeting with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and the Asset Manager at DCC but it was his belief that the Council did not have to accept the largest bid.

9. **PLANNING PROPOSALS**

There were no planning proposals to report.

10. **FINANCE REPORT**

Balance at Bank as at 17 October 2013	£11,340.99
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Expenditure

County Durham Association of Local Councils – Local Councils Explained publication	<u>£40.91</u>
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Balance at Bank	£11,300.08
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11. **VILLAGE MATTERS**

(i) **ACE Report**

Amanda Moon circulated the key points from the last ACE meeting and gave an update on progress. The budget for 2014 would be discussed when the Parish Council sets the precept for 2014/15.

Councillor Nutter and Robertson explained that the Mosaic class had been a very good event. Funding that was available for events also covered the hire of the hall.

12. **STANDING ORDERS**

Consideration was given to the revised Standing Orders, a copy of which had been circulated.

RESOLVED that the Standing Orders be adopted.