

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
CASTLE EDEN PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 17 JULY 2014**

Present:

Councillor B Turnbull (Chair)
Councillors D Martin, B Nutter and B Robertson

Also Present:

PCSO Goodwin and Mrs A Moon – ACE

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors M Colborn, Mrs M Wilmer and Mrs V Robertson and County Councillors Crute and Pounder.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

3. **POLICE REPORT**

PCSO Goodwin advised that there had been 23 incidents since the last meeting relating to ASB nuisance, off road motorcycles on the walkway, burglary of a ride on mower, quad bike and golf buggies. There was no ASB or vehicle crime and the rest of the incidents related to the A19. Crime was down 40%, incidents down 43%, theft down 50% and ASB down 20%.

There was a Celebrating the Coast event to be held at Dalton Park on 19 July 2014, 12 - 4pm.

Patrols would be carried out in the Dene late at night and early morning which would link in with Farm Watch in September.

Councillor Turnbull queried if there was any progress on residents using speed guns and if there was any possibility of having a permanent speed visor. PCSO Goodwin advised that discussion was still ongoing with the Inspector regarding the speed guns. He would contact Maxine Stubbs and Dave Battensby at Durham County Council regarding the speed visor. Community speedwatch was about education rather than prosecution.

Councillor Turnbull referred to the double roundabout and explained that he had witnessed four transit vans in left hand lane that nearly caused an accident.

Mrs Moon explained that there were three cars parked in the turning circle that had for sale signs in their windows.

RESOLVED that the information given be noted.

4. **THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** held on **19 JUNE 2014**, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member were approved and signed by the Chair.

5. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

County Councillors Report – Minute No 6 refers

It was reported that Dignity plc had now submitted a planning appeal for the proposed Crematorium at land to the north of the old brewery. It was suggested that a meeting be arranged the following week to discuss the way forward to submit further representations.

RESOLVED that a meeting be arranged for the following week to discuss the planning appeal.

6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence to report.

7. **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

There was no County Councillor's report.

8. **PLANNING PROPOSALS**

There were no planning proposals to report. Members expressed concern that an application was now showing on DCC's planning portal relating to felling of trees at St James Church. The Clerk confirmed that this had not previously been displayed on the planning portal until that week.

RESOLVED that The Clerk write to the Planning Department to enquire why the application did not show to enable residents to make comments.

9. **FINANCE REPORT**

(i) **Balance at Bank as at 19 June 2014**

Balance at Bank	£15,816.53
<u>Expenditure</u>	
Clerks Salary	£469.91
HMRC	<u>£117.48</u>
Balance at Bank	<u>£15,227.14</u>

(ii) **Financial Projection 2014/15 – Quarter ended 30 June 2014**

The Clerk gave details of the actual expenditure against the estimates for 2014/15. All budget headings were on target and had not exceeded estimates.

(iii) **Request for Financial Assistance**

(a) **Action Castle Eden**

A donation had been requested by ACE for activities to be provided within the village.

RESOLVED that £2000 be donated to ACE.

(b) **St James Church**

The Parish Council historically made a donation to the Church on an annual basis.

RESOLVED that £600 be donated to St James Church.

10. **VILLAGE MATTERS**

(i) **ACE Report**

Amanda Moon circulated the key points from the last ACE meeting and gave an update on progress.

Councillor Nutter suggested that a donation be given to the Blackhall Brass Band.

RESOLVED that £50 be donated.

(ii) **War Memorial**

Councillor Robertson explained that the War Memorials Commission had made an offer of a grant for 50% of the works. The grant would be paid when the works were complete. One of the conditions was that the memorial must be Smart Watered and an application would be made for this to be carried out. The estimate accepted was £2590.

RESOLVED that

- (i) The Parish Council contribute to 50% of the works.
- (ii) Estimates be sought for the Smart Water.
- (iii) Authorise Councillor Robertson to sign the necessary contracts.