

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
CASTLE EDEN PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 16 OCTOBER 2014**

Present:

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

Also Present:

Mrs A Moon – ACE, Mr and Mrs Bird

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor M Colborn.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

3. **POLICE REPORT**

The Clerk explained that there had been 28 incidents recorded since the last meeting. 15 were road related incident on the A19. There was no ASB, theft, burglary, criminal damage or theft from a vehicle. Calls had been received regarding poachers in Castle Eden. The local officer was to work with Natural England to patrol the Dene during hours of darkness. There had been reports of wheelmarks on the golf course around the edges but no damage had been caused to the integrity of the course itself. Off road bikes had been in the area over the past few weeks and seized 2 off road bikes and issued 4 warning notices in the coastal area.

RESOLVED that the information given be noted.

4. **GP Surgery, Healthworks**

Heather Collins, Practice Manager from IntraHealth Ltd based in Healthworks at Easington Colliery explained that Healthworks was a walk in centre and a doctors practice with a registered list. The proposal to remove the registered list was currently out to consultation. Healthworks had 1400 registered patients and was the only establishment that offered 8am to 8pm, 7 days per week. Patients as far as Wingate and Castle Eden were registered at the practice. The consultation document suggested that there were sufficient providers in the area to cope with the patients if the facility were to close.

There was now the potential for the unregistered list ie the walk in centre to also be closed. NHS England had the contract for the unregistered list and CCG held the contract for the walk in patients. It was a concern that patients were choosing to leave as they were under the assumption that they would close in the near future.

Healthworks had a footfall of 25000 patients per year. The original contract required that they had 850 registered patients which had been exceeded. The MP for Easington and the local County Councillor had been contacted for support.

Members commented that they would be worried about a reduction in service to residents if the facility was to close. The Parish Council could help to raise awareness of the services available through their noticeboards and website. Exercise on referral was also an initiative that would be lost if the facility was to close as Healthworks had a gym on site.

RESOLVED that concerns be expressed regarding the reduction in service for residents of Castle Eden, the government's agenda for making doctors surgeries more accessible for residents out of normal hours and the choice available for residents.

5. **THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** held on **18 SEPTEMBER 2014**, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member were approved and signed by the Chair.

6. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Footpaths (Minute No 5 refers)

Councillor Mrs Robertson explained that there had been an improvement in footpath No 3 and was a lot more accessible. Councillor Martin advised that the footpath over the Dene had now been closed for 12 months. Legislation allowed a temporary 6 months closure to be extended. The bridge was still unsafe.

RESOLVED that concerns be expressed regarding the continued closure.

7. **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Councillor Crute advised that they were currently pulling the scheme together to install AED's in the villages they represented. The scheme would be split and Castle Eden would be part of the first installations.

Councillor Crute referred to the planning application at Castle Dene Holiday Park and explained that he was minded to request that further public consultation be held because of the lapse since the application was first submitted. Members were very concerned regarding the application, the approval of outline planning permission for 161 houses nearby and the effect it would have on the highway.

The Chair thanked the Councillors for their hard work in relation to the appeal for the Crematorium.

RESOLVED that

- (i) Councillor Robertson provide the County Councillor with the estimates he had sought for the AED.
- (ii) The original objection be upheld and concern be expressed regarding the additional traffic that would be created by recent approval of planning permission for 161 houses in Wingate.

8. **CODE OF CONDUCT**

Councillor Mrs Robertson explained that she felt that everyone should be reminded to be more disciplined when discussing items and indicate to the Chair if they wished to speak.

9. **CORRESPONDENCE**

(i) **68th AGM of County Durham Association of Local Councils**

The Clerk explained that the AGM would be held on 8 November 2014 at 10.00am in County Hall, Durham. Two Councillors could attend but only one vote was allowed from each Council.

RESOLVED that the information given be noted.

(ii) **Children's Centre Consultation**

Consideration was given to the consultation on Children's Centres. The Children's Centres consultation proposed to reduce the number of Children's Centres from 43 to 15 across County

Durham. Views had been sought and Members were directed to DCCs website to access the full consultation document. Wingate Children's Centre was proposed to be transferred to a private company.

RESOLVED that the information given be noted.

10. PLANNING PROPOSALS

a) DM/14/02886/TPO Various works to three Sycamore trees, an Ash tree and two Common Oak trees along common boundary protected by a Tree Preservation Order at Land North East Of Broxholme Stockton Road Castle Eden for Mr Johnson

Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** that no objection be made but concerns be expressed that the owner of the property be contacted regarding the application.

b) 5/PL/2010/0313 Change of use of land for siting of 48 no. Static caravans at Castle Dene Holiday Park, Castle Eden

This item was dealt with earlier in the agenda.

11. FINANCE REPORT

(i) Balance at Bank as at 16 October 2014

Balance at Bank	£12,042.74
<u>Expenditure</u>	
Clerks Salary	£469.91
Clerks Expenses	£65.20
HMRC	£117.48
Greenbarnes	<u>£82.74</u>
Balance at Bank	<u>£11,307.41</u>

(ii) Financial Projection 2014/15 – Quarter ended 30 September 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.

12. VILLAGE MATTERS

(i) ACE Report

Amanda Moon circulated the key points from the last ACE meeting and gave an update on progress. Concern was expressed at the reduction in the number of Rangers.

Councillor Nutter explained that East Durham Creates had left booklets in the Village Hall and suggested that they be displayed in the noticeboards

RESOLVED.that

- (a) concern be expressed at the reduction in the number of Rangers
- (b) booklets from East Durham Creates be displayed on the noticeboards

(ii) **Crematorium Appeal**

The Chair thanked everyone who attended the appeal and Councillor Turnbull who spoke on behalf of the Parish Council. The Inspector had been fair and advised that the decision would take longer than the usual 6/7 weeks.

(iii) **War Memorial**

The Chair thanked Councillor Robertson for the work he had done on the war memorial. There had been a lot of positive feedback on the work carried out. Councillor Robertson advised that the works were now complete and he had written to the War Memorial Trust. The Smart Water would be added once the weather was better. The conservation company had recommended that work be completed every 5 year. There was a small crack at the rear of the memorial which had been sealed. Funding would need to be sought for the replacement of the chippings with Yorkshire stone.

RESOLVED that the contractors be thanked for the work they had done.