

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
CASTLE EDEN PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 18 JUNE 2015**

Present:

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

Also Present:

Mrs A Moon – ACE, PCSO Edson and Bierr

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors M Colborn, Mr and Mrs Robertson.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

3. **POLICE REPORT**

PCSO Edson advised that there had been 21 incidents since the last meeting. There had been 2 burglaries, 1 vehicle crime and 9 incidents relating to the A19. There had been 1 assault which could have been linked to a poaching incident. The large stones that had been moved near the turning circle had been moved by a farmer to allow access and had been returned. PCSO Goodwin had been patrolling the turning circle area to discourage motorists from misusing it.

Councillor Turnbull commented that the large stones had been moved back into place by Councillor Martin. This had been reported on the 101 number.

The Chair commented that she had received complaints from residents that a Polish wagon had been parked up for 3 days in the turning circle and had been reported to Police by residents.

Councillor Martin queried what could be done if people had parked indiscriminately. PCSO Edson advised that the registration number of the car should be reported to 101, if found to be an obstruction there were some incidences where it could be removed. Officers could also ask the owners to move the vehicles.

RESOLVED that the information given be noted.

4. **THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** held on **21 MAY 2015**, 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 9 refers)

A response from planning regarding whether planning permission was required for activities at The Castle had been received. There were no figure in terms of number of days that events could be held in a building without the need for planning permission, there was provision for the use of land (up to 28 days in a year) which did not relate to the curtilage of a building. Where there was use within the curtilage, Officers would need to consider whether the extent of the use would amount to a material change of use. An occasional use was unlikely to be considered material. Residents had a different view from Officers as to whether the other uses that were occurring at the property amounted to a material change of use. The email received would be shared with The Village Residents Association.

Village Matters – Trees (Minute No 16 (iii) refers)

The Tree Officer had advised that the responsibility to replace the trees would be with the landowner. With regard to the planting at the Church, the Clerk had been advised that the tree planting season commenced in mid November although no specific date had been set.

6. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor Crute advised that an application for a Crematorium had been resubmitted. He had informed residents who were involved in the previous campaign as well as the MP for the area. He would contact the Planning Officer assigned to the case for further information and seek for an extension for the consultation period. Once all information was collated, then further meetings could take place.

With regard to the Durham County Plan, legal advice had been taken and DCC was to lodge an appeal. DCLG had asked DCC to wait for 1 month before applying for a judicial review.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

(i) Draft Rights of Way Improvement Plan 2015-18 - Consultation

The draft Rights of Way Improvement Plan 2015-18 was now open for consultation for 4 weeks. The plan was available on DCC website. The closing date for consultation was 10 July 2015.

(ii) Taxi Licensing Policy Review

The current policy was being reviewed and was available on the DCC website. The closing date for consultation was 26 August 2015.

8. PLANNING PROPOSALS

The Clerk advised that the following applications had been made to discharge planning conditions:

(i) DRC/15/00162 Discharge conditions 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11 and 12 of planning permission CE/13/01477/FPA at Land at Stockton Road, Castle Eden

(ii) DRC/15/00172 Discharge of condition 4 (Landscaping Scheme) and 6 (Tree Protection) in pursuant of planning permission DM/15/00107/FPA for new dwelling and detached garage (resubmission) at land adjacent to 4 Parklands on St James Fields, Castle Eden

The Chair explained that she had received a complaint regarding a digger and dumpertruck parked on the grass behind the War Memorial.

RESOLVED that the information given be noted.

9. FINANCE REPORT

Balance at Bank as at 18 June 2015

Balance at Bank as at 21 May 2015	£16,386.08
Clerks Expenses	55.20
CDALC Subs	73.16
Internal Audit Fee	60.00
AON Insurance	<u>526.27</u>
	15,671.45
VAT return	623.00
Interest	<u>0.57</u>
	<u>£16,295.02</u>

10. **VILLAGE MATTERS**

(i) **ACE Report**

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

(ii) **War Memorial**

Amanda Moon advised that there were still funds within ACE for the war memorial and it was appropriate to spend it on fencing and tidying. A gardener was cutting the grass every 2 weeks but there was more to be done to it.

Councillor Turnbull advised that the barrier around the outside and the red chippings could be replaced. The chained barrier could be replaced with freestanding pyramids with no chains between. The red chippings could be removed and replaced with turf and installation of a new path to match the war memorial.

RESOLVED that

(i) an estimate be sought for the replacement of the barrier and red chippings.

(ii) Proposals for the war memorial be placed on the noticeboards.