

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
CASTLE EDEN PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 13 AUGUST 2015**

Present:

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

Also Present:

Mrs A Moon – ACE, PCSO Goodwin

Prior to commencement of business, the Chair reported the death of the former Clerk, Ian Goodrich who had done a sterling job for the Parish Council. Condolences were extended to the family.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors M Colborn and B Nutter

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

3. **POLICE REPORT**

PCSO Goodwin advised that there had been 20 incidents since the last meeting, 14 of which were A19 related. There had been reports of poaching at Sheraton Farm, burglary at Hulum Lodge, fly tipping which was on fire and a partial registration of a man urinating in public. Incidents were down 36% year on year, recorded crime down 41% and theft down 17%.

Mrs Moon advised that there were an increasing number of motorbikes using the walkway. PCSO Goodwin explained that two bikes had been seized the previous week. An officer had joined the team with off road experience so it was hoped that some progress could be made.

The Clerk gave details of an email received from the Police regarding the ongoing issue of motorists continually misusing the double roundabouts, U turns at the turning circle and the number of incident reported. Very few people reported near misses.

RESOLVED that the information given be noted.

4. **THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** held on **16 JULY 2015**, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member were approved and signed by the Chair.

5. **MATTERS ARISING**

Conservation Area (Minute No 10(iii) refers

The Clerk advised that an Officer from DCC would attend a future meeting to provide further information in relation to Conservation Areas.

6. **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

There was no County Councillor's Report.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

A19 Planned Road Works October 2015

The northbound works were scheduled to commence on 4 October with the last night of work on 23 October. The closure would be from 8pm to 6am. The southbound works were scheduled to commence on 26 October for 3 nights.

RESOLVED that the information given be noted.

8. **PLANNING PROPOSALS**

CE/13/01502/FPA Erection of Wind Turbine, installation of associated equipment and infrastructure including access track at East of Dene Leazes Farm, Hesleden

The Clerk advised that a business case in support of the development proposals by the applicant had been submitted.

RESOLVED that the original objection would still stand.

9. **FINANCE REPORT**

Balance at Bank as at 13 August 2015

Balance at Bank as at 18 June 2015	£15,486.56
Clerks Expenses	67.14
Hire of Village Hall	<u>480.00</u>
Balance at Bank	£14,939.56

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**

A local company would provide the turf free of charge and had agreed to provide a quote to take the red chippings and replace with the turf. Councillor Robertson would obtain a quote for the laying of the York Stone pathway.

(iii) **Proposed Crematorium Update**

A further letter of objection would be submitted by the Parish Council relating to the traffic and the footpath adjacent to the site. The residents group and the golf club were also submitting further objections in relation to the safety element.

Natural England had responded and were unable to give their support to the objections.

(iv) **St James Church Update**

The Diocese of Durham had confirmed that the proposals for the church had been approved and forwarded to the Church Commissioners to prepare a draft Scheme of Order.

11. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Problems with Flies

Residents had made complaints regarding the number flies in The Village and rumours had been circulating that farmer were using human waste. Councillor Martin explained that the weather pattern and the climate were the reason that there had been an influx of flies. Residents should be advised to contact Environmental Health.