

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
CASTLE EDEN PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 15 OCTOBER 2015**

Present:

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

Also Present:

Mrs A Moon – ACE

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Robertson and Nutter and County Councillors Crute and Pounder.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

3. **POLICE REPORT**

PCSO Weston advised that there had been 29 incidents since the last meeting, 15 of which had been A19 related. There had been 4 burglaries of a shed/garage, 1 criminal damage, 1 theft and no ASB reported. Incidents were down 6% year on year, recorded crime down 1% and ASB down 9% over the sector.

RESOLVED that the information given be noted.

4. **THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** held on **17 September 2015**, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member were approved and signed by the Chair.

5. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Transparency Code Funding (Minute No 6 refers)

The Clerk advised that a bid for funding had been submitted.

6. **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

There were no County Councillors present.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

a) **Review of Durham County Council's Home to School Transport Policy**

The Home to School Transport Policy was being reviewed and consultation was taking place on three specific areas of discretionary financial support which it currently provided:

- automatic entitlement to free transport for students in Year 10 and 11 who moved house during these important exam years;
- automatic entitlement to free transport for Post 16 students who had no access to a viable public transport system;
- automatic entitlement to free transport for Post 16 students who could not travel independently due to a medical condition/ disability

Consultation on the proposed changes began on 30 September and ended on 11 November 2015.

RESOLVED that the information given be noted.

b) **County Durham Plan**

The Inspector's interim report had been quashed and a new examination would be held under a new Inspector as soon as possible. To enable this to happen, the plan had been withdraw before resubmitting an amended and refreshed version. The updated plan would proceed through a new public examination providing a further opportunity for all interested parties to have their views heard.

New population statistics/information and changes to some Government planning policies etc. would necessitate some changes to the originally submitted plan. The Parish Council should be given the opportunity to comment on any revised Plan before it is submitted for Independent Examination by another examiner.

No dates had been determined yet for the creation of the revised plan, public consultation etc.

RESOLVED that the information given be noted.

8. **PLANNING PROPOSALS**

Consideration was given to the following planning applications:

- a) DM/15/02737/FPA Demolition of existing double garage (retrospective) and glasshouse extension and erection of replacement garden room extension at Bankside House Stockton Road, Castle Eden for Mr Maddison

RESOLVED that no objection be made.

- b) DM/15/02949/FPA Change of Use from Public Open Space to Private Garden at Seanachie High Winning Cottages Castle Eden for Mr Horn

RESOLVED that no objection be made.

9. **FINANCE REPORT**

Balance at Bank as at 15 October 2015

Balance at Bank as at 17 September 2015	£15,921.08
Clerks Salary	£480.26
Clerks Expenses	£55.20
HMRC	£120.06
Balance at Bank	<u>£15,265.56</u>

10. **EXTERNAL AUDITORS REPORT**

The Clerk gave details of the External Auditors Report. There were no issues highlighted by the external auditors. The notice of audit had been displayed as requested.

RESOLVED that the information given be noted.

11. **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**

The stoned had been removed and replaced with turf. The posts needed to be replaced and was suggested that they be replaced with concrete pyramid bollards. The pointing was coming away and required to be re-done and the metal screws needed replacing with stainless steel.

RESOLVED that the bollards be agreed and the pointing be reported.

(iii) **AED Update**

The AED will be installed near to the kitchen.

(iv) **Wild Flower Planting**

A suggestion was made that wildflower planting would look attractive in the turning circle. This land was not owned by the Parish Council although the County Council could be approached to ascertain if this was possible.

12. **ANY ADDITIONAL URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

Village Archives

A lot of the photographs in the way we were exhibition in the Village Hall had come from a resident in the village. He has a number of lever arch files and would like someone to store and take care of them. A Moon suggested that a village archive be set up and queried if the Parish Council would take ownership.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council agree to take ownership of the archives.