

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE

CASTLE EDEN PARISH COUNCIL

HELD ON THURSDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2015

Present:

Councillor Mrs M Wilmer (Chair)

Councillors M Colborn, D Martin, Mrs V Robertson and B Turnbull

Also Present:

Mrs A Moon – ACE, Councillor Crute and Mrs Johnson

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. POLICE REPORT

PCSO Goodwin advised that there had been 26 incidents since the last meeting, 11 of which had been A19 related. There had been 2 burglaries of a shed/garage/allotments. Farmwatch had been cancelled in November and would be re-scheduled for December. There had been 1 or 2 reports of poaching. ASB was down 22% over the sector.

Councillor Turnbull queried if there had been any reports of a flasher. PCSO Goodwin explained that the investigation was still ongoing but a man had been seen walking towards the Blackhall area from Castle Eden. Patrols would be ongoing.

RESOLVED that the information given be noted.

4. THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING held on **15 October 2015**, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member were approved and signed by the Chair.

5. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor Crute advised that the planning application for the wind turbine at Dene Leazes Farm had been refused.

The planning application for the removal of the spoil heap at Hesleden was imminent. This would affect the residents of Castle Eden if approved. There were some residents in favour of the application, however the majority were objecting. The applicant had suggested that the approval of the application would make the area more safe. It was felt that if it was unsafe then it should be fenced off.

The Crematorium planning application was also imminent and further evidence was awaited from Dignity to counter the Golf Clubs report.

Councillor Crute explained that DCC were currently consulting on bin collections from properties situated on private or unadopted lanes and farm tracks. This would mean that rural or remote properties would have their refused and recycling collected at the lane end, near to the highway, where it was practicable to do so.

Mrs Johnson raised concerns that the proposed location to collect her refuse was on private land. She was also concerned about who would be responsible if the bin was contaminated. Concern was also raised that a lot of elderly and disabled residents would not be able to pull the bins to the end of the lane.

Councillor Crute advised that a consultation on the terms and conditions of Teaching Assistants was currently being looked at. This would have an impact on Teaching Assistants and families and could have an impact on educational attainment. He was opposing it and was encouraging residents to respond send a copy to local Councillors.

RESOLVED that an objection be made on the proposed changed to bin collections as the village has a number of rural properties and was concerned at the overall aesthetics, size and volume of the bins that would be required for multiple properties, together with support for elderly and disabled residents.

6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

a) **Tesco Local Community Scheme**

The Clerk advised that Parish and Town councils had been invited to participate in the Tesco Local Community Scheme which opened for applications on the 19 October and had a closing date of 30 November for this round of bids. The grants programme was managed by Groundwork and funded by Tesco customers from the proceeds of the 5p charge for plastic carrier bags as a result of a government carrier bag levy. Projects that would typically receive funding include: Parks, pocket parks and urban green spaces, Green corridors – river and canals, cycle ways, Formal and informal play areas, Open access sports facilities within public parks and recreation grounds – e.g. football pitches, tennis courts and cricket pitches, Informal outdoor recreation facilities; e.g. gym equipment, trim trails and woodland walks, Nature reserves, community woodland, ponds and village greens, Churchyards, Seafronts, Community allotments, community gardens, orchards and city farms,

RESOLVED that the information given be noted.

b) **NALC Benefits and Membership**

The 2016/17 NALC Affiliation Fee had set the fee at 6.6p per elector, up from 5.6p the previous year.

RESOLVED that the information given be noted.

7. **PLANNING PROPOSALS**

Consideration was given to the following planning applications:

DRC/15/00335 Discharge of Conditions 3 (Materials) at Hillside, Stockton Road, Castle Eden

RESOLVED that no objections be made.

A Councillor queried if planning permission was required for a 6ft fence.

RESOLVED that the Clerk make enquiries

8. FINANCE REPORT

Balance at Bank as at 19 November 2015

Balance at Bank as at 15 October 2015	£15,265.56
External Audit	£156.00
AED outer case	£708.00
Royal British Legion	£50.00
Church Donation	£600.00
Mularchy Lawns	975.00
Balance at Bank	<u>£12,776.56</u>

9. VILLAGE MATTERS

(i) ACE Report

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

(ii) St James Church

The Church Commissioners had issued a draft Pastoral Church Buildings Scheme in respect of proposals affecting the church. Any representation must be made no later than 15 December 2015.

(iii) Advertising on Stockton Road

Hardwicke Hall had erected banner adjacent to the junction with Stockton Road and the B1280. Councillors queried if the horsebox selling tea/coffee/food at the weighbridge needed permission or a licence.

RESOLVED that

- (i) the banner be reported to DCC.
- (ii) Enquires be made as to what licence was required.