

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
CASTLE EDEN PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 17 DECEMBER 2015**

Present:

Councillor Mrs M Wilmer (Chair)

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

Also Present:

Mrs A Moon – ACE, Councillors Crute and Pounder, PCSO Edson

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Nutter.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. POLICE REPORT

PCSO Edson advised that there had been 45 incidents since the last meeting, 16 of which had been A19 related. There had been 2 burglaries. Resident should be encouraged to report any suspicious activity. The PCSOs for the area were hoping to arrange Farmwatch events to include volunteers for the local area.

Councillor Martin explained there had been an incident the previous evening near the entrance to the walkway. He had reported the vehicle registration number and queried if they could be reported on social media. PCSO Edson explained that he had seen vehicle registration details previously on social media.

Councillor Colborn advised that had been a plastic pipe with nails sticking out found on the pathway near the proposed crematorium.

RESOLVED that the information given be noted.

4. THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING held on **19 NOVEMBER 2015**, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member were approved and signed by the Chair.

5. MATTERS ARISING

Advertising on Stockton Road (Minute No 9(iii) refers)

The Clerk reported that planning enforcement had advised that it was not appropriate to advertise near the war memorial and the hotel had been requested to remove it. Food vans required a street trading consent.

6. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor Crute explained that he had nothing to report. The planning applications for the crematorium and removal of the spoil were anticipated to be scheduled for January/February 2016.

Councillor Colborn advised that The Village Residents Association were concerned regarding the recent activity at The Castle. Councillor Crute explained that he was aware of concerns and they had been raised with the enforcement team at Durham County Council.

RESOLVED that the information given be noted.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence.

8. **PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE**

The Clerk advised that Durham County Council, who hosted the Parish Council website, were making changes to how it was supported. From 18 January 2016, all calls for support would need to be logged via the ICT portal. The website would be moved from SharePoint to WordPress, primarily to make the site secure and comply with new guidance. The new website would keep the original colours and parish badge and include a front image page. From 1 April 2016 there would be an annual charge of £575 per year to host the website, continue to provide support and a banner image. If a Service Level Agreement is not purchased, DCC would host the site until 31 March 2017 when the website would be taken down.

RESOLVED that costings be obtained from alternative website providers.

9. **PLANNING PROPOSALS**

There were no planning proposals.

10. **FINANCE REPORT**

Balance at Bank as at 17 December 2015

Balance at Bank as at 19 November 2015	£12,776.56
Clerks Expenses	£59.70
Work to war Memorial	£378.00
<u>Income</u>	
Grant for compliance code	£666.00
Balance at Bank	<u>£13,004.86</u>

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 Chair thanked Councillor Turnbull for his input in the purchase and installation of the new bollards around the war memorial. Councillor Robertson explained that the footpath up the centre was original Yorkshire Stone. Stillingtons had been contacted regarding the re-pointing issue.

(iii) **Proposed Crematorium**

This was discussed earlier in the agenda.

(iv) **The Castle**

This was discussed earlier in the agenda.