

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
CASTLE EDEN PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON THURSDAY 21 JANUARY 2016**

**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 Kinghorn

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Nutter.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Turnbull declared an interest in Item No 8a.

3. **POLICE REPORT**

PCSO Kinghorn advised that there had been 35 incidents since the last meeting, 12 of which had been A19 related. There had been 2 burglaries, 1 dwelling burglary and 1 attempt at theft of a vehicle. There had been a report of sheep worrying near The Castle and issues agreed with the farmer. There would be late night/early morning patrols of farm/coast watch. Due to the changes in recording ASB there was likely to be a rise in future figures. Incidents were down 17%, theft up 25%, ASB down 34% in the sector.

**RESOLVED** that the information given be noted.

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

5. **MATTERS ARISING**

**Parish Council Website (Minute No 8 refers)**

Councillor Colborn had made contact with DCC regarding the change of website to gather more information.

6. **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Councillor Crute explained that the Hesleden Pit Heap planning application was given consent and he had raised issues, mainly around the traffic from the site. Accidents had not been recorded and could not be taken as evidence at the planning committee. Hargreaves were setting a resident's liaison group and he would ensure that Castle Eden was involved as the removal of the spoil heap would impact on residents.

With regards to the proposed Crematorium, Councillor Crute had queried if a traffic impact assessment would be requested following the planning approval for the spoil heap.

A number of complaints had been received from residents regarding the slow speed of broadband and the timescale for the cabinets to be upgraded. Digital Durham had advised that the cabinet for Castle Eden was to be upgraded within the next 4 months. Members raised concerns that the BT website had stated that previously and had not been upgraded within the timescales quoted.

**RESOLVED** that the information given be noted.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence.

8. **PLANNING PROPOSALS**

Consideration was given to the following planning applications:

a) DM/15/03938/TPO Felling of one sycamore tree and one birch tree (both labelled T1 on plan) protected by a tree preservation order at 6 Parklands Drive Castle Eden for Mrs Bell

**RESOLVED** that no objection be made.

b) DM/15/03927/FPA Demolition of existing double garage (retrospective) and glasshouse extension and erection of replacement garden room extension (resubmission) at Bankside House Stockton Road Castle Eden for Mr Maddison

**RESOLVED** that no objection be made.

9. **PARISH PLAN 2017/20**

The Chair advised that the parish plan was coming to an end in 2016 and a new plan would need to be consulted on and prepared. The questions from the current plan could be used as a starting point.

**RESOLVED** that the questionnaire be circulated for comments.

10. **PRECEPT 2016/17**

The Clerk advised that the notification of the Tax Base and request for Precept for 2016/17 had now been received from Durham County Council. The Clerk circulated an estimate of income and expenditure for 2016/17. The Clerk advised that the LCTRS grant applicable to the Council had reduced by £34 from the previous year.

Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the 2016/17 budget be set at £9049 comprising a Precept of £9,036 and Local Council Tax Support Scheme grant of £13 which equated to a Band D charge of £29.53.

11. **FINANCE REPORT**

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| Balance at Bank as at 17 December | £14,150.84       |
| Clerks Salary                     | 480.26           |
| HMRC                              | 120.06           |
| Broxap                            | 1980.00          |
| WEL Medical                       | 1010.10          |
| HCI data                          | 83.70            |
| Electrician AED                   | 189.00           |
| currys                            | 439.97           |
| Interest                          | <u>0.66</u>      |
| Balance at Bank                   | <u>£9,848.41</u> |

## 12. VILLAGE MATTERS

### (i) ACE Report

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

### (ii) AED Signage

Councillor Robertson explained that the sign was a standard sign and he had sought information on its purchase from the Community Resuscitation Officer for the North East. The AED was required to be checked every 2 weeks and was happy to carry that task out.

### (iii) St James Church - Trees

Councillor Mrs Robertson advised that no planting had taken place in the churchyard.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk make enquiries as to when planting would take place.

### (iv) Removal of Spoil Heap, Hesleden

This was discussed earlier in the agenda but Members would like to ensure that condition surveys are carried out on the roads through Castle Eden.

### (v) Broadband

This was discussed earlier in the agenda.