

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
CASTLE EDEN PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 17 MARCH 2016**

Present:

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

Also Present: Mrs A Moon, Mr R Leonard

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors B Nutter, M Colborn and Mrs V Robertson and County Councillors Crute and Pounder.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. POLICE REPORT

There were no police present.

4. THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING held on **18 FEBRUARY 2016**, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member were approved and signed by the Chair.

5. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

There were no County Councillors present.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Citizens Advice Bureau

The CAB had requested a donation to support their work over the coming year.

RESOLVED that the request be noted.

b) Durham Constabulary

Durham Constabulary had been graded as the best police force in the country by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary. The force received outstanding grades in 7 of the 10 categories.

RESOLVED that the information given be noted.

7. PLANNING PROPOSALS

Consideration was given to the following planning applications:

a) DM/16/00465/FPA Proposed Change of use from dwelling to guest house (retrospective) & proposed front extension at Eden Garden Plant Nursery, Castle Eden for Mr Lee

RESOLVED that no objection be made.

- b) DM/16/00504/FPA Proposed Erection of porch to front of existing dwelling at 18 Burdon Walk, Castle Eden for Mr and Mrs Jones

RESOLVED that no objection be made.

- c) DM/16/00635/TCA Proposed various tree works at Meadow Bank, Stockton Road, Castle Eden

RESOLVED that no objection be made.

- d) DM/16/00369/FPA Proposed Erection of detached double garage to side, single storey pitched roof extension to rear and application of external render to existing dwelling at Eden Acre, Stockton Road, Castle Eden for Ms Mitchell

RESOLVED that no objection be made.

8. **FINANCE REPORT**

Balance at Bank as at 17 March 2016 £9,779.71

9. **PARISH PLAN 2017/20**

The questionnaire would be compiled for consideration at the next meeting.

10. **RISK ASSESSMENT**

Consideration was given to the Risk Assessment which had been reviewed by The Clerk. All risks were being managed effectively by the Council.

RESOLVED that the Risk Assessment be agreed with no amendments.

11. **PARISH COUNCILLOR DISPENSATION**

The Clerk reported that Councillor Nutter had been absent from Parish Council meetings due to ill health and advised that a dispensation could be granted.

RESOLVED that a dispensation be agreed for Councillor Nutter.

12. **VILLAGE MATTERS**

(i) **ACE Report**

The key points from the last ACE meeting were circulated.

(ii) **St James Church**

Mr Leonard advised that formal confirmation had been received and the church would close on 18 April 2016. The new parish would be Blackhall, Castle Eden and Hesleden and held in St Andrews in Blackhall. The PCC thanked the Parish Council for its support over the years and hoped that a strong relationship continued with the new PCC as the churchyard at St James would continue to remain open and be an asset for the local community. The contributions towards its maintenance would be as important as ever. The PCC would not be involved in the process for the sale.

(iii) **AED Training**

The AED was now registered with the control room and each community was required to be trained. NE Ambulance service would be present to conduct the training. An offer could be extended to Monk Hesleden Parish Council to join the training sessions.

(iv) **Trees**

The young trees on the B1281 had been cut down and the officer at DCC had offered to speak to residents regarding this.

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

Date and Time of Next Meetings

RESOLVED that the next meetings be held on:

Thursday 14 April 2016

Tuesday 10 May 2016