

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
CASTLE EDEN PARISH COUNCIL**

HELD ON THURSDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2016

Present:

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

Also Present

Mrs A Moon – ACE, County Councillors R Crute and PCSO Kinghorn

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were submitted on behalf of Councillors B Turnbull and Mrs V Robertson.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. POLICE REPORT

PCSO Kinghorn advised that there had been 22 incidents since the last meeting. 2 ASB personal and 20 A19 related. Crime was down 60% and calls down 20%. There had been reports of poaching and letters had been sent. Farm Watch initiatives were currently being investigated.

Councillor Crute asked if the figures for the A19 could identify any accidents that occurred on the slip road.

RESOLVED that the information given be noted.

4. THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING held on **21 JULY 2016**, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member were approved and signed by the Chair.

5. MATTERS ARISING

Councillor Robertson advised that a portable solar powered speed visor would be approximately £2000. Permission maybe required from DCC to use the existing posts. Councillor Crute advised that he may be able to contribute to the cost from the Member budget.

6. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor Crute advised that the public hearing had been postponed that day and was waiting to hear confirmation of the re-arranged date.

With regard to broadband provision, he had received numerous new complaints from residents of Hesleden regarding the poor signal. He had written to the Regional Director at BT and outlined his concerns. The Director sympathised but it was not commercially viable to build into the programme. It was estimated that work would be carried out in 2017/18. He intended to speak to Digital Durham again to ascertain what could be done. Grahame Morris, MP for Easington was also trying to add pressure.

RESOLVED that the information given be noted.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

a) **Register of Interest Forms**

The Clerk reminded Members that Register of Interest Forms required to be reviewed regularly.

RESOLVED that the information given be noted.

b) **Payphone Kiosk, Front Opposite Post Office, Castle Eden**

BT has requested DCC to collate any responses to the removal of the payphone. The payphone had been used 4 times in the previous 12 months.

RESOLVED that no objection be made to the removal of the payphone.

c) **Code of Conduct Training**

DCC Governance Solicitors were to deliver Standards and Code of Conduct Training on 21 September 2016 at Horden Social Welfare Centre.

RESOLVED that the information given be noted.

d) **Public Space Protection Order (PSPO)**

DCC were carrying out a public consultation concerning the implementation of a PSPO. This would replace the existing Dog Control Order. Closing date for consultation was 5 December 2016.

RESOLVED that the information given be noted.

e) **Stopping up Order**

An order authorising the stopping up of the southern part width of A181, comprising highway verge near High Winning Cottages to enable development as permitted by DCC.

RESOLVED that the information given be noted.

f) **Consultation on Budget Reductions**

Mrs Moon advised that DCC were consulting on where reduction in budgets could come from. They were required to save £25m next year. The deadline was 7 October.

RESOLVED that the information given be noted.

8. **PLANNING PROPOSALS**

There were no planning proposals.

9. **FINANCE REPORT**

Balance at Bank as at 21 July	£16,940.15
Clerks Expenses	£61.11
Church Donation	<u>£600.00</u>
Balance at Bank	£16,279.04

10. EXTERNAL AUDITORS REPORT

The Clerk advised that the report had not yet been received back from the External Auditors.

RESOLVED that the information given be noted.

11. VILLAGE MATTERS

(i) **ACE Report**

The key points from the last ACE meeting were circulated.

(ii) **Proposed Crematorium**

This was dealt with earlier in the agenda.

(iii) **Broadband**

This was dealt with earlier in the agenda.

(iv) **Wildflowers**

Councillor Robertson commented that the wildflowers in neighbouring villages and Councils look very nice and would enhance the village. He queried if enquiries could be made as to what permissions would be required.

RESOLVED that The Clerk investigate this further.

12. ANY ADDITIONAL URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS

MARCH MEETING 2017

The Clerk requested that the March meeting be moved to 23 March 2017.

RESOLVED that the request be agreed.

URGENT CARE SERVICES

Mrs Moon advised that the consultation on the Urgent Care Centres was complete. There would be an out of hours service from 8pm to 8am.

RESOLVED that the information given be noted.