

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
CASTLE EDEN PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 23 MARCH 2017**

Present:

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

Also Present:

Mrs A Moon - ACE

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Wilmer declared an interest in Item 8 (c) (d).

3. **POLICE REPORT**

PCSO Goodwin advised that there had been 15 incidents since the last meeting, 8 of which were A19 related. There had been quads on B1281 and A19 around Catchgate Farm to Crimdon Dene. There had been 1 burglary and poachers reported at Hulum Farm.

There had been reports of nesting birds at Hesleden but none had been seen.

RESOLVED that the information given be noted.

4. **THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** held on **16 FEBRUARY 2016**, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member were approved and signed by the Chair.

5. **MATTERS ARISING**

Councillor Crute had contacted DCC regarding the contamination of bins. An Officer had advised that they would monitor the bins and if necessary provide a lockable bin.

6. **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

There were no County Councillors present.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

a) Council Tax Billing

Councillor Turnbull expressed concerns at how the Council Tax bills had been presented. The Adult Health Care had increased the majority of the bill but the way the information was presented looked like the Parish Council's increase had been the major factor. This was incorrect and concerns had been raised with DCC.

RESOLVED that the information given be noted.

b) Request for Financial Assistance

A request had been received from a resident seeking financial assistance towards an expedition which involved the studying the ecology of Tanzania and Malawi.

RESOLVED that the request be refused however an offer be made for the use of the noticeboard to advertise the project.

8. **PLANNING PROPOSALS**

Consideration was given to the following planning applications:

a) DM/17/00077/FPA Detached Outbuilding with Dormer Windows comprising Double Garage with Lobby, Store, Wet Room, Utility at Ground Floor and Fitness Room at First Floor at Bankside House, Stockton Road, Castle Eden

The application site lay within the Conservation Area for Castle Eden. There were a number of properties near to the development site and it was felt that the development would have an overbearing and detrimental impact on those properties. The development was large and out of scale with the surrounding area. It would have an impact on the quality of life and visual amenity of residents. Concern was also expressed regarding the ability of the drainage system to take additional usage

RESOLVED that an objection be made.

b) DM/17/00084/FPA Erection of single dwelling at Eden Vale Cottage, Stockton Road, Castle Eden

The application is an infill housing which would have a detrimental impact on neighbouring properties. Bleachery Lane which leads to the property was in an extremely poor state of repair.

RESOLVED that an objection be made.

c) DM/17/00599/WAS Proposed Anaerobic Digestion Plant at Hulam Farm, Hutton Henry

It appeared that nearby residents had not been consulted. Concern was been expressed regarding the effect the development would have on the residents of Castle Eden as well as the visual impact on the landscape. Highway safety was also a concern as the junction leading onto the A19 from the site is very dangerous. The development would create more vehicular movement and there is huge concern that traffic pulling onto a very busy A19 may have significant difficulties joining the high speed of vehicles travelling south.

RESOLVED that an objection be made.

d) DM/17/00555/PNC Prior approval for change of use of agricultural building to dwellinghouses at Sheraton Hill Farm, Sheraton

There would be an increase in vehicular movement and have a detrimental effect on the neighbouring properties and affect the residents of Castle Eden.

RESOLVED that an objection be made.

9. **FINANCE REPORT**

Balance at Bank as at 16 February 2017	£13,021.36
Action Castle Eden	<u>£500.00</u>
Balance at Bank	£12,521.36

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. **VILLAGE MATTERS**

(i) **ACE Report**

The key points from the last ACE meeting were circulated.

(ii) **Bird Scarers**

There had been a report that the bird scarers off Southfield Farm were firing off at a regular interval and felt it may be a noise nuisance.

(iii) **Castle Eden Society**

The Castle Eden Society has ceased their website because of the costs. It was suggested that we put the information on the Parish Council website.

12. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Kerb Heights (AOB)

The kerb height from the Village up to Stockton Road has disappeared. It was felt that this was a health and safety issue.

RESOLVED that the issue be reported.