

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
CASTLE EDEN PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 20 APRIL 2017**

Present:

Councillor Mrs M Wilmer (Chair)
Councillors 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, Mrs V Robertson and Martin, County Councillors Crute and Pounder.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. POLICE REPORT

PCSO Goodwin had been called away and been unable to attend. The Clerk advised that there had been 21 incidents since the last meeting, 15 of which had been A19 related. Active patrols were being carried out, regarding poaching in the area. There were to be late night patrols in the Dene area in conjunction with Natural England. A Farmwatch operation was planned soon, with extra late night/early morning patrols to be undertaken in the rural areas. Local Officers were taking part in the operation and would be highlighting problem areas. A Speedwatch operation was also to be planned at the Factory due to resident complaints.

Councillor Turnbull reported that the boulders blocking the old A19 entrance had been moved to gain access. He had emailed the Police to query if the road had been re-opened permanently. He was awaiting a response. Councillor Crute commented that he would contact the planning department as this was the area that was part of the Crematorium application to ascertain if Dignity had commenced works.

RESOLVED that the information given be noted.

4. THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING held on **23 MARCH 2016**, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member were approved and signed by the Chair.

5. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor Crute advised that there was an abandoned car parked on the path opposite School House. This had been reported to the Street Wardens and passed to the Police. There was also a fence that was bent out towards the road and pedestrian were having to walk around it, this had been reported.

Councillor Wilmer queried if there had been any further consideration of the crematorium conditions. Councillor Crute advised that he would make some enquiries with the planning department.

Councillor Turnbull reported that he had witnessed a lorry driver who was removing the spoil heap at Hesleden coming through Castle Eden looking very nervous as he was close to the kerb. He was

extremely concerned as the traffic was turning left and going down Stockton Road. Councillor Crute advised that residents of Hesleden were also concerned.

RESOLVED that concern be raised with the planning department.

6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Request for Financial Assistance

A request had been received from Alice House Hospice for a donation.

RESOLVED that the request be refused.

7. **PLANNING PROPOSALS**

There were no planning proposals.

8. **FINANCE REPORT**

Balance at Bank as at 23 March 2017		£13575.52
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Interest	£0.11	
Vat REFUND	£191.80	
Precept	<u>£10242.00</u>	£10443.91

Clerk's salary	£485.06	
Clerk's expenses	£73.20	
HMRC	<u>£121.26</u>	<u>£679.52</u>
		£23339.91

9. **VILLAGE MATTERS**

(i) **ACE Report**

The key points from the last ACE meeting were circulated.

(ii) **Old A19 Entrance**

This was discussed earlier in the agenda.

(iii)(iv) **Speed Visors and War Memorial**

Councillor Robertson had decided not to stand for re-election. Members suggested that he be contacted to obtain the information on the projects he was working on.

(v) **Crematorium Planning Conditions**

This was discussed earlier in the agenda.

10. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Internal Auditor

The Clerk had been unable to contact the current Internal Auditor and sought permission to appoint Gordon Fletcher as the new auditor for Castle Eden.

RESOLVED that the Gordon Fletcher be appointed.