

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
CASTLE EDEN PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2017**

Present:

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

Also Present:

Mr B Wilmer, R Crute

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of County Councillor Pounder and Mrs A Moon.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

3. **POLICE REPORT**

The Clerk advised that the Police would routinely not be attending meetings. They would attend if there were any issued of particular concern. The monthly figures would be emailed.

The Clerk advised that there had been 25 incidents since the last meeting, 14 of which were road/A19 related. There had been 2 poaching calls, 1 vehicle damage and 2 facebook harassment issues.

Councillors commented that it would be helpful if the figures were emailed the week before the meeting so any issues could be resolved.

RESOLVED that the monthly figures be requested prior to the meeting.

4. **THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** held on **15 JUNE 2017**, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member were approved and signed by the Chair.

5. **MATTERS ARISING**

Speed Visors

The Chair advised that Mr Wilmer had been researching the options available for speed visors. A basic camera which flashed the speed, a camera which would record over the speed limit and be able to collect statistics or a camera which would take the registration number. The camera which collected the registration number would on be able to provide statistics to the police in terms of trends, they could not prosecute from it. Some cameras are operated from solar power but relay on a battery.

RESOLVED that costings be sought on a camera that would record speed and statistics.

6. **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Planning Application for Church

Councillor Crute explained that the Village Residents Association had concerns regarding the planning application to convert the church into a dwelling. He had been advised that there would be an amendment to the application to take into consideration concerns around the curtilage, accessibility for visitors, war graves, sewerage. Residents were in favour of the conversion but wanted to ensure that it

was correctly carried out. He added that there would be an extended period of consultation to address these issues.

RESOLVED that the concerns be expressed around the curtilage, accessibility for visitors, war graves, sewerage and boundary fence.

Spoil Heap Removal, Hesleden

Councillor Crute advised that there had been a liaison group set up and a member from the Parish council be invited. The meetings will be ad hoc.

RESOLVED that Councillor Turnbull represent the Parish council on future meetings.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

a) **Street Lighting**

Durham County Council had advised that the proposal on Stockton Road C22 had been reviewed further and owing to the close proximity of some residential properties within the mid section of the site, the lights would not be recommended for removal and the proposed Service Level Agreement to retain the lights would not be required.

RESOLVED that the information given be noted.

b) **Removal of Wreaths**

A resident had suggested that the wreaths on the war memorial be removed more promptly after remembrance day.

RESOLVED that the wreaths be removed early in the new year.

8. **PLANNING PROPOSALS**

Consideration was given to the following planning applications:

- a) DM/17/02314/FPA Erection of No 2 dormer windows and rooflights to front, 4 no rooflights to sides and 1 no roof light to rear to create habitable room within loftspace at 10 Rowland Cres, Castle Eden

RESOLVED that no objection be made.

- b) DM/17/02417/FPA Rear conservatory at Meadow Bank, Stockton Road, Castle Eden

RESOLVED that no objection be made.

- c) DM/17/02618/FPA Change of use from redundant place of worship to dwelling (full plans)

- d) DM/17/02620/LB Change of use from redundant place of worship to dwelling (listed building)

RESOLVED that the concerns be expressed around the curtilage, accessibility for visitors, war graves, sewerage and boundary fence.

- e) DM/17/02817/FPA conservatory to rear of property at 5 Rowland Crescent, Castle Eden

RESOLVED that no objection be made.

9. **FINANCE REPORT**

Balance as per bank reconciliation as at 5 September £19,880.86
Bank statements were viewed by the Chair

Invoices for Endorsement of payment

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	CHEQUE NO
HMRC	Income Tax	£122.48	000598
J Collins	Salary/Expense	£602.40	000599
Co Durham CDALC	Member Training	£27.00	000600

10. **VILLAGE MATTERS**

- (i) **ACE Report**
The key points from the last ACE meeting were circulated.
- (ii) **War Memorial**
Councillor Welch will investigate the registration of the land around the war memorial.
- (iii) **Speed Cameras**
This was dealt with earlier in the agenda.
- (iv) **Crematorium Planning Conditions**
The Chair advised that Dignity had not submitted any proposals regarding the planning conditions.