

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

**HELD ON THURSDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2017**

**Present:**

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

**Also Present:**

Mrs A Moon, County Councillors Crute and Pounder

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. POLICE REPORT**

The Clerk advised that there had been 21 incidents since the last meeting, 13 of which were road/A19 related. There had been 1 ASB personal incident, 1 ASB environmental incident and 1 Criminal Damage. There had been a drop of 1% in incidents in the Castle Eden area this year.

Sgt Rowe explained that the Parish Council were not permitted to do their own thing and place Speed Indication Devices (SID)'s on the highway. They must make contact with Durham County Council to discuss the finer details on this and obtain the necessary permissions.

In general:

- 1) There must be a proven need for the signs (i.e. an evidenced justified excess speed problem) – not just a desire.
- 2) The location desired for the sign to be placed must be subject of a full risk assessment to ensure a suitable safe location is achievable which is undertaken by the County Council and Police as a joint initiative (I do the risk assessments for the Police side)
- 3) The Parish Council would need to fund SID's which were approved by the County Council
- 4) The costs involve permanent metered electricity supplies.
- 5) The Parish will have to undertake to maintain the signs for their life (normally about 8 years)
- 6) The Parish would have to provide indemnity insurance

In relation to SID's/ Speed Visors that could collect data, neither the County Council nor the Police would use the data . The Police would only use data from the Councils survey equipment.

Community Speedwatch had been carried out previously and there were no issues/concerns raised. When using a portable laser device, high viz jackets have to be used and can be seen which allows motorists to slow down.

The Chair reported that there had been an incident in the village whereby post had been stolen from an outside post box and identities stolen. Residents should be vigilant and ensure their post boxes were secure.

**RESOLVED** that the information given be noted.

4. **THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** held on **19 OCTOBER 2017**, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member were approved and signed by the Chair.

5. **MATTERS ARISING**

**War Memorial**

There was nothing further to report regarding the land ownership.

**Co Durham Plan**

Councillor Crute advised that the re-commencement of the Co Durham Plan was agreed the previous day by Cabinet. The document was available online.

**St James Church**

New plans had been submitted which alleviated some of the residents concerns.

6. **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

**Boundary Commission**

Parliamentary boundaries were currently being consulted upon. The Blackhalls and Wingate Wards were proposed to be included within Hartlepool Parliamentary Constituency. They did not have anything in common with Hartlepool, no social links and there was a national geographical boundary of the dene between Hartlepool and Co Durham. All responses were required by 11 December 2017.

**Housing Development at Wellfield**

A meeting had taken place with the County Councillor for Wingate, highways and the planning case officer regarding the traffic on the A19 Wellfield interchange. Proposals were circulated which showed the possible solution to managing the traffic flow. A concern was that the Crematorium proposal had not been taken into consideration as it was not yet built. Concerns were expressed regarding the traffic and tailbacks onto the A19 as well as the configuration of lights leaving the A19 northbound.

**Bus shelter – Golf Club**

The roof of the shelter outside the golf club had been damaged. A Perspex shelter would replace the existing brick built.

**Broadband**

Openreach had advised that broadband would be operational the following month.

**RESOLVED** that further information be sought on the configuration of the traffic lights on the Wellfield interchange.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence.

8. **PLANNING PROPOSALS**

Consideration was given to the following planning applications:

- a) **DM/17/03353/FPA Erection of a single storey extension at rear of dwelling, replacement windows and demolition of detached outbuilding on land to rear to provide parking at 12 The Foundry, Castle Eden**

**RESOLVED** that no objection be made.

**b) DM/17/03455/TCA Tree Works at Old Brewery Cottage, Stockton Road, Castle Eden**

**RESOLVED** that the application be noted.

**9. FINANCE REPORT**

Balance as per bank reconciliation as at 5 November £18,476.29

Bank statements were viewed by the Chair

**Invoices for Endorsement of Payment**

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	CHEQUE NO
J Collins	Expenses	£55.20	000603
Royal British Legion	Remembrance Day	£19.25	000604

**10. VILLAGE MATTERS**

**(i) ACE Report**

The key points from the last ACE meeting were circulated.

**(ii) Crematorium Planning Conditions**

The Chair advised that Dignity had not submitted any proposals regarding the planning conditions.

**(iii) A19/A181 junction**

Discussed earlier in the agenda.

**(iv) Parking outside the Castle Eden Inn**

The owners of the Castle Eden Inn would like to remove the bollards and install parking outside of the front. The Clerk advised that permission would need to be sought from Durham County Council's highways department. Members commented that double yellow lines may alleviate the parking problem on certain parts of the road. The footpaths were also breaking up along Stockton Road.