

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
CASTLE EDEN PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 23 MARCH 2018**

Present:

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

Also Present:
Mrs A Moon

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillor M Colborn and County Councillors Crute and Pounder.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Turnbull declared an interest in Item 11(ii)

3. POLICE REPORT

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A Moon explained that the Police were placing more PCSOs in the area centered around the main areas where crime was high. 42-46% of all crime was on the east of the County. There had been more complaints regarding speeding and the Police were looking at purchasing more equipment for community speedwatch.

Councillor Martin commented that he did not think that there was much communication between forces.

RESOLVED that a community speedwatch be requested near the Castle Eden Inn.

4. THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING held on **15 FEBRUARY 2018**, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member were approved and signed by the Chair.

5. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

There were no County Councillors present.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Request for Financial Assistance

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RESOLVED that £1000 be donated to the Village Hall Association towards the cost of the repairs.

b) **Co Durham Benevolent Fund**

A request for financial assistance had been received.

RESOLVED that the request be noted.

7. **PLANNING PROPOSALS**

There were no planning proposals.

8. **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.

9. **FINANCE REPORT**

Balance as per bank reconciliation as at 5 March £17,593.22

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10. **General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)**

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RESOLVED that the information given be noted.

11. **VILLAGE MATTERS**

(i) **ACE Report**

The key points from the last ACE meeting were circulated.

(ii) **War Memorial**

Councillor Welch advised that the strip of land adjacent to the war memorial was unregistered.

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(iii) **Digital Durham**

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