

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
CASTLE EDEN PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2018**

Present:

Councillor Mrs M Wilmer (Chair)

Councillors B Turnbull, D Martin, M Colborn, Mrs J Welch and Mrs L Taylor

Also Present:

5 residents

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. RON HOGG, POLICE, CRIME AND VICTIMS' COMMISSIONER

The Chair welcomed Mr Hogg to the meeting to discuss the ongoing road traffic issues that the village was experiencing. Mr Hogg explained that he was keen to assist and help with finding a solution to the problem residents were experiencing with speeding vehicles through the village. Speed visors had to adhere to the Surveillance Cameras Code of Practice. Information could be retrieved from them, however, enforcement action could not be taken. He would like to work with the parish council to look at affordability and the options available. Community speedwatch can be undertaken but this was not the solution.

The Clerk advised that a Traffic Management Report by Maxine Stubbs, Traffic Management Officer and David Battensby, Durham County Council had been published making a number of recommendations to help alleviate the speed along the B1281 through Castle Eden.

Residents commented that although there were not many recorded incidents, speed was a major issue throughout the village. They disagreed with DCCs report that speed visors were of no use once motorists were used to them being on the roadside. The railings along the side of the road were broken, the majority of which were motorists had left the road and damaged them.

Sgt Hill advised that the statistics were recorded by guidance from a national level but work was still to be done around other reported incidents. He was open to suggestions and would assist in any way he could.

The Chair explained that the parish council had committed some of its budget towards the provision of speed visors.

Residents commented that the report had highlighted that the undergrowth along the road side, kerbs and signage needed attention and pointed out that this should have been part of any routine maintenance.

Mr Hogg explained that he would work with the residents, parish council and the neighbourhood policing team to help alleviate the problem with traffic through the village.

RESOLVED that the partnership working be welcomed.

3. **POLICE REPORT**

a) **Monthly Update**

Sgt Hill advised that he monthly statistics would be forwarded from PCSO Goodwin on his return to work, however there was very little crime in the village.

A Councillor advised that there was a problem with off road bikes on the walkway and people hunting with dogs. Landowners with shot gun licences were reluctant to report crimes for fear of their licences being revoked when up for renewal. Stg Hill advised that licences would not be revoked for making reports of crimes.

b) **Traffic Management Report**

This was discussed in item 2.

RESOLVED that the information given be noted.

4. **THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** held on **18 October 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) **NHS Durham Dales, Easington and Sedgefield CCG**

A public consultation had been launched to seek views and ideas on improving 7 day access to primary care services. This would run until 19 December 2018. Public events were being ran and residents could register on the Eventbrite. An event was being held in East Durham College at 6pm on 29 November 2018.

RESOLVED that the information given be noted.

b) **Hartlepool Port Local Development Order**

A consultation had been launched for a simplified planning system to be in place to support and encourage economic development. This would run from 2 November 2018 to 11 January 2019.

RESOLVED that the information given be noted.

c) **Durham County Council Consultations**

The following consultations were:

- (i) Planning
- (ii) AAP Priorities
- (iii) Digital strategy
- (iv) Seaham Townscape Heritage Project (Phase 2)

RESOLVED that the information given be noted.

7. **PLANNING PROPOSALS**

Consideration was given to the following planning application

DM/18/03094/FPA Change of use from bed and breakfast accomdation/office to dwelling tied to Eden Garden Centre at The Lodge, Eden Garden, Castle Eden
RESOLVED that no objection be made.

8. **FINANCE REPORT**

Balance as per bank reconciliation as at 5 November £22,343.47
Bank statements were viewed by the Chair

Invoices for Endorsement of Payment

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	Amount	CHEQUE NO
Clerk	Expenses	£55.20	000626

9. **VILLAGE MATTERS**

a) **ACE Report**

The key points from the last ACE meeting were circulated.

b) **Kerbs**

This was discussed at item 3.

c) **Traffic lights on A19 slip road/double roundabout**

It was hoped that the traffic lights on the A19 slip road would be installed before all the houses were built.

RESOLVED that Councillor Crute be approached to enquire on timescales.

10. **ANY ADDITIONAL URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

December Meeting

The Chair advised that the December meeting would be cancelled.