

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

HELD ON THURSDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2019

Present:

Councillor Mrs M Wilmer (Chair)
Councillors Mrs L Taylor, Mrs S Kramer and D Martin

Also Present: 6 residents

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillors Turnbull and Mrs Welsh.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Taylor declared an interest in item no 3

Councillor Kramer declared an interest in item no 11c

3. SPEED VISOR

The Chair advised that Durham County Council had been approached to consider alternative locations for a speed visor. The sign had to be positioned such that the vehicles moved into the detection range of the sign – too close to a bend and vehicles would not be detected. In addition, from a safety perspective, DCC did not want motorists to be distracted such that their attention was directed towards a sign which was flashing at them and not on the approaching bend.

Officers most appropriate location for the sign, would be much further east prior to the access into the village, where vehicle speeds were likely to be at their greatest, however this was not parish councillors preferred location.

Residents commented that they felt the location suggested by the parish was the most effective location.

RESOLVED that the speed visor should be located next to Hudworth Cottage as assessed by DCC.

4. POLICE REPORT

There had been 18 incidents recorded for Castle Eden area in the past month which included 8 road/A19 related. There had been 1 Vehicle crime, an attempt theft of a motorcycle from outside an address. There had been calls regarding possible poaching in the area. These have been dealt with via the use of poaching letters to the registered keepers of the vehicles involved.

There had been a lot of suspicious activity/vehicles in the village and residents were urged to report any issues to the police via 101.

RESOLVED that the information given be noted.

5. THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING held on **18 July 2019**, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member were approved and signed by the Chair.

6. **MATTERS ARISING**

The Clerk advised that replacement benches had been ordered. The cricket club would welcome the old benches.

7. **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Councillor Crute advised that the works to the carriageway had commenced however there were a few issues that had been raised with DCC.

Dignity plc had advised that they wish to commence on the crematorium in October. The issue of the traffic regulation order at the old a19 was still to be addressed. Representations had been made to senior officers at DCC as it was felt that there needed to be public consultation on the prohibition order.

RESOLVED that the information given be noted.

8. **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence.

9. **PLANNING PROPOSALS**

Consideration was given to the following planning application:

DM/19/02934/FPA Partial demolition works to existing rear of house and erection of two storey side/rear extension to the northern wing, single storey garden room extension to the rear (north), single storey porch extension to the side (west) of the property. Erection of 2 no. replacement brick chimneys to the northern wing of the property at 1 Hudworth Cottage, The Village, Castle Eden

RESOLVED that no objection be made.

10. **FINANCE REPORT**

Invoices for Endorsement of Payment

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	Amount	CHEQUE NO
Clerk	Salary	£515.42	00064
Clerk	Expenses	£55.20	00064
HMRC	Salary	£128.86	00065

Balance as per bank reconciliation as at 5 September was £28,651.89

Bank statements were viewed by the Chair

11. **VILLAGE MATTERS**

a) **ACE Report**

The key points from the last ACE meeting were circulated.

b) **Speed Visors**

This item was dealt with earlier in the agenda.

c) **Noise Complaint**

Residents had raised concerns regarding a noise complaint in the village

RESOLVED that the noise complaint be reported.

d) **Road congestion**

It was reported that the street parking around the Castle Eden Inn was still causing a lot of problems especially to motorists trying to exit the village hall, masonic hall and St James Fields.

RESOLVED that information be relayed to the Police.