

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
CASTLE EDEN PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON THURSDAY 17 OCTOBER 2019**

**Present:**

Councillor Mrs M Wilmer (Chair)

Councillors B Turnbull, Mrs L Taylor, Mrs S Kramer and Mrs J Welch

Also Present:

1 resident

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Mrs Taylor declared an interest in item 8c.

**3. POLICE REPORT**

There had been 7 incidents recorded for Castle Eden area in the past month which included 4 road/A19 related. There were no recorded crimes and no recorded ASB. There was one incident involving a road traffic collision where a wing mirror of a parked car has been damaged.

A Community Speedwatch was held near to the Castle Eden Golf Club on 11/10/19 following complaints of speeding traffic from residents. This was carried out between 3pm and 3.30pm and a total of 166 vehicles passed west to east during this time. Of these, there were 3 vehicles travelling in excess of the 40mph limit, but only 1 which exceeded the matrix of 46mph. This vehicle will be receiving a warning letter to advise about speed. The perception of speeding would continue to be an issue in this area, due to the 40mph limit and the Police would continue to do their utmost to react to residents' complaints.

Following complaints regarding parking outside the Castle Eden Inn, the PCSO for the area had visited the area and the vast majority of vehicles were parked in a legal and safe matter. One vehicle was parked across the keep clear markings at the junction of St James Fields and received a parking warning notice.

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

- 4. THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** held on **19 September 2019**, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member were approved and signed by the Chair.

**5. MATTERS ARISING**

Speed Visor – DCC had been contacted and further information was awaited regarding the procedure for the installation of the speed visors.

Noise Complaint – The Clerk was awaiting a return call from DCC regarding the issue.

## 6. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

There were no County Councillors present however there had been a comprehensive report submitted relating to:

Traffic incidents on the B1281, Blackhall Colliery to Castle Eden  
Castle Eden Crematorium, Traffic Regulation Order issues – a meeting was to be held with officers from DCC to discuss the TRO and the implications it may have on residents.  
Request for consent variation to Hesleden Pit Heap

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

## 7. CORRESPONDENCE

### a) Woodland Trust

A resident had enquired if the Council had any plans to become involved in the biggest mass tree planting campaign.

**RESOLVED** that the land in Castle Eden was mostly owned by the “Castle Eden estates”

### b) NHS Public Consultations

NHS Clinical Commissioning Groups in Co Durham and Darlington had launched two public consultations on Stroke Rehabilitation Services and Inpatient Rehabilitation At Bishop Auckland Hospital. Closing date for comments was 12 December 2019.

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

## 8. PLANNING PROPOSALS

Consideration was given to the following planning applications:

a) **DM/19/02944/FPA Single-Storey Front and Side Extension with External Dining Area, Replacement Balustrading to Existing Balcony, Linked Double Garage and Access with Ground Floor Lobby and Workshop plus First Floor Bedroom and En-Suite Dressing Room, Dormer Window, External Cladding, Fenestration, Rendering and Re-Roofing at 1 Parklands Drive, Castle Eden**

**RESOLVED** that no objection be made.

b) **DRC/19/00393 Discharge of planning conditions 5 (control of site access gates), 6 (drainage), 8 (external materials), 9 (levels), 10 (landscaping), 11 (external lighting), 12 (construction method statement) and 13 (signage & CCTV) pursuant to DM/15/01841/FPA at Land To The West Of Castle Eden And Peterlee Golf Club Castle Eden**

**RESOLVED** that no objection be made.

c) **DM/19/03182/FPA Change of use of 47 square metres of open countryside to C3 residential use (ancillary to an existing residential dwelling. Removal of approximately 10 metres length of hedgerow. Extension of existing tarmac driveway. Erection of a detached single storey double garage. Insertion of 2 no. conservation rooflights into the highway facing slope of the existing roof to the main house at 1 Hudworth Cottage, The Village, Castle Eden**

**RESOLVED** that no objection be made.

9. **FINANCE REPORT**

Balance as per bank reconciliation as at 4 October was £27,957.28  
Bank statements were viewed by the Chair

10. **VILLAGE MATTERS**

a) **ACE Report**

The key points from the last ACE meeting were circulated.

b) **Crematorium**

This was discussed earlier in the agenda.

c) **Replacement Benches**

The benches had been replaced however one of the benches had been damaged so only one could be donated to the cricket club. The WI were 90 years old next year and it was suggested that they may wish to plant a tree next to the benches.