

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
CASTLE EDEN PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2019**

Present:

Councillor Mrs M Wilmer (Chair)

Councillors D Martin, Mrs L Taylor, Mrs S Kramer and Mrs J Welch

Also Present:

1 resident

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. POLICE REPORT

There had been 9 incidents recorded for Castle Eden area in the past month which included 3 road/A19 related. There was one incident of ASB and 3 calls were abandoned/hoax. Parking at the Castle Eden Inn following complaints from members of the public was still being monitored.

RESOLVED that the information given be noted.

4. THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING held on **11 October 2019**, 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. PARISH COUNCILLOR RESIGNATION

Councillor Turnbull had submitted his resignation. The position had been advertised with no interest received. The Parish Council could now proceed to co-option.

RESOLVED that the information given be noted.

7. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR

RESOLVED that Councillor Martin be appointed Vice Chair for the remainder of the year.

8. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Proposed Solar Installation at Hulam Farm

A consultation event had been arranged for 4 December 2019 in Hesleden Workingmens Club at 2.30pm for Councillors with the public event commencing at 3.30pm. A briefing pack was being sent to approximately 750 households and businesses within a 2km radius of the site to help encourage attendance.

RESOLVED that the information given be noted.

9. **PLANNING PROPOSALS**

There were no planning applications.

10. **FINANCE REPORT**

Invoices for Endorsement of Payment

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	Amount	CHEQUE NO
HCI data	website	£86.40	000647
Clerk	Expenses	£55.20	000648
Clerk	Salary	£515.42	000649
HMRC	Salary	£128.86	000650
Durham County Council	Seats	£547.48	000651

Balance as per bank reconciliation as 5 November was £27,962.03

Bank statements were viewed by the Chair

11. **VILLAGE MATTERS**

a) **ACE Report**

The key points from the last ACE meeting were circulated.

b) **Crematorium**

Correspondence had been received from Durham County Council regarding the TRO process. In general terms, the TRO process was separate from the planning process. The Council as Highway Authority was not constrained by the approach taken by a Planning Inspector in a planning appeal, although this was likely to be a relevant consideration. There may also be some overlap between the issues considered under planning and in relation to the TRO.

Where there were objections to a proposed TRO (or changes to an existing TRO), this would usually result in the matter being referred to Highways Committee for consideration. Objectors can make representations as part of that process. Enquiries with planning and highways were being made.

In response to a query, it was advised that the Crematorium would only operate between 9 and 5pm.

c) **Website**

It was suggested that all news be advertised on the website.

d) **Memorial Service**

The memorial service had a large turnout, however there was only one wreath from the parish council. It was suggested that in future years, local businesses be invited to contribute a wreath.

Thanks was extended to Corinthia Ltd who had kindly offered to clean the war memorial as a goodwill gesture.

The pathway to the memorial was slippy and would be treated in the coming weeks.

e) Hedge Trimming

The hedges along the roadside of South View were overhanging and in need of trimming.

RESOLVED that the hedges be reported to DCC.

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

Date and Time of Next Meeting

RESOLVED that the December meeting be cancelled and the next meeting be held on 23 January 2020 at 7pm.