

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
CASTLE EDEN PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 23 JANUARY 2020**

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 was no report received.

RESOLVED that the information given be noted.

4. THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING held on **21 November 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. CORRESPONDENCE

East Durham Rural Watch

There was to be a new scheme established for East Durham area, which would incorporate the coastal area and areas inland from Seaham to Crimdon. This would be an extension to Farmwatch and Coastwatch. Any interested parties should contact PCSO Goodwin.

RESOLVED that the information given be noted.

7. PLANNING PROPOSALS

Consideration was given to the following planning application:

DM/19/03959/FPA Installation of ground mounted photovoltaic (PV) solar energy generation system (Solar Farm), associated infrastructure and the creation of an electricity substation (132kV) at Hulam Farm, Hutton Henry

RESOLVED that no objections be made.

8. **PRECEPT 2020/21**

The Clerk advised that the notification of the Tax Base and request for Precept for 2020/21 had now been received from Durham County Council. The Clerk circulated an estimate of income and expenditure for 2020/21. The Clerk advised that the LCTRS grant applicable to the Council was £77.

Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the 2020/21 budget be set at £10,410 comprising a Precept of £10,333 and Local Council Tax Support Scheme grant of £77 which equated to a Band D charge of £33.33

9. **FINANCE REPORT**

Invoices for Endorsement of Payment

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	CHEQUE NO
Clerk	Expenses	£55.20	000652
Clerk	Microsoft renewal	£59.99	000652
ACE	donation	£200.00	000653

Balance as per bank reconciliation as 3 January was £27,271.80
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**

Works had commenced on the crematorium, however meetings were still taking place between DCC and the developers to ensure that the gate was closed during construction and all planning conditions were being adhered to.

c) **Website**

Any news could be added to the website.

d) **Road Surfaces**

The road surface at the junction adjacent to the war memorial was in a very poor condition.

RESOLVED that the road surface be reported to DCC.