

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
CASTLE EDEN PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON THURSDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2020**

**Present:**

Councillor M Wilmer (Chair)

Councillors Mrs J Welch, Mrs L Taylor and M Carling

Also Present:

1 resident

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were submitted on behalf of Councillor D Martin.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. POLICE REPORT**

The Clerk advised that there had been 14 calls, 6 of which had been A19/road related. There had been 3 calls concerning ASB, one for off road bikes, one for suspicious persons attempting to sell goods and one for noise. There had been one incident of vehicle crime.

The Off road bike team had been targeting various hotspot areas in and around Castle Eden.

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

**4. THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** held on **16 JULY 2020**, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member were approved and signed by the Chair.

**5. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

There were no County Councillors present.

**6. PLANNING PROPOSALS**

Consideration was given to the following planning applications:

**a) DM/20/02020/FPA To remove existing steel bridge and replace with an earth mound and path to allow access from the 6th tee to the 6th green at Castle Eden And Peterlee Golf Club Castle Eden**

**RESOLVED** that no objection be made.

**b) DM/20/02350/TCA Lime tree removal of single branch at White Barn, The Village, Castle Eden**

**RESOLVED** that no objection be made.

**c) DM/20/02418/TPO Fell 1 no. Mature Beech at 3 Parklands Drive, Castle Eden**

**RESOLVED** that no objection be made.

**d) DM/20/02470/TPO Trimming of significant sized limb of 1No Sycamore Tree (T2) currently overhanging driveway at Yew Tree House, The Village, Castle Eden**

**RESOLVED** that no objection be made.

**e) DM/20/02563/TPO Remove dead wood from crown and epicormic growth from stem to a height of 5m to 1 no. Lime at White Barn, The Village, Castle Eden**

**RESOLVED** that no objection be made.

**7. PARISH COUNCILLOR RESIGNATION**

The Clerk advised that Susan Kramer had resigned her position of Parish Councillor.

**RESOLVED** that the information given be noted and a letter of thanks be sent to Mrs Kramer.

**8. FINANCE REPORT**

Balance as per bank reconciliation as 3 September was £33,037.05  
Bank statements were viewed by the Chair

| PAYEE | DESCRIPTION | AMOUNT  | CHEQUE NO |
|-------|-------------|---------|-----------|
| Clerk | Salary      | £543.71 | 000665    |
| Clerk | Expenses    | £37.20  | 000665    |
| HMRC  | Salary      | £135.93 | 000666    |

**Local Government Services' Pay Agreement 2020/21**

The Clerk advised that an agreement had been reached between National Employers and the NJC Trade Union on rates of pay applicable from 1 April 2020. This resulted in an increase in salary of 2.75% from 1 April 2020.

**RESOLVED** that the information be noted and the pay rise be implemented and back dated to 1 April 2020.

**Funding for Speed Visors**

The Clerk advised that a decision on the funding for speed visors should be made in the next few weeks.

**9. VILLAGE MATTERS**

**a) ACE Report**

The key points from the last ACE meeting were circulated.

**b) Animal Incident**

The Chair circulated footage from CCTV showing animal that had escaped and were wondering around the village.