

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
CASTLE EDEN PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 22 JULY 2021**

Present:

Councillors M Wilmer (Chair), J Welch, L Taylor and D Gordon

Also present : County Councillors R Crute and S Deinali, 1 resident

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor M Carling.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. POLICE REPORT

There had been 7 A19/road related incidents, 1 Burglary, 1 Criminal Damage. The other incidents were a mixture of domestic incidents, concern for safety and suspicious activity which cover a multitude of incidents.

RESOLVED that the information given be noted.

4. THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING held on **17 JUNE 2021**, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member were approved and signed by the Chair.

5. MATTERS ARISING

Speed Visor – information was being sought on when the speed visor would be operational. The Chair queried if there would be any funding available from the County Councillors to erect another speed visor at another location within the village. Councillor Crute advised that they would be able to contribution towards another speed visor.

6. PARISH COUNCILLOR CO-OPTION

The resident who had expressed an interest in becoming a parish councillor was not in attendance.

7. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The County Councillors provided an update on the following issues that had been raised previously:

- Complaints of speeding near the golf club. The police had suggested a community speedwatch
- Development at Wellfield. There was a condition in the planning consent that the road layout was not required until 50 houses were occupied.
- Crematorium. Some minor work had taken place on site to keep the planning permission active. An update has been requested.
- Boundary Commission was carrying out a review of Parliamentary Boundaries. It was proposed that two constituencies would be lost in the North East. Consultation closed on 2 August
- Public footpath near The Village was overgrown and had been reported.
- Reflective bollards. Many of the reflective bollards appeared to be damaged. A request had been received from an officer for photographs of the bollards so that the extent of the damage could be evaluated. In terms of the damage, 80% of the bollards had reflective stickers missing, 10% were severely damaged and 3 or 4 bollards were completely missing.

- Electric Charging points. The County Council have received government funding to install 100 EV charging points across the County. When looking at the map of the proposed installation points, there are none planned for the local area
- Pond at bottom of East Terrace, Hesleden. This had been structurally unsafe. Cost to make safe was £2500 and would be met from the neighbourhood budget. Residents had asked for the platform to be put back on.
- Off road motorbikes. The police could use long range cameras to record the activity and were seeking funding.

RESOLVED that the information given be noted.

8. **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence.

9. **PLANNING PROPOSALS**

There were no planning proposals.

10. **REVISED CODE OF CONDUCT**

Consideration was given to the revised Code of Conduct for Members, a copy of which had been circulated.

The Code of Conduct set out the conduct that was expected of elected and co-opted members of the council when they were acting in that capacity.

RESOLVED that the code be adopted.

11. **FINANCE**

Balance as per bank reconciliation as 5 April was £32,736.90
Bank statements were viewed by the Chair

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	CHEQUE NO
CDALC	Councillor Training	£20	000684

12. **VILLAGE MATTERS**

a) **ACE Report**

There was nothing to report

b) **Parish Plan**

The draft parish plan had been circulated for comments.

c) **Stolen Milestone**

It was suggested that the milestone be put back in place. It was felt that a discussion paper of ideas could be drawn up of what could maybe be done in the village.