

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
CASTLE EDEN PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 20 JANUARY 2022**

Councillor Mrs M Wilmer (Chair)

Councillors J Welch and D Gordon

Also Present: 1 resident

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillor Mrs Taylor and Carling and County Councillors Crute and Deinali.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. POLICE REPORT

There was no report received.

4. THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING held on **25 November 2021**, 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, however they had spoken to a highway officer regarding the speed visor who had advised that the connection works had concluded before Christmas but since then the visor had been damaged and repairs were being arranged.

Planning consent was due to expire for the ongoing works to remove the spoil heap at Hesleden, therefore the company would need an extension. The site manager had informed him that they intended to seek an extension. A resident commented that it seemed that they were putting materials in rather than taking them out.

RESOLVED that enquiries be made regarding what materials were being taken into the site.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

7. PLANNING PROPOSALS

DM/21/04087/FPA Removal of existing bridge to be replaced by a bridge to allow access from the 6th tee to the 6th green, Castle Eden And Peterlee Golf Club

This application has now been approved.

Residents had raised concerns over the brightness of the lights that had been installed on the outside of the brewery.

RESOLVED that enquiries be made into whether they required planning permission.

8. **FINANCE**

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	CHEQUE NO
HCI data	Renewal of website	£102	000692
Castle Eden Village Hall Association	Hire of hall	£180	000693

Balance as per bank reconciliation as £30,997.29
Bank statements were viewed by the Chair

9. **PRECEPT 2022/23**

The Clerk advised that the notification of the Tax Base and request for Precept for 2022/23 had now been received from Durham County Council. The Clerk circulated an estimate of income and expenditure for 2022/23. The Clerk advised that the LCTRS grant applicable to the Council was £143.

Following discussion, it was **RESOLVED** that the 2022/23 budget be set at £10,000 comprising a Precept of £10,000 and Local Council Tax Support Scheme grant of £143 which equated to a Band D charge of £32.41.

10. **VILLAGE MATTERS**

- a) **ACE Report** - There had been no meetings due to Covid.
- b) **Speed Visor** – this had been discussed earlier on the agenda.
- c) **Bus Stop** – Concern was raised regarding the bus stop opposite the golf club. You could not gain access to it. It was queried if it could be refurbished or removed.

RESOLVED that enquiries be made if the bus stop could be refurbished or removed.