

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
CASTLE EDEN PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON THURSDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2023**

Councillor Mrs M Wilmer (Chair)

Councillors D Gordon, Mrs L Taylor and Mrs J Welch

Also Present: 1 resident

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies submitted.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. POLICE REPORT**

There had been 28 reported incidents in the area from 15 January to 15 February 2023, of these incidents, 16 were road or A19 related. There had been 2 reports of ASB and 1 criminal damage.

There had been a resurgence in complaints around off-road bikes and quads in the area. These appeared to be using the Hart to Haswell walkway and the private road leading to The Bleachery to access Castle Eden Dene, where they then moved onto the coastal areas. The police had spoken to a number of other agencies around possible target hardening of the access points although a great deal of work had already been carried out over the last few years.

Reporting of any sightings of off-road bikes would be encouraged as soon as possible, if seen, along with direction of travel and descriptions if possible of bikes and riders.

The police have also received further reports of poaching and access to land by persons with lamps and dogs. It was imperative that there was timely and accurate reports in order to target possible entry and exit points, as these were the best places to apprehend those responsible.

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

**4. THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** held on **19 January 2023**, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member were approved and signed by the Chair.

**5. MATTERS ARISING**

Village signs – DCC had refused permission to put up signs coming into the village. Previous custom and practice was to keep the signs simple showing just the place name. It was queried if the signs could be installed in addition to the ones already there. This would be queried with DCC.

Brown Visitor Signs – the cricket club would like a brown visitor sign, therefore this could now be progressed.

Speed Visor – DCC had refused permission for a speed visor even though it would be fully funded by the parish. The reason being is that the recent collection of data did not evidence an excess speed problem. The location of the data collection would be queried.

Salt bins – no response had been received, however the parish council could purchase and fit a bin if had permission of the landowner.

6. **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

There were no County Councillors present.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence.

8. **PLANNING PROPOSALS**

Consideration was given to the following planning application:

DM/22/03554/FPA Agricultural building to cover grain dryer and grain bin at Catchgate Farm, Wingate

**RESOLVED** that no objection be made.

9. **FINANCE**

Balance as per bank reconciliation as £35,237.83

Bank statements were viewed by the Chair

10. **VILLAGE MATTERS**

- (i) ACE – ACE had collected the equipment to start the litter picking. Take litter home signs could be placed on the roadside. Mrs Moon would make some enquiries.
- (ii) Hardship – the Chair commented if anyone was aware of anyone suffering due to the cost of living crisis whereby the parish council could offer any help and assistance.