

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
CASTLE EDEN PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 19 JUNE 2025**

Present: Councillor M Wilmer (Chair)
Councillors D Gordon and L Taylor

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor J Welch and County Councillor Woodhouse.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. POLICE REPORT

There was no police report.

4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8 May 2025 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member were approved and signed by the Chair.

5. MATTERS ARISING

There were none.

6. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

Councillor Woodhouse had submitted the following report:

Councillor Woodhouse had been selected as Vice Chair of the Highways Committee and a member of the County Planning and the Combined Fire Authority Committees.

He was also working with Reform UK pothole task force looking at ways across the ten councils how to tackle the problem.

Latest police statistics for Castle Eden

- X1 Public order
- X1 Harassment
- X10 Road related incidents

Planning Complaint update Subject: EN/25/00352

Following officer site visits it was evident there had been no works to remove trees in the location that was alleged. There had been works to remove trees in the adjacent site, with the remnants of the trees placed in the subject site. The works to remove the trees in the adjacent site have been done so as per planning approval DM/24/03024/TPO

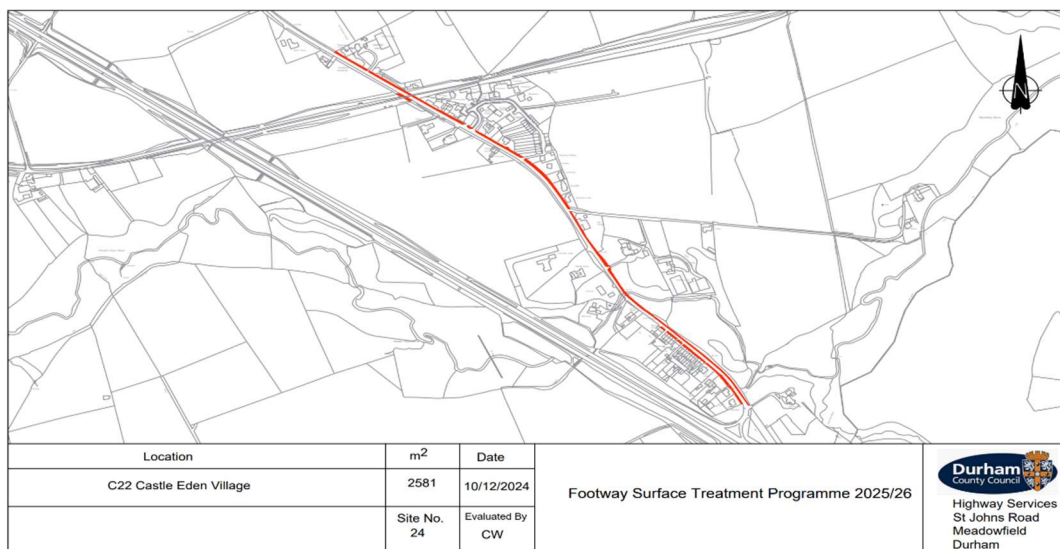
Planning proposal update

Application No: DM/25/01400/TPO

Proposal: Felling and removal of sycamore (T1), beech (T2) and monolithed beech (T3) Address: The Cottage The Village Castle Eden Hartlepool TS27 4SL

Roads and paths

- Below is the proposed footpath surfacing plan along the main road through Castle Eden work is planned to start in mid-August 2025.



Update on the a19 Junction.

- The U turn signs leading into Castle Eden near Burdon Walk were only advisory signs so people carrying out U-turns were not actually breaking the highway code. He had raised a request to see if they can be changed to the correct enforcement signs
- The a19 Junction, there was an agreement in the planning permission to build the new estate in Wingate to improve the road layout. However, this did not need to be actioned until the last property on the estate was built. The delay now was due to the plans that had been proposed to council had been rejected and the highways department were awaiting new plans. He would be working with the highways department with this and will keep everyone updated.

Remembrance Service

He had already started to look into finding someone to play the Last Post at the remembrance service.

Councillors commented that it was their understanding that Bellway had agreed to improve the highway network when 50 houses were occupied.

RESOLVED that the information given be noted and query the number of houses to be occupied before the works were to take place.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

8. **PLANNING MATTERS**

DM/25/01400/TPO Felling and removal of sycamore (T1), beech (T2) and monolithed beech (T3) at The Cottage, The Village, Castle Eden

RESOLVED that no objection be made.

9. **FINANCE**

Balance as per bank reconciliation as £45,406.54

Bank statements were viewed by the Chair

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	CHEQUE NO
Clerk	Salary	£486.10	000764
Clerk	Expenses	£72.50	000764
HMRC	Income Tax	£324.06	000765
Lawson Gardening Services	Grass Cutting	£550.00	000766

10. **PARISH COUNCILLOR CO-OPTION**

One candidate had expressed an interest in becoming a parish councillor. The candidate could not attend the meeting therefore the parish council considered his application in his absence.

RESOLVED that Richard Jon McCallum be co-opted to the Council.

11. **VILLAGE MATTERS**

a) A19 junction – an update had been provided by Councillor Woodhouse however concern was expressed regarding the number of motorist who used the left hand slip road then made a sharp U turn on the mini roundabout to travel west. There had been a few near misses witnessed. The issue is the queueing back onto the A19.

RESOLVED that the issue to be reported to Councillor Woodhouse to raise with the Police.

b) Footpaths – an update had been received in the County Councillors report.

c) Remembrance Service – new booklets would be required for the next service.