

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
CASTLE EDEN PARISH COUNCIL**

HELD ON THURSDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2025

Present: Councillor M Wilmer (Chair)
Councillors D Gordon, L Taylor, J McCallum

Also Present: 1 resident

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 17 July 2025 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member were approved and signed by the Chair.

5. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

6. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

Councillor Woodhouse had been called away at the last minute and been unable to provide an update.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

8. PLANNING MATTERS

DM/25/02041/TPO Minor remedial tree pruning works to 1no. Ash Tree to include:

1. 20% canopy reduction equivalent to a 1 metre all-round linear reduction to shorten the outermost branches with signs of shoot dieback, back to suitable pruning positions and sound / healthy wood, 2. Remove deadwood, 3. Remove basal epicormic growth at Castle Eden Inn Stockton Road Castle Eden

RESOLVED that no objection be made.

DM/25/02111/DRC Discharge of conditions 3 (Written Scheme of Investigation) and 8 (Habitat Management and Monitoring Plan) pursuant to planning permission DM/24/02124/FPA. Archaeological WSI BNG HMMP at St James Church The Village Castle Eden

RESOLVED that Councillor Gordon look into this further.

DM/25/02180/FPA Single-storey flat roof extension to the south elevation at 3 High Winning Cottages Castle Eden

RESOLVED that no objection be made.

DM/25/02240/TCA Removal of Elm Tree at 1 Parklands Court Castle Eden

RESOLVED that no objection be made.

9. **FINANCE**

Balance as per bank reconciliation as £43,914.62

Bank statements were viewed by the Chair

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	CHEQUE NO
Clerk	Salary and Expenses	£696.28	000769
HMRC	Income Tax	£344.86	000770

10. **VILLAGE MATTERS**

a) Village signs – the council had wanted to erect their own signs but had been refused by Durham County Council. Other villages had added to the existing DCC signage. Councillor Woodhouse be asked to enquire if the village could have new signs and may a planter.

b) A19 junction

Councillor Woodhouse was to provide an update on current progress with the junction configuration.

c) Footpaths – the paths that had been resurfaced were very nice, however the rest of the village needed to be resurfaced.

d) Remembrance Service – there was no vicar available to conduct the service, however Councillor Gordon had advised that he would do the service. Councillor Woodhouse was looking into obtaining someone to play to trumpet for the Last Post.

e) Christmas Tree – a resident had requested that a Christmas tree be erected in the grounds of the Village Hall. It was explained that the window was decorated and the garden is behind large trees so any tree would not be visible. There was no land owned by the parish council and any land identified would need a power source. The Chair explained she would speak to the owners at the Castle Eden Inn and if they wished to erect one, the parish council would sponsor it.

11. **Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The next meeting would be held one week later than scheduled on Thursday 23 October 2025.