

## THE MINUTES OF CASTLE EDEN PARISH COUNCIL

HELD ON TUESDAY 19 MARCH 2026

**Present:** Councillors M Wilmer, J Welsh, J McCallum, D Gordon, L Taylor

**Also Present:** 1 resident

### 1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Woodhouse.

### 2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

### 3. **POLICE REPORT**

There were 2 calls for March, 1 road traffic collision and 1 violence against a person which was a civil matter and therefore not as reported.

4. **THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** held on 19 February 2026, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member were approved and signed by the Chair.

### 5. **MATTERS ARISING**

Action Castle Eden (ACE) - would be kept going with the funds they had for the next two years then would be handed over.

Mini Roundabout – Councillor Woodhouse advised that discussions were ongoing with DCC. However, the main challenge had been that the available statistics showed only two serious incidents over the past five years. As a result, interim measures were being considered on a semi-permanent basis whilst work continues on developing a longer term solution.

Councillor McCallum referred to the Traffic Management report carried out in 2014, which examined traffic volumes and vehicle speeds through the village. He expressed the view that the report was now outdated and should be revisited and updated.

**RESOLVED** that a request be made to have the report reviewed and updated.

### 6. **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

There was no report.

### 7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Bottles near the pond – a resident had made contact advising that he had collected a number of empty vodka bottles near to the pond under the hedge. The resident had been advised that any fly tipping or clean up needed to be reported to DCC.

8. **PLANNING PROPOSALS**

M/26/00322/CEU Certificate of Lawful Development for the implementation of planning permission DM/15/01841/FPA at Land To The West Of Castle Eden And Peterlee Golf Club, Castle Eden

**RESOLVED** that no objection be made.

DM/26/00463/FPA Installation of golf swing studio cabin at Castle Eden And Peterlee Golf Club, Castle Eden

**RESOLVED** that no objection be made.

9. **FINANCE**

**Invoices for Endorsement of Payment**

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	Amount	CHEQUE NO
Clerk	Salary	£501.70	000779
Clerk	Expenses	£54.66	000779
HMRC	Income Tax	£334.46	00080

**Bank Balances as at 6 March 2026**

Bank Statements were viewed by the Chair  
Bank Balances were as follows:  
Current Account £40,933.90

10. **VILLAGE MATTERS**

a) **Traffic Calming measures on B1281**

This was discussed earlier in the agenda. Councillor McCallum advised that he would be interested in being part of a community speedwatch. He would contact PCSO Anderson.

b) **Fencing at the top of the village**

The fencing along the boundary at the top of the village was falling down and in need of repairs. It was dangerous for any workmen cutting the grass and carrying out their duties.

**RESOLVED** that Castle Eden Estates be contacted to enquire if any repairs had been scheduled in the area.

c) **Village Signs** – there had been no response from Durham County Council to date.