

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
CASTLE EDEN PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 19 JULY 2018**

Present:

Councillor M Wilmer (Chair)
Councillors D Martin and B Turnbull

Also Present:
2 residents

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillor Mrs J Welch and M Colborn and County Councillors Crute and Pounder.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. POLICE REPORT

The Clerk advised that there had been 15 incidents, 6 of which have been Highway/A19 related. 1 criminal damage and have been no recorded incidents of anti-social behaviour, theft, vehicle crime or burglary.

Calls were still being received of vehicles using the Hart-Haswell walkway, but these reports have been clustered around the Hesleden area, however it is likely that these vehicles were still accessing the walkway through Castle Eden. Incidents were down 16% year to date in the area.

RESOLVED that the information given be noted.

4. THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING held on **21 June 2018**, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member were approved and signed by the Chair.

5. MATTERS ARISING

Speed Visors

DCC have advised that parish councils were not permitted to use or purchase cameras that recorded and image of a vehicle or its number plate. All speed activated signs would be required to be authorised by DCC as there are strict regulations on what can be used and how they should be provided and mounted. Previous estimations on costs were approximately £8000 to install a visor.

Police

The Police and Victims Commissioner had advised he would be willing to come to a future meeting, however he was not available for the September meeting. He had suggested that a site meeting outside of the meeting could be arranged.

6. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

There were no County Councillors present, however they had submitted the following report:

County Durham Plan

Public consultation on the Preferred Options element of the County Durham Plan began on 22 June 2018. Full details of the background to the plan, including details about how to make comments, could be found on the Durham County Council website at: <http://www.durham.gov.uk/cdp>

Durham County Council's scrutiny committee held a seminar to discuss its response to the development of the plan and focused specifically on five main sub-themes including:

- * Economic ambition
- * Building the right homes in the right places
- * Rural employment issues
- * Infrastructure and
- * Design quality

If the County Durham Plan was to be of any real value to communities it was essential that as many businesses and residents as possible submit their comments at each stage of the consultation process. Consultation on the Preferred Options stage which ends on 3 August 2018.

Reports of speeding vehicles on the B1281 at Castle Eden

Additional correspondence relating to reports of speeding vehicles on the B1281 between Castle Eden and Hesleden has been received from a Castle Eden resident.

This followed reports of a similar nature raised with Durham police and Durham County Council by both County Councillors, specifically in relation to an increase in the volume recently of heavy goods vehicles using the B1281 to transport waste from the pit heap at Hesleden. Further background information can be found at: <https://robandlynn-blackhall.blogspot.com/2016/02/hesleden-and-castle-eden-road-safety.html>

Unfortunately the position has been reached where both the Council and police insist that despite repeated traffic surveys there was insufficient evidence (based on personal injury accidents and the amount of speeding vehicles) to install traffic calming measures at the location. If residents' concerns were to be addressed, an effective method of collating evidence of sufficient quality to convince the authorities that there was a real risk of a serious traffic collision caused by speeding vehicles on the B1281 was required.

RESOLVED that the information given be noted.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Citizens Advice Bureau

A request for donation had been received from the CAB

RESOLVED that the request be noted.

8. PLANNING PROPOSALS

Consideration was given to the following planning application:

DM/18/01752/FPA Siting of biomass boiler and wood chip store adjacent to existing garage surrounded by walling The Castle, The Village, Castle Eden

RESOLVED that no objection be made.

9. **PARISH COUNCILLOR CO-OPTION**

One candidate had expressed an interest in becoming a Parish Councillor. She addressed the meeting with her reasons for applying to be a Councillor. The candidate was duly proposed and seconded and a vote took place.

RESOLVED that Mrs Linda Taylor be co-opted to the Parish Council.

10. **FINANCE REPORT**

Balance as per bank reconciliation as at 5 July £23,549.93

Bank statements were viewed by the Chair

Invoices for Endorsement of Payment

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	Amount	CHEQUE NO
Clerk	Expenses	£55.20	000623

11. **VILLAGE MATTERS**

(i) **ACE Report**

The key points from the last ACE meeting were circulated.

(ii) **Noticeboard**

The noticeboard adjacent to The Factory had been damaged beyond repair. A quotation had been received for its replacement at a cost of £1,688.80. All information that was in the noticeboards was available on the website.

RESOLVED that the noticeboard not be replaced.