

Minutes of a Meeting of Carham Parish Council held in Carham Church on

Tuesday 10 May 2016

- 846 Present:** Councillors Mrs A Lauder (Chair), Mr B Woodcock, Mr W Potts, Mr D Critchlow, Mr R Brydon, Ms V Poland, Mrs A Changleng (Clerk), Councillor Anthony Murray and PC D Perry in attendance.
- 847 Apologies:** Councillor Mrs J Thomas
- 848 Chair's Welcome:** Ms Victoria Poland has been co-opted onto Carham Parish Council and was welcomed by all present. Two members of the public were in attendance. PC Perry reported no incidents in the parish but again reminded residents to be vigilant about cold callers and to report anything suspicious to the police.
- 849 Declarations of Interest:** None
- 850 Minutes** of the meeting on 8 March were approved and signed.
- 851 Matters Arising:** Approved changes re Northumberland Fire and Rescue Service Consultation have been circulated to Councillors.
- 852 Correspondence:**
- Area Committee North – Monday 14 March at Berwick – *attended by Councillors*
 - Parish & Town Council Planning Training 21 April at Berwick – *circulated*
 - Notice of Election for Police Commissioners – *published on notice board and website*
 - Locality Development Team – ceased 31 March – *circulated*
Councillors expressed disappointment as the Locality Team has been a good source of support and guidance.
 - Joint Area Committee and Parish/Town Council Meeting (9 May, Alnwick)
 - Masonry Arch Refurbishment Programme – delay at Lamb Knowe *circulated*
 - Letter from MP re Battle of the Somme Commemoration on 1 July
The Government is supporting the conservation, repair and protection of war memorials and a grant is available from the War Memorials Trust if our War Memorial is in need of repair. Councillors decided it was not necessary at this time.
 - Neighbourhood Services – provision of dog waste/litter bin
A site visit to discuss the cost of the bin and the best place to put it was arranged. It was decided to purchase the bin from NCC (no more expensive than Broxap) and gained permission to site it at Wark Farm Office on the Public Right of Way for easy access to uplift. Wark Farm has kindly agreed to donate the cost of the logo (Carham Parish Council) to be put on the bin. Councillor Murray will also see if he can help out with the cost.
- 853 Public Rights of Way: Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981**
Definitive Map and Modification Order (No 3) 2016 Byway Open to All Traffic No 32 (Parish of Carham) – Wark Common Farm
Definitive Map and Modification Order (No 4) 2016 Byway Open to All Traffic No 33 (Parish of Carham) and Restricted Byway No 34 - Pressen Farm

Definitive Map and Modification Order (No) 2016 Byway Open to All Traffic No (Parish of Carham) – The Hagg

The Chair will draft a letter outlining objections to those Byways Open to All Traffic after Councillors took into consideration points raised by members of the public.

854 Planning Applications:

Land East of Rose Cottage, Blue Row, Wark – proposed erection of one dwelling house granted

West Learmouth Farm – Applicant: Mr & Mrs R Moore

Alterations and additions to existing house, comprising alterations to layout and roof of outbuildings, extending garage including new attic space and internal alterations to kitchen and other ground floor rooms – No objections

855 Wark Play Park – Inspector’s Report: Overall the equipment is in fair condition. Repairs are required around the vehicle gate entrance and a closure spring needs to be fitted to the smaller gate. Three fence posts have rotten bases and fencing is loose. The park is suffering from bird excrement, rabbit and mole activity and leaf debris etc. Alan Cater will be asked to carry out repairs and maintenance and to inform the Clerk if he needs additional help. The Parish Council is grateful for Alan’s inspections and reports. Came and Company has informed the Clerk of the Play Inspection Company who offer an independent inspection service for an Annual Inspection.

856 Insurance Renewal: The current policy expires on 31 May. Came and Company (Local Council Insurance) has provided the Clerk with a Core Cover Comparison from three insurers and recommended Ecclesiastical because this policy meets the demands and needs of Carham Parish Council. The cost is £286.99 per annum for a three year long-term agreement. Councillors agreed to accept Ecclesiastical

857 Approval of Risk Assessment and Register of Assets: To comply with the audit, a risk assessment has been drawn up and approved by councillors. The Clerk will update it as and when necessary. The Register of Assets, currently £1,478, has increased considerably due to the purchase of items no longer supplied by Northumberland County Council. The Clerk will make enquiries to find out if equipment in the play park is to be included in the Asset Register.