

**Minutes of a Meeting of Carham Parish Council held in Carham Church on
Tuesday 13 September 2016**

- 879 **Present:** Cllrs B Woodcock, R Brydon, Mrs J Thomas, W Potts, D Critchlow, Councillor Anthony Murray and Mrs A Changleng (Clerk) in attendance
- 880 **Apologies:** Cllrs Mrs A Lauder, Ms V Poland and PC Dan Perry
- 881 **Declarations of Interest:** None
- 882 **Minutes** of the meeting on 12 July were approved and signed
- 883 **Matters Arising:** Another dog bin has been sited at Anglers Car Park in Wark and account for £271.06 paid. Councillor Murray kindly offered to look into assisting with this payment. A representative from Swarco will visit Wark on 19 September to provide suggestions on the most appropriate location for the VAS sign. Neil Snowdon will update the Parish Council once they have undertaken their visit. The sign will be funded through the LTP but the Parish Council will be responsible for its maintenance. The Clerk will find out exactly what maintenance is required.
- 884 **Police Report:** PC Perry informed Councillors by email that there have been no recorded crimes or incidents concerning Carham since the last meeting. There was a theft from a vehicle in the roadside layby at Wark last month but enquiries into this so far have been negative.
- 885 **Correspondence:**
Review of Charging Arrangements for Inert DIY Waste at Household Waste Recovery Centres – a charge of £2 per bag for soils, rubble and plasterboards was implemented in July 2015. From July 2016 residents will have to pay a small charge for tipping old bathroom fittings as well as glass windows. General household waste, garden waste and other unwanted household items are still free. Opening days at five HWRCs have been reduced from 7 to 4 days a week.
NCC - Future Budgets Environmental & Green Issues/Community Funding Group – financial plan circulated
NCC - Proposed Guidance for Enforcing Unauthorised Obstructions in the Highway
NCC - Public Spaces Protection Order for the Control of Dogs – all councils are required to replace any existing dog control orders with a PSPO before October 2017. Four previous orders are now rolled into one.
Area Committee - North in Lady Waterford Hall, Ford, Berwick-upon-Tweed, TD15 2QG on Monday 12 September 2016 at 6.00pm – Councillor Woodcock attended and gave a resume of issues affecting Carham Parish. The infrequency of grass cutting in all northern parishes raises complaints; Cllr Watkins gave an update on revision of road signage on the A1 for Berwick and a project to ensure the road to Holy Island is clear of water at crossing times; parking at Berwick railway station is not liable to improve anytime soon and a member of the Northumberland Cycling and Walking Board gave an illustrated talk on the work of this organization.
Third Annual Town and Parish Council Conference on Thursday 13th October at County Hall, Morpeth – the Clerk will book a place for any Councillor wishing to attend. Information has been circulated.
NALC AGM on Saturday 1 October at Stakeford – information has been circulated.
- 886 **Planning Application:** Erection of single garage with associated earthworks and retaining wall at Moles House, Wark – permission granted.
- 887 **Wark Play Park – Inspector’s Reports:** A return spring has been fitted to the vehicle gate and two rails fixed. A rotten post needs to be replaced. Although the equipment is safe, some require cleaning due to bird droppings. Several areas of surfacing have moss and rabbit excrement coverage. Low level nettles and thistles require weed killing in the autumn.
- 888 **Completion of Audit:** The BDO has completed the audit with no issues being raised. The Statement of Accounts has been published on the Carham Community Website. Currently there is £2,194.84 in bank.
- 889 **Date of Next Meeting:** Tuesday 8 November in St Cuthbert’s Church, Carham at 6.30pm.