

**Minutes of a Meeting of Carham Parish Council held in Carham Church on  
Tuesday 8 November 2016**

- 890 Present:** Councillors Mrs A Lauder (Chair), B Woodcock, W Potts, D Critchlow, Ms V Poland, Mrs J Thomas, Mrs A Changleng (Clerk) and Councillor Anthony Murray in attendance.
- 891 Apologies:** None.
- 892 Chair's Welcome:** Thanks were given to Vice Chair Councillor Woodcock for chairing the last meeting in the Chair's absence.
- 893 Declarations of Interest:** None.
- 894 Minutes** of the meeting on 13 September were approved and signed.
- 895 Matters Arising:** NCC has approved Councillor Murray's request for a contribution towards the recent purchase of two dog/litter bins. The amount is £321.00. No further information has been received from NCC after the site visit on 19 September by SWARCO to suggest the most appropriate location for the VAS.
- 896 Correspondence:**  
Local Services Liaison Meeting – Monday 12 December, Cheviot Centre, Wooler between 3 – 5pm  
Training Session - Planning Development Management on Tuesday 29 November, Bellview Centre, Belford between 6 – 9pm – Cllrs. Lauder and Poland will attend  
Police & Crime Commissioner – Public Meeting on Thursday 1 December in The Kings Arms, Berwick at 6pm – Cllr. Woodcock will attend.  
Great North Air Ambulance – donation request  
Area Committee North in St James Church Centre, Pottergate, Alnwick on Monday 14 November at 6pm.
- 897 Parishioners' Questions:** Councillor Woodcock attended to a request for advice concerning a locked private right of way. A resident in Wark has asked for a street sign for Cheviot View, Wark to assist with deliveries. Councillor Murray will approach NCC. The possibility of a one way system on the "loop road" round Wark has again been raised. However, previously residents have stated this would create more problems than it would solve.

- 898 Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 – Modification Orders:** NCC has confirmed the orders for Pressen and Wark Comon.
- 899 Closure of BT Telephone Boxes:** Although the box at Mindrum Mill is not on the list recently received from NCC, Cllr. Poland reported that there is a closure notice in the box. The Clerk has sent previous correspondence to BT stating nothing has changed and it is needed for emergencies in a rural area where the mobile phone service is not good.
- 900 Wark Play Park – Inspector’s Report:** Alan has asked if the Parish Council want him to continue with inspections during the winter. It was agreed to omit January and February due to lack of use and bad weather. The Clerk will arrange an independent Annual Inspection for the Spring. The equipment is in a safe, useable condition but several areas suffer from moss and rabbit droppings, particularly under the swing unit and matting has been raised by rabbit activity. The fence behind the wooden bench still needs attention and there is a broken fence upright eastwards of the roadgate. John Lauder has volunteered to weed kill the park. Alan will be asked if he can fix the fence. Money has been set aside in the Parish Council accounts to pay for any repairs and maintenance arising from the play park. Arrangements will be made to clean all equipment in the Spring.
- 901 Precept for 2017/18:** It was agreed to apply for a precept of £2,500.
- 902 Town & Country Planning Act 1990**  
**Proposal:** Conversion of redundant store building to 2 no. residential units for purposes of holiday accommodations/short term lets.  
**Location:** Farm Buildings East of Reedsford Farm House, Cornhill on Tweed  
**Applicant:** Hon. Andrew Joicey  
**Application No:** 16/03541/FUL  
**Case Officer:** North Planning Officer
- Although this application is not concerning the Parish of Carham, Kilham does not have a PC therefore we receive notification. Any observations to be made by 11 November.
- 903 Date of Next Meeting:** Tuesday 10 January in St Cuthbert’s Church, Carham at 6.30pm.