

**Minutes of a Meeting of Carham Parish Council held in Carham Church on
Tuesday 14 March, 2017**

- 915 **Present:** Cllrs Mrs A Lauder, Ms V Poland, B Woodcock, Mrs J Thomas, W Potts, D Critchlow, Councillor Anthony Murray and Mrs A Changleng (Clerk) in attendance
- 916 **Apologies:** Cllr R Brydon
- 917 **Chair's Welcome:** Mr James Jobson was welcomed to the meeting. He is interested in becoming a Parish Councillor at the May election. Councillor Murray gave an update on NCC matters including the proposal to close County Hall at Morpeth and plans for a new £80m County Hall project in Ashington.
- 918 **Declarations of Interest:** None
- 919 **Minutes** of the meeting on 10 January were approved and signed.
- 920 **Matters Arising:** The VAS has not been ordered yet due to the owners of the nearest property not being consulted. This will be done as soon as possible. Wark Estate has investigated Katherine's Well but the cause of it being dried up is unknown. English Heritage will be approached to investigate further. Cllr Critchlow has prepared a detailed map of Wark village post codes to be put on the PC notice board and telephone box to assist with deliveries etc.
- 921 **Correspondence:**
- Berwick Investors Conference to be held in The Guildhall on Thursday 23 March between 10.00 and 15.30.
 - Area Committee North to be held in Alnmouth on Monday 13 March at 18.00.
 - Letter from MP informing of New Pothole Fund. £1,111,000 awarded to Northumberland.
- 922 **Planning Applications:** The following applications have been granted permission
Proposal: Proposed extension to existing double garage to form new plant room for ground source (renewable) heat exchange system
Location: Carham Estate House, Wark, Cornhill on Tweed TD2 4RW
Applicant: Mr R D Straker-Smith
Proposal: Variation of condition 2 (plans) of approved planning application number 15/00202/FUL
Location: Land East of Rose Cottage, Blue Row, Wark, Cornhill on Tweed TD12 \$RH
Applicant: Mr Lindsay Pratt
- 923 **Wark Play Park:** Councillors agreed to meet at the park to clean the equipment before Easter. John Lauder will weed kill the moss on the rubber matting, again before Easter.
- 924 **Financial Statement:** To date income is £3,712.32 and expenditure is £1,795.93. Balance in bank is £1,916.39. After consulting St Cuthbert's Church Treasurer the hire of the hall has been raised to £150 per annum due to the increase in energy prices. Councillors agreed to donate £50 each to Hospice Care and the Great North Air Ambulance.
- 925 **May Elections:** Councillors discussed the forthcoming elections on 4 May. Publicity will be carried out through the Community Website and a leaflet drop will be prepared by the Chair to encourage members of the public to stand for election to Carham Parish Council. Nomination forms can be printed from the website or obtained from the Clerk. To be hand delivered to County Hall by 4 April.
- 926 **Date of Next Meeting:** Tuesday 9 May in St Cuthbert's Church, Carham at 6.30pm. Ordinary Meeting and Annual Assembly.