

**Minutes of a Meeting of Carham Parish Council held in St Cuthbert's Church, Carham on
Tuesday 11 July 2017**

- 937 **Present:** Cllrs Mrs A Lauder, Ms V Poland, W Potts, J Jobson, Councillor Anthony Murray and Mrs A Changleng (Clerk) in attendance.
- 938 **Apologies:** None.
- 939 **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Poland declared a personal interest in item 943.
- 940 **Minutes** of the meeting on 9 May were approved and signed.
- 941 **Matters Arising:** VAS in item 944.
- 942 **Correspondence:** The Green Walkers Responsible Dog Ownership Campaign focuses on the issues of dog fouling, together with dog control and public safety. (Most dog walkers in our villages are responsible owners and Carham Parish Council has provided dog litter bins for their use).
Community Regeneration Team supports Town and Parish Councils and Iain Hedley is the Officer for North Northumberland. The Annual Town and Parish Council Conference will take place on Thursday 5 October.
NCC Environment and Local Services: Whilst still under financial pressures, extra resources have been allocated for verge cutting and weed spraying this year. Pothole repairs are being progressed but these are dealt with on a priority basis. The Members' Small Schemes will continue.
NCC is leading on the Northumberland programme to rollout superfast broadband services to residential and business properties. Superfast broadband is defined as a download speed of 24 Mbps or above. Some properties which cannot access fibre technology due to the high installation costs are able to benefit from alternative solutions such as fixed wireless broadband. Cllr. Poland will follow up these opportunities and report back to Carham Parish Council.
- 943 **Planning Application:**
Proposal: Installation of 4 additional rooflights to main house, one on east elevation and three on west elevation: 3 roof lights in roof of detached garage, all on the west elevation and installation of pot belly stove in workshop end of garage block.
Location: Mindrum Station Warehouse
Applicant: Mrs Carole Kerr
Application No: 17/01559/FUL
It was noted that this is a retrospective application and has breached the original planning permission.
- 944 **Pothole and Traffic Issues:** Vehicle Activated Signage (traffic calming apparatus) has been sited on the western approach to Wark village. Carham Parish Council takes full responsibility for the maintenance and repair of the apparatus and has received the Section 50 Licence from NCC giving ownership of the VAS. The Clerk will check the

VAS is covered by our Insurance Company and with NCC to find out maintenance requirements. Grateful thanks to Cllr. Murray for liaising with NCC on our behalf to enable the VAS to be installed and to Mr Laidler who cut the hedge to make the VAS more visible.

Both Councillors and members of the public are encouraged to report pothole issues to NCC through their website.

The accident involving the log lorry on the Carham to Wark road is a police matter. On the Local Transport Plan Programme one of the top three priorities will be the danger of the close proximity of the river and road at West Learmouth road end and the need of a safety barrier. This has been requested for many years. Cllr. Murray will approach the Tweed Commission for advice.

- 945 **Wark Play Park:** Alan Cater has kindly agreed to continue in his role as Play Park Inspector but will have to renew his registration. Councillors agreed to pay for the cost of renewal. All equipment is in a usable condition but it would be sensible to replace the shackles on the tyre chains during the year. The fence needs securing, particularly in the car park area and both gates are in need of attention. Rabbit activity is evident in the park. It was agreed to get three quotes to replace the fence and put the rabbit netting deeper into the ground.
- 946 **Financial Report and Approval of Payment of Invoices:** Currently there is £2558.74 in the bank. Approval was given for the payment of Play Park Inspection £25 and stationary (Good Councillors Guide) from NALC £23.12.
- 947 The meeting concluded with a discussion on ways to help members of the public more aware of parish council work and to interest young people. All information is available on the notice board and community website but it was pointed out more people rely on social media such as Facebook and Twitter etc. Cllr. Jobson will report back to the Parish Council on a survey he will carry out.
- 948 **Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 12 September in St Cuthbert's Church, Carham at 6.30pm.**