

**Minutes of a Meeting of Carham Parish Council held in St Cuthbert's Church, Carham on
Tuesday 13 March 2018**

- 984 **Present:** Cllrs Mrs A Lauder, Mr P Feerick, Mr J Jobson, Mr W Potts, Ms V Poland and Councillor Anthony Murray.
- 985 **Chair's Welcome:** Mr Feerick was welcomed to the Parish Council, the Clerk having notified Northumberland County Council (NCC) that he had been co-opted as a councillor. Mr Feerick signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
- 986 **Apologies:** Mrs A Changleng (Clerk).
- 987 **Declarations of Interest:** None.
- 988 **Minutes** of the meeting on 9 January were approved and signed.
- 999 **Matters Arising:** Cllr Jobson had drafted a consultation letter about a one-way system in Wark and would send it to councillors for their comments. A site meeting to discuss road safety on the B6350 by the West Learmouth junction had been agreed, to be attended by Cllr Jobson, Cllr Murray and Neil Snowdon from NCC. Cllr Murray would check and confirm the date and time of the meeting. The Clerk had reported the road between Wark and Sunilaws but had not yet received a response. Cllr Murray offered to find out which body was responsible for dealing with the large pool of water that is on the road. Grit had also been requested.
- 1000 **Correspondence:**
- *Post 16 Transport Consultation.* Cllr Murray said that NCC had agreed to reduce the amount paid by families to £25. He thought it would be helpful if the Parish Council responded to the consultation. Cllr Lauder to draft response and circulate.
 - *Email from Neil Snowdon about 30 mph signs.* The Clerk had responded to Mr Snowdon and had asked for the Give Way sign situated before the Sunilaws/Wark junction to be put the right way up.
- Two items of correspondence had been received since the meeting agenda had been sent out:
- *Consultation on Street Naming.* Councillors preferred Castle Close as the name for the new development in Wark, as it reflected the history of the village. Clerk would respond accordingly.
 - *Achieving Environmental Growth in the North East.*
- 1001 **Planning Applications:** Councillors were concerned that the proposed new vehicular access for Teapot Cottage in Wark might present a safety risk. Cllr Murray said that this would be looked at by the highways department as a matter of course, but a comment from the Parish Council would help to highlight the matter. Cllr Lauder to draft response and circulate for approval.
- 1002 **Wark Play Park:** Volunteers were needed to tidy up the Play Park before Easter. A poster would be put on the parish notice board inviting parishioners to help. Councillors agreed to

the purchase of a Please Shut the Gate sign for each of the two gates, as these were being left open. Clerk to investigate purchase of signs.

- 1003 **Rights of Way:** A parishioner, Ms Janet Chubb, had recently walked some nine miles of rights of way, paths and roads within the parish, and had come across a number of obstacles and problems. She had volunteered to set up a local group that, with the support of the Parish Council, could survey the rights of way within the parish and liaise with NCC's countryside team. As a first step, she had offered to organise a path condition survey walk, open to all parishioners, in the summer. Councillors agreed to support this initiative and thanked Ms Chubb for her work.
- 1004 **Triangular Village Green:** A parishioner had contacted the Parish Council to ask if anything could be done about this piece of land, which is regularly churned up by vehicles. Councillors thought that the land was attached to Tweed Cottage and therefore privately owned. Cllr Murray would find out if NCC could provide the Parish Council with information about land ownership.
- 1005: **Finance:** Cllr Lauder reported that the Parish Council currently held £1,987.32. Approval was given to pay £50.00 towards annual maintenance of the Carham Community Website.
- 1006: **Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 8 May in St Cuthbert's Church, Carham at 6.30pm. This will be an ordinary meeting and the annual assembly meeting.**