

**Minutes of a Meeting of Carham Parish Council held in St Cuthbert's Church, Carham
on Tuesday 10 September 2019**

- 112 Present:** Cllrs Mr P Feerick, Ms V Poland, Mrs L Allan, Mr J Court, Councillor A Murray and Mrs A Changleng (Clerk) in attendance.
- 113 Apologies:** Cllrs J Jobson and W Potts.
- 114 Declarations of Interest:** None.
- 115 Parishioners' Questions:** None.
- 116** The **Minutes** of the 9 July were approved as read and signed.
- 117 Matters Arising:** The Clerk has asked NCC if the safety concerns and previously agreed improvements at West Learmouth junction are included in this year's LTP programme.
- 118 Correspondence:**
- Polling District Review 2019
 - Rough Sleeping Estimate
 - Northumberland Local Plan – Notification of Examination Hearings
 - 6th Annual Town & Parish Council Conference – 3 October at County Hall
 - Information for Changes to Environment Agency Water Resource Licensing
 - Healthwatch Northumberland Conference
 - Training for New Councillors – Monday 14 October at Wooler between 19.00 and 21.00
 - NALC AGM – Saturday 28 September at Bedlington at 10.15
 - Data Protection: NALC has advised that it now seems probable that most Local Councils should register as Data Controllers and pay the annual fee of £40.00 (reduced to £35.00 if paid by direct debit).
- 119 Website:** Councillors discussed what they would like to see on the Carham Community Website as well as all Parish Council minutes, agendas, newsletters and financial information. Other useful information included the history of the parish, local services, what's on within a suitable radius, PROW walks, church services, links to other areas of interest and local road closures. For example Cllr Poland has already put on information for Changes to Environment Agency Water Resource Licensing which affects farmers, private householders and other businesses taking water from rivers or groundwater.
- 120 Wark Play Park:** Extra chip bark has been added around the roundabout but lowering of the new and replacement of the climbing frame timber edging is still to be carried out. The Play Park Inspector will carry out inspections in September and October then take a break until March. Wark Farm Estate has advised the Parish Council that they referred the matter of the dangerous tree to their solicitor to check ownership of the land where the tree is situated. It appears that the tree is outside the area of land owned by Wark Estate and that it appears to be land owned by Northumberland County Council. The Clerk will contact NCC again and copy in Councillor Murray. The Clerk will also ask NCC if it is possible to tidy up the trees surrounding the telephone box which is a public footpath.
- 121 Finance:** There is £3,423.65 in the bank. Approval was given to pay £50.00 for two play park inspections. Former Chair, Ann Lauder, was very pleased to receive a gift voucher from the Parish Council in recognition of her service between 2013 and 2019.
- 122 Date of Next Meeting:** **Tuesday 12 November in St Cuthbert's Church, Carham at 6.30pm.**