

**Minutes of a Meeting of Carham Parish Council held in St Cuthbert's Church, Carham
on Tuesday 12 November 2019**

- 123 Present:** Cllrs Ms V Poland, Mr J Court, Mr J Jobson Mr W Potts and Mrs A Changleng (Clerk) in attendance.
- 124 Apologies:** Cllrs Mr P Feerick, Mrs L Allan and Councillor A Murray
- 125 Chair's Welcome:** Cllr V Poland took the chair and thanked Cllr J Court for strimming Carham War Memorial in time for Armistice Day. Janet Chubb organised another successful and informative Carham Footpaths Walk which was led by Mr Tom Fairfax around Mindrum Farm on Sunday 20 October.
- 126 Declarations of Interest:** None.
- 127 Parishioners' Questions:** None.
- 128** The **Minutes** of the 10 September were approved as read and signed.
- 129 Matters Arising:** The Area Countryside Officer has inspected the overgrown trees surrounding Wark telephone box. The land does not belong to NCC, Wark Farm or The Old Post Office. Further thought will be given to tidying up this area. Cllr Poland informed Councillors about a grant towards installing a charger for electric cars and this will be followed up.
- 130 Correspondence:**
- Mainly NALC emails which have been circulated
 - Public Spaces Protection Order for the Control of Dogs
 - Consultation on Scoping Documents for the Affordable Housing and Planning Obligations
 - GNAAS and Age UK – requests for donations to be decided in January
- 131 Newsletter:** Items for the November newsletter were discussed, including recent improvements to Wark Play Park, an update on broadband in Carham Parish, Carham Footpaths Walks, Carham Community Website and Christmas Church Services. A proposed plant swap will be arranged by Cllr Poland and the Clerk in the Spring to be held in Wark Play Park.
- 132 Wark Play Park:** Environmental Services checked the tree overhanging the park and removed the broken limb but it is not in a dangerous condition. Cllr Court is going to mend the self-closure spring still missing on the large vehicle gate. Lots of leaves are on the site and rubber surfaces are slippery due to moss.
- 133 Finance:** There is £4,244.65 in the bank. Approval was given to pay £50 for two play park inspections. £379 has been paid to Heatley Landscaping for repairs to park since the last meeting. It was agreed the precept for 2020/21 should remain unchanged (£2,500).
- 134 Date of Next Meeting:** **Tuesday 14 January 2020 in St Cuthbert's Church, Carham at 6.30pm.**