

**Minutes of a Meeting of Carham Parish Council held in St Cuthbert's Church, Carham
on Tuesday 14 January 2020**

- 135 **Present:** Cllrs Mr P Feerick, Ms V Poland, Mr J Court, Mrs L Allan Mr J Jobson and Mrs A Changleng (Clerk) in attendance.
- 136 **Apologies:** Cllr Mr W Potts and Councillor A Murray
- 137 **Chair's Welcome:** Cllr V Poland was thanked for producing the December newsletter and thanks were extended to all councillors for distributing them throughout the parish.
- 138 **Declarations of Interest:** None.
- 139 **Parishioners' Questions:** None.
- 140 The **Minutes** of the 12 November were approved as read and signed.
- 141 **Matters Arising:** None
- 142 **Correspondence:** Litter Campaign - Winter 2019
- 143 **Library Services Consultation:** <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NCCLibraryConsultation>
NCC has launched a public consultation about how residents currently use library services in Northumberland. The results will be used to inform decisions about future services. Councillors agreed the mobile library service is invaluable to many residents and notices will be put on the PC notice board and Community Website encouraging individuals to respond. The Clerk will also respond to the survey on behalf of Carham Parish Council.
- 144 **Planning Applications:** No objections
- Proposal: Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) pursuant to Planning Application 16/03769/VARYCO in order to alter the design layout and to enlarge the rear extension
Location: Building known as The Bothy, South East of Polka Cottage, Mindrum
Applicant: Mrs Georgina Wood
Application No: 19/04910/VARYCO
Case Officer: North Area Team
- Proposal: Extension to rear of residential building
Location: Cheviot View, Wark TD12 4RE
Applicant: Mr Mark Moffit
Application No: 19/04680/FUL
Case Officer: North Area Team
- 145 **Community Website Update:** Cllr V Poland has put NALC's Model Code of Conduct, Standing Orders and Complaints Procedure as well as Carham PC's Register of Assets on the website in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act.

- 146 Grit Bins and Mounds:** There is no sign of grit being left at the requested sites. Highways Services are reluctant to provide a grit bin for Sunilaws but they will leave a mound of grit. The Clerk will look into purchasing a grit bin through another source if NCC will agree to fill it with grit.
- 147 West Learmouth Junction:** Councillor J Jobson would still like to pursue the installation of a crash barrier and has begun a petition as a member of the public. He intends to present this to NCC when he has attracted enough signatures. It had already been agreed with NCC for the provision of a new post and rail fencing and hedging together with the upgrading of traffic signs and road markings (minutes 13 November 2018). Councillor Murray is pressing for action but it all depends on NCC's budget when this work will be carried out.
- 148: Wark Telephone Box:** Before cleaning and painting the telephone box, which Carham PC owns, some councillors suggested cutting down the trees behind it and tidying up the area which is a focal point in the village. At the meeting two councilors objected to removing the trees on environmental grounds. It is a haven for different species of moths and other wildlife. Currently enquiries are being made as to who owns the land.
- 149 Electric Car Charging Point:** NCC has a programme in place for installing charging points but there are no plans for this area. Carham PC is awaiting further information.
- 150 Finance:** There is £4,194.65 in the bank. Approval was given to pay the Clerk's salary (£500) and the hire of church (£150). A charitable donation was approved for the Great North Air Ambulance Service (£100).
- 151 Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 10 March in St Cuthbert's Church, Carham at 6.30pm.**