

**Minutes of a Meeting of Carham Parish Council held in St Cuthbert's Church, Carham at 6.30pm  
on 13 July 2021**

**252 Present:** Cllrs Mr P Feerick, Mr J Court, Ms V Poland, Mrs Lynda Allan, and Mrs A Changleng (Clerk)

**253 Apologies:** Cllr J McGregor and Councillor M Mather

**254 Chair's Welcome:** Cllr Feerick thanked Cllr Poland for producing the May newsletter and the councillors and clerk for distributing copies around the parish. Janet Chubb was also thanked for organising the Carham Parish Footpaths Walk on Saturday 26 June, when walkers enjoyed a 4 mile river and farmland walk.

**255 Declarations of Interest:** None

**256 Parishioners' Questions:**

The Clerk received an email enquiring as to when a development in Wark is likely to be completed. The Full Application for one dwelling has been completed but the Planning Department, NCC, advised that the applicant would need to submit a further planning application, called Reserved Matters, for the Outline Permission for further development which they believe has lapsed.

One parishioner has suggested that the Parish Council instigate a road signage strategy for Wark to assist the ever increasing number of deliveries to the village. A map of houses and their post codes will again be put in the telephone box and on the PC notice board [see Minute 920, 14 March 2017].

**257 The Minutes of the Council Meeting** on 18 May were approved as read and signed.

**258 Matters Arising:**

A letter from the Chair will be sent to residents on the Main Road in Wark informing them of the outcome of the recent site meeting between the Highways Infrastructure Manager, NCC, County Councillor M Mather and Carham Parish Councillors, when possible traffic calming measures in Wark were discussed. The Clerk was advised by the Highways Infrastructure Manager that a survey will be carried out in Wark and that he had also raised the issue of speeding at a recent Timber Transport forum and they would be monitoring this behaviour.

The tower of St Cuthbert's Church, Carham has been surveyed by BorderLink as a possible site for a mast to provide a better broadband signal. Approval is being sought from the relevant authority. A meeting will be set up between the Local Broadband Co-ordinator and Carham Parish Council to discuss a letter being sent to parishioners who do not have Superfast Broadband, with information from BorderLink, before any cold calls are made by a sales team.

**259 Correspondence:**

EV Charger – The Clerk has been advised by the Highways Infrastructure Manager that an EV Charger for Wark is in this year's programme.

Northumberland Local Plan Examination – Proposed Main Modifications comments invited from 9 June to 4 August 2021

Ordnance Survey Maps – In order to comply with copyright law and to enable maps to be put on Carham Community Website with information about the Carham Parish Footpaths Walks, Janet Chubb has asked if Councillors would agree to obtain a licence from Ordnance Survey. A public body, such as a Parish Council, can apply, free of charge, for a PSGA (Public Sector Geospatial Agreement) to reproduce their maps. Under the terms of the licence, the Parish Council would be held responsible for any misuse of Ordnance Survey maps and data. **The licence is intended solely for the website.** Councillors agreed to this request.

“The Northumberland Sandstone Ridges and Vales – a Valued Landscape” – The Northumberland and Newcastle Society (N&N) has consulted Carham Parish Council to secure support for the above project. The valued landscape areas are on the edge of Northumberland National Park and include part of the parish of Carham. Parts of the parish that were previously designated by Northumberland County Council as Areas of High Landscape Value have been missed out of NCC’s new Local Plan, which could lead to our landscapes being exposed to bad planning decisions in relation to development which would be likely to harm those landscapes. Two different resolutions were put forward by the N&N and Carham Parish Council unanimously adopted Resolution B.

*Carham Parish Council supports the findings of “The Northumberland Sandstone Ridges and Vales – a Valued Landscape” – Alison Farmer Associates January 2021 (“the Study”) and adopts its suggested designation of that part of the Parish Area (and the landscapes surrounding it) as advised by the Study, as an Area of High Landscape Value, subject to comments the Parish council may wish to make on the exact extent of the designation’s boundaries. The Parish council will endeavour to provide comments to the Northumberland and Newcastle Society within 56 days of this resolution.*

- 260 Wark Play Park:** The Inspector reported the equipment and groundwork are in good order and he has removed fallen leaves from the park. The Clerk has requested Annual Inspections from RoSPA, Playsafety Ltd, to be carried out on a yearly basis at a cost of £68.50 commencing June 2022.
- 261 Finance:** PKLittlejohn (Auditor) has received and logged notification of exempt status with no review.
- 262 Date of Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 14 September in St Cuthbert’s Church, Carham at 6.30pm.