

**Minutes of a Meeting of Carham Parish Council held in St Cuthbert's Church, Carham at 6.30pm
on 14 September 2021**

- 263 Present:** Cllrs Mr P Feerick, Mr J Court, Ms V Poland, and Mrs A Changleng (Clerk)
- 264 Apologies:** Cllrs Mr J McGregor and Mrs L Allan
- 265 Chair's Welcome:** Cllr Feerick thanked Cllr Poland for writing the comments sent to the Northumberland and Newcastle Society in support of protecting valued landscapes in the parish. Janet Chubb was also thanked for organising the Footpaths Walk which will take place on Saturday 18 September.
- 266 Declarations of Interest:** None
- 267 Parishioners' Questions:** None
- 268 The Minutes of the Council Meeting** on 13 July were approved as read and signed.
- 269 Matters Arising:**
Letter to residents of Main Road in Wark has been delivered by Cllr Allan.
Broadband Update – a letter has been prepared to be delivered to relevant residents once seen by the Local Broadband Co-ordinator.
Ordnance Survey PSGA Member Licence has been received by Clerk.
The Northumberland Sandstone Ridges and Vales – comments sent to the N&N.
- 270 Correspondence:** *circulated*
Road Gully on road between Howburn and Pressen – Wark Common Farm has installed the field drain and has left a tail of 100mm pipe at the road side, ready for installation by NCC to alleviate the flooding problem on the U1010. This was agreed in August 2020 by both parties and Mr Straker-Smith has informed NCC that the work is ready for completion.
- Planning Training Session Information received from NCC.
Green Homes Grant information posted on notice board and to be posted on website.
Healthwatch Northumberland – New Drop-in Sessions information to be posted on website.
- Carham Parish Footpaths Walk with walkers meeting in Wark on Saturday 18 September at 10am.
- NCC Free Tree Giveaway - residents, schools, community groups and town and parish councils have the opportunity to claim 15,000 free trees as part of Northumberland County Council's commitment to tackling climate change. The Clerk has applied for a parish council pack to support The Queen's Green Canopy campaign to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee in 2022.
- Climate Emergency Declarations - in 2019 Northumberland County Council declared a climate emergency and set itself the challenge of reducing carbon emissions across the County of Northumberland to 'net-zero' by 2030. A questionnaire has been sent to Town and Parish Councils asking what, if anything, is being done towards reducing emissions in line with climate change ambitions. Carham Parish Council has not declared an emergency but encourages residents to reduce emissions and tackle climate change, by posting information on its website and notice board, and in its newsletter.

- 271 Planning Applications:**
Land East of Rose Cottage, Blue Row, Wark TD12 4RH – no objections
Land at Tithe Hill Farm, Cornhill on Tweed - granted
- 272 2022-23 Local Transport Plan Programme Consultation:**
Each year the Parish Council is provided with a list of requests for highway and transport safety, improvements and maintenance that residents have sent to Northumberland County Council, and is asked to identify the top three priorities. These are then scored and assessed by NCC. The current comments on record, regarding traffic calming in Carham and Wark, have been dealt with this year by the Highways Manager and County Councillor. However, residents in Carham are still concerned about traffic speed and the Clerk will inform them of decisions made by the authorities. It was agreed that the Clerk would submit one new priority, to improve the condition of Piperdean Loaning.
- 273 Land Registry:** The Land Registry has not accepted Carham Parish Council's formal application for Adverse Possession of unregistered land at Wark telephone box. It was agreed to consult a solicitor for advice on how to proceed with this matter.
- 274 Defibrillator:** Deferred until a meeting when all councillors are present.
- 275 Wark Play Park – Inspector's Report:** Inspections for August and September have been carried out. Repairs to the perimeter fence caused by rabbit damage continue to be carried out.
- 276 Finance:** There is £6561.89 in the bank.
- 277 Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 9 November in St Cuthbert's Church, Carham at 6.30pm.**