

# **THE PARISH OF CARHAM**

## **The Annual Parish Assembly**

**St. Cuthbert's Church, Carham on Tuesday 10 May 2022 at 6.30pm**

**316** The Chair of Carham Parish Council welcomed local councillors and one member of the public to the Annual Parish Assembly.

**317** The Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly on 18 May 2021 were approved as read and signed.

**318** The Chair gave his summary of the previous year:

Mark Mather was elected as County Councillor for the Wooler Ward and Carham Parish Council has been very grateful for his hands on support during the last 12 months, especially with the traffic issues on the B6350.

Janet Chubb and her walking group have continued their programme of walking all the footpaths in the Parish so as to keep them accessible for all walkers.

Councillor Court has taken on the role of Wark Play Park Inspector and carries out minor repairs when necessary. He does this freely as he is a councillor and cannot be paid for the work he does.

The Parish Council has been pursuing ways of improving broadband connection for the more remote areas of the parish, especially with Borderlink. This is an ongoing issue and is yet to be fully resolved.

The legal position of the telephone box in Wark has been clarified. The land is not registered to anybody. The Parish Council will be able to apply for adverse possession in 2027 providing that it looks after the land in the meantime. The trees around the telephone box in Wark have been cut down and work is in hand to clear away the stumps and plant shrubs there. Councillor Allan was thanked for looking after the books and games etc. in the telephone box for use by residents and planting flowers around it.

Traffic issues on the B6350 have consumed much time in the last 12 months. The Highways Manager and County Councillor met with Parish Councillors to discuss traffic issues in Wark and Carham and, after traffic surveys were carried out in both Wark and Carham, addressed an open meeting of the Parish Council. The local community police were also in attendance. The Parish Council will continue to endeavour to reduce speeding by incorporating priority issues in NCC's Local Transport Plan Programme.

The Parish Council is still trying to get grit bins for a number of steep hills in the parish. NCC has claimed they do not fulfil their criteria at the suggested areas and Councillor Mather is pursuing this with NCC.

Northumberland County Council has installed an Electric Vehicle Charger in Wark.

The Parish Council is in the process of raising funds to provide defibrillators in the parish.

22 trees have been planted at West Learmouth Farm, on land allocated by Mrs Moore, as part of the Queen's Green Canopy to celebrate Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022. Carham, Cornhill and Carham churches will hold a joint service on Rogation Day, Sunday 29 May 2022, at West Learmouth.

NCC has carried out some of the signage work at West Learmouth junction on the B6350 but still has not erected the fence due to uncertainties about ownership of the land.

Councillor Poland was thanked for publishing the half-yearly newsletters and updating Carham Community Website. The Clerk was also thanked for her work.

**319** Local issues raised by residents, including parking in Wark, a dog bin requested on the railway line at Sunilaws and a litter bin not emptied regularly at Carham, were discussed before the meeting closed.