

**Minutes of a Meeting of Carham Parish Council held in St Cuthbert's Church, Carham at 6.30pm
on 12 July 2022**

- 336 Present:** Cllrs. P Feerick, J Court, L Allan, V Poland, Mrs A Changleng (Clerk) and one member of the public.
- 337 Apologies:** Cllr. J McGregor.
- 338 Chair's Welcome:** Cllr. Feerick welcomed all those present to the meeting. The Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations in Carham and Wark were enjoyed by many villagers who attended parties. Thanks were extended to all the volunteers who made both events a success.
- 339 Declarations of Interest:** None.
- 340 Parishioners' Questions:** PROW 19 from the B6350 in Wark in a general easterly direction to join the U1002 road at West Learmouth. Councillors were informed the PROW is very overgrown in places. Problems with rights of way should be reported to NCC, which is responsible for them. This can be done via the Carham Community Website by clicking on *About, Walks* and going to Northumberland County Council's [Report](#) page from there.
- 341 The Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting** on 10 May were approved as read and signed.
- 342 Matters Arising:** Flooding during heavy rain at the EV charger has been reported to NCC. The Clerk is awaiting a reply. The landowner is still waiting on NCC to connect a road gully into a new field drain to alleviate flooding on the Howburn/Pressen road. The work was scheduled for 2021. Councillor Mather will be asked for clarification as to what is required in our parish, and the deadline, to comply with recommendations made by NCC's report in respect of Storm Arwen.
- 343 Correspondence:**
- Climate Website Consultation
 - Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment Consultation
 - Consultation to Seek Views on Schools Organisation for the Berwick Partnership
 - Climate Change Toolkit
 - Tweed Valley Railway Campaign
 - Letter of thanks from Carham residents for supplying tableware for Jubilee celebration.
 - Carham Parish Footpath Walks on Saturday 16 July, meeting at Mindrum at 10.00am.
 - Surface Dressing on the C23 East Learmouth to East Moneylaws. Advance notification.
- 344 Traffic Calming Measures in Carham:** Councillors agreed the most suitable option is to provide a Vehicle Activated Sign. The Clerk will contact Councillor Mather for guidance.
- 345 LTP Programme 2023-2024:** Councillors agreed that the footpaths that enclose the remains of the keep of Wark Castle on three sides (paths 210/002, 210/013, 210/014 and 210/029) should be added to the LTP Programme. Wark Castle is of great historic importance, but narrow paths, uneven ground, trip hazards and lack of clear signage make it difficult for visitors, as well as residents, to walk around and view the remains of the castle.

346 Defibrillator Project: A comprehensive report has been prepared by two councillors listing the main requirements and the main costs for a public access defibrillator. The aim is to set up a charity, independent of the Parish Council, to raise awareness throughout the parish of the importance of defibrillators, to encourage the parish's farm businesses to buy and maintain their own defibrillator, or to support the project financially or in kind, and to raise money to buy and maintain defibrillators so that each of the parish's communities has one.

Councillors agreed to support the project through the initial stage until a charity can be set up. A letter will be drafted to farmers outlining the proposals to commence the project.

347 Planning Applications:

Proposal: Extension to Existing Building

Location: Matthew Lee Joinery Ltd., The Workshop, West Moneylaws TD12 4QD

Applicant: Mr Matthew Lee

Application No: 22/01797

Case Officer: North Area Team

Observations were required by 22 June. No objections.

Land at Courtyard Gardens, Wark: Comments will be sent to NCC emphasising the importance of preserving archeological remains on the site.

348 Wark Play Park Annual Inspection: RoSPA Play Safety carried out the inspection on 6 June.

Councillors will carry out the following repairs:

Vehicle Gate – mesh on gate has sharp edges to be smoothed down.

Bike Rocker – clean off algae.

Roundabout – corroded, descale and paint. Rake compacted bark chippings and top up.

Swing Unit – eliminate gap between lines with sand.

Surfacing – clean rubber matting.

Climbing Frame – Fixtures loose or missing have already been repaired. Timber preservation required.

Signage – No kite flying signage required due to overhead power line.

349 Land at Wark Telephone Box: The quote received to remove the stumps was declined. It was approved to pay a local tradesman £200 to carry out the work.

350 Finance: The auditors have accepted the Certificate of Exemption and there will be no review. The insurance policy has been renewed for three years and this year's amount of £448.45 paid. Invoices for Word Press (£51.00) and Play Safety (£84.00) have been paid.

351 Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 13 September in St Cuthbert's Church, Carham at 6.30pm.