

**Minutes of a Meeting of Carham Parish Council held in St Cuthbert's Church, Carham at 6.30pm  
on 27 September 2022**

- 352 Present:** Cllrs. P Feerick, J Court, L Allan, V Poland, J McGregor, Mrs A Changleng (Clerk) and two members of the public.
- 353 Apologies:** County Councillor M Mather
- 354 Chair's Welcome:** Cllr. Feerick welcomed all those present to the meeting which had been postponed for two weeks due to the period of official mourning for Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth 11.
- 355 Declarations of Interest:** None.
- 356 Parishioners' Questions:** A resident has suggested a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme for Wark but this would require the support of the majority of all residents and advice from Northumbria Police. Carham Parish Council is not responsible for "policing" other matters of concern such as noise and vandalism. Holiday lets are the responsibility of the property owners. Councillors considered a request for the minutes of meetings to be hand-delivered to residents but agreed that the notice board and website were adequate for distributing Parish Council information. Despite being reported by the Clerk to NCC in February, the sign for Wark on the west side of the village has not been replaced, after being damaged and falling down. It has been reported again.
- Residents in Carham are disappointed that their broadband speed is slow. Councillors suggested they contact providers directly, as no further information has been received from the local Broadband Co-ordinator who was liaising with BorderLink. Although an increased police presence has been appreciated, councillors were asked if more traffic calming measures could be implemented in Carham. This was referred to 358 Matters Arising. There appears to still be a problem with the road gulleys. Residents can report this directly to [northernareahighways@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:northernareahighways@northumberland.gov.uk). The 30mph sign on the west side of Carham is obscured by foliage and the Clerk will ask the landowner to trim it back.
- 357 The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting** on 12 July were approved as read and signed.
- 358 Matters Arising:** Carham Parish Council has purchased an Evolis Speed Sign to be sited on the west side of Carham. It will be programmed and installed by NCC in due course. Issues relating to the land at Wark telephone box and flooding on the Howburn/Pressen road have not yet been resolved. Councillors agreed to purchase a dog bin to be sited at the entrance to the old railway line at Sunilaws. NCC will approve the siting in order for the bin to be emptied.
- 359 Correspondence:**
- Fusion for Business – Funding Opportunities
  - Northumberland Local Plan – Documents
  - Community Resilience Event on 29 September 2022 at Newbiggin Sports and Community Hub.
  
  - Review of the Definitive Map and Statement of Public Rights of Way  
Carham Parish Council has been asked for any evidence it wishes NCC to consider in support of or rebuttal of the proposed modifications:

*Bridleway No 35*

The proposal is to add to the Definitive Map and Statement of Public Rights of Way a public bridleway from a point on BOAT 19, 1040 metres north-east of Sunilaws House, in a south-westerly then south-easterly direction for a distance of 1260 metres to a point on the C23 road, 925 metres east of Sunilaws House.

*Bridleway No 36*

The proposal is to add to the Definitive Map and Statement of Public Rights of Way a public bridleway from a point on the C23 road, 925 metres east of Sunilaws House, in a south-easterly direction for a distance of 900 metres to a point on the U1010 road, 730 metres north-east of Pressen Farm.

- 360 Defibrillator Project:** A letter to outlying communities is in the process of being drafted.
- 361 Carham Parish Footpaths Walks:** The Chair thanked Janet Chubb for organising two successful walks. On 16 July 11 walkers enjoyed a circular route starting at Mindrum Station and passing The Hagg, West Moneylaws, and the Erskine Monument before climbing Moneylaws Hill, then the steep descent to Downham and back to Mindrum Station. On 3 September 23 participants met at the 850 acre West Learmouth Farm, attesting to the high level of interest being shown in organic farming and changing farming methods. Jasmin Moore led the walk and described the tree planting and the sowing of organic seed mixtures which is being carried out under the Countryside Stewardship Scheme.
- 362 Retrospective Planning Applications:** Applicant: Mr J Laing  
Proposal: for the change of use of agricultural building to stable  
Location: East Learmouth Farm TD12 4QB  
Application No: 22/02608/FUL  
Observations by 23 August 2022
- Proposal: for the siting of two fishing lodges, pier and ancillary works to access and track.  
Location: Land at Lake West of East Learmouth Farm Cottages Cornhill on Tweed  
Application No: 22/03234/FUL  
Observations by 12 October 2022
- Proposal: for conversion of 2no barns to 2no dwellings  
Location: East Learmouth Farm TD12 4QB  
Application No: 22/02594/FUL  
Observations by 17 October 2022  
Councillor McGregor will draft responses to these applications and circulate them to councillors for their comments.
- 363 Wark Play Park:** Councillor Court is in the process of carrying out repairs as specified in the Annual Inspection. To avert cars being parked in front of the Emergency Vehicle Access gate it will be painted a different colour and a sign put up.
- 364 Finance:** The half-yearly precept has been received from NCC and there is £7,086.44 in the bank.
- 365 Date of Next Meeting:** Tuesday 8 November in St Cuthbert's Church, Carham at 6.30pm.