

**Minutes of a Meeting of Carham Parish Council held in St Cuthbert's Church, Carham at 6.30pm  
on 8 November 2022**

- 366 Present:** Cllrs. P Feerick, J Court, L Allan, V Poland, County Councillor M Mather and Mrs A Changleng (Clerk)
- 367 Apologies:** Cllr. J McGregor
- 368 Chair's Welcome:** Cllr. Feerick welcomed all those present to the meeting.
- 369 Declarations of Interest:** Cllr. Feerick declared an interest in Matters Arising – dog litter bin and grit bins.
- 370 Parishioners' Questions:** None
- 371 The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting** on 27 September were approved as read and signed with one amendment. *Item 356 – the Local Broadband Co-ordinator has received no further information from BorderLink.*
- 372 Matters Arising:**
- Evolis Radar Speed Sign – Cllr. Feerick will contact Richard McKenzie, NCC to arrange programming and installation.
  - Dog Bin at Sunilaws – County Councillor Mather will contact Bob Hodgson, NCC for guidance after the Clerk was informed by NCC that they would be unable to empty the specific dog litter bin which has been purchased because NCC's preference is for a dual purpose litter bin. The welfare of the workforce is also taken into consideration.
  - Land at Wark Telephone Box – Cllr. Feerick will arrange for another contractor to clear the stumps and liaise with Wark Farm to take away the debris. The original arrangement has fallen through.
  - Flooding on Howburn/Pressen Road – County Councillor Mather will contact NCC for an update on when the work will be carried out.
  - Speed Sign at Wark – The Clerk has contacted Richard McKenzie, NCC for guidance because the sign has stopped working.
  - Planning Comments: Cllr. Poland wrote the comments and they have been submitted to NCC.
  - Grit Bins – County Councillor Mather will contact NCC to request bins to be sited on steep inclines at Shidlaw, Sunilaws and Wark Bank.

- Road Signs at West Learmouth Junction – County Councillor Mather will inform NCC that the sign to West Learmouth is slack, swings round and is pointing down the river. Councillors mentioned that the signs pointing to Kelso and Cornhill cross each other rather than outwards.
- England Sign at Carham – The old, cast iron sign on a stone structure has disappeared since the bridge was damaged and repaired. County Councillor Mather may have a solution for a replacement.

**373 Correspondence:** *circulated*

- NCC Cost of Living Support
- NCC Meetings with Northern Powergrid and MP
- NCC Northumberland Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople Local Plan
- NCC (Dog Control) Public Spaces Protection Order
- NCC Phase 2 Consultation on Education in the Berwick Partnership
- Carers Rights Day

**374 Defibrillator Project:** A letter has been drafted to be delivered to farm businesses informing them of the project and asking for some very basic information about numbers in the community, before approaching grant-making bodies for funding. The letter was approved by councillors who also agreed to make a small donation of £20 for a prize to give the project a name.

**375 Newsletter:** Items were discussed to be included in the November newsletter.

**376 Wark Play Park:** The Inspector reported no issues. The signs to deter parking in front of the vehicle gate and kite flying have been ordered by the Clerk. The tree overhanging the park has not been pollarded (as agreed in November 2021) and County Councillor Mather will ask Barry Wilson, NCC when the work will be carried out. Cllr. Court was thanked for clearing the foliage obscuring the 30mph sign at Carham and he has also checked that the War Memorial is tidy for Armistice Day.

**377 Finance:** Before agreeing the precept for 2023 the Clerk gave a breakdown of recurring costs each year and projected costs of outstanding items this year. Most of the money set aside to deal with the Parish Council's responsibilities will be spent but it was agreed not to increase the precept because of the current cost of living crisis.

**378 Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 10 January 2023 in St Cuthbert's Church, Carham at 6.30pm.**