

**Minutes of a Meeting of Carham Parish Council held in St Cuthbert's Church, Carham at 6.30pm  
on Tuesday 10 January 2023**

**379 Present:** Cllrs. P Feerick, J Court, L Allan, V Poland, J McGregor, County Councillor M Mather and Mrs A Changleng (Clerk)

**380 Apologies:** None

**381 Chair's Welcome:** Cllr. Feerick welcomed councillors and 4 members of the public to the meeting. Councillors were thanked for delivering the newsletters in December.

**382 Declarations of Interest:** None

**383 Parishioners' Questions:** Residents in Carham attended to ask if it would be possible to re-instate the B6350 as a bus route. Councillor Mather explained that all bus routes are subsidised by the Local Authority and increased costs are causing difficulties. However, it would be useful if residents could carry out a survey to ascertain possible usage and how often a bus would be required. He will look into local community buses which are provided by charities e.g. Bell View and Glendale Gateway.

**384 The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting** on 8 November were approved as read and signed.

**385 Matters Arising:**

- Evolis Radar Speed Sign – The invoice for the installation has been paid by County Councillor Mather and Cllr. Feerick will contact Richard McKenzie, NCC to prioritise programming and installation.
- Dog Bin at Sunilaws – Cancelled due to cost.
- Land at Wark Telephone Box – Cllr. Feerick will arrange for his contact to clear the stumps and liaise with Wark Farm to take away the debris.
- Flooding on Howburn/Pressen Road – NCC has commenced work week beginning 9 January.
- Speed Sign at Wark – The Clerk has contacted Swarco to arrange for fault to be repaired and councillors have agreed to pay for callout (£658 + VAT) and any parts (extra) which may be required.
- Grit Bins – County Councillor Mather has contacted NCC to request bins to be sited on steep inclines at Shidlaw, Sunilaws and Wark Bank.
- Tree at Wark Play Park – NCC has carried out the first phase of the pollarding and the work will be completed when weather permits.
- Road Signs at West Learmouth – County Councillor Mather will contact NCC.
- England Sign at Carham – County Councillor Mather has been unable to source a heritage one but councillors agreed a modern one should be put in place.

**386 Correspondence:**

- Planning Applications –  
Barn conversion at East Learmouth Farm withdrawn.  
Stable conversion at East Learmouth Farm granted.  
Extension at West Moneylaws granted.  
Land at Courtyard Gardens, Wark withdrawn.
- Enforcement Strategy Consultation – Cllr. Poland will prepare comments.

**387 Defibrillator Project:** A timetable has been set out for the next six months to allow businesses to be visited to gather information about their communities. This is important for any applications for future funding. During February and March an explanatory letter will be hand delivered to residents encouraging them to support the project by making a donation or buying a raffle ticket. All communities will be revisited in April to collect donations. If the response from the residents is positive, the rest of the timetable will be implemented.

**388 The King's Coronation on 6 May:** Councillors agreed to Wark Play Park being used for a Coronation Party and organisers will include fund raising activities for the parish-wide Defibrillator Project.

**389 Footpaths Group:** Janet Chubb briefed councillors on a section of a dismantled railway line which runs between the C20 and C23 roads near East Learmouth. It would benefit walkers and improve the parish's network of footpaths if this was established as a Right of Way and added to the Definitive Map, as it would join up footpaths 213/014 (Cornhill) and 210/004 (Carham). Evidence will be gathered from walkers in Cornhill and Carham Parishes who use this path regularly to be sent to NCC. The landowner(s) will also be consulted.

**390 Finance:** Mazars LLP has been appointed as NCC's auditors for the next five years. There is £4,277.47 in the Bank. £20.00 has been paid for new signs at the play park and councillors approved payment of Hire of Hall (£150.00) and Clerk's Salary (£500.00). The Clerk informed councillors of projected expenditure to the end of March.

**391 Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 14 March in St Cuthbert's Church, Carham at 6.30pm.**