

Minutes of a Meeting of Carham Parish Council held in Carham Church on

Tuesday 8 March 2016

- 835 Present:** Councillors Mrs A Lauder (Chair), Mr B Woodcock, Mrs J Thomas, Mr R Brydon, Mrs A Changleng (Clerk) and PC D Perry in attendance.
- 836 Apologies:** Councillors Mr W Potts, Mr D Critchlow and Councillor Anthony Murray
- 837 Declarations of Interest:** None
- 838** PC Perry reported there have been no recent crimes or issues of disorder in the parish. Residents are reminded to be vigilant about farm thefts and cold callers and report anything suspicious. Internet and telephone scams were discussed. <http://www.met.police.uk> The Little Book of Big Scams is useful.
- 839 Minutes** of the meeting on 12 January were approved and signed
- 840 Matters Arising:** None
- 841 Correspondence:**
Northumberland LED Street Lighting Project – modernisation programme is underway and will be implemented in our area in July 2017.
North East Combined Authority – Transport Manifesto – consultation circulated for comments.
David Francis – a card will be sent to mark his retiral.
Joint Letter from Councils to the Prime Minister - expressing deep concerns over the way the Government’s funding settlement is hitting rural councils.
Northumberland Local Plan Core Strategy – update circulated for comments.
Proposed Organisational Changes at Active Northumberland – includes library service being reviewed.
Letter from MP re Neighbourhood Plan for Carham Parish – MP advised of decision not to participate.
- 842 Planning Applications:** Permission has been granted for hedgerow removal at Wark Common and a new roof light at 9 Cheviot View. As part of the Masonry Arch Refurbishment Programme work will commence at Lamb Knowe Culvert on 4 April.
- 843 Wark Play Park:** There has been little use over the winter period therefore no full inspections have been carried out. The equipment is serviceable at present but there has been a little mole activity. Alan will continue to carry out full monthly inspections at the end of March.
- 844 Financial Statement:** Currently there is £830.79 in the bank account. Councillors approved the payment of £50 to Mr Alan Cater for the website and a charitable donation of £50 to Hospice Care. Three tree stakes have been ordered from Brunel Engraving Company at a cost of £261.75. The Clerk will contact NCC about the cost of a dog litter bin for the vicinity of Anglers car park.
- 845 Date of Next Meeting:** Tuesday 10 May in St Cuthbert’s Church, Carham at 6.30pm. Ordinary Meeting and Annual Assembly