

Minutes of a Meeting of Carham Parish Council held in Carham Church on Tuesday 8 July 2014

708 Present: Councillors Mrs A Lauder (Chair), Mrs J Thomas, Mr S Thorkildsen, Mr R Brydon and Mrs A Changleng (Clerk). Also in attendance was County Councillor A Murray.

709 Apologies: None.

710 Declarations of Interest: None. NCC will be checking Declarations of Interest are up to date every six months. Any amendments to be given to Clerk.

711 Minutes of the meeting on 13 May 2014 were approved and signed.

712 Matters Arising:

- Roadside Mirror at Wark – account paid (£228) and mirror received. Miss Lovat/Robin Mason will be approached by Chair to erect this mirror. Copy of account to Councillor Murray.
- Insurance Renewal - £281.11 paid and documents received.
- Neighbourhood Plan Meeting at Wooler – report by Chair for ongoing discussion.

713 Correspondence:

NALC annual subscription of £68.57 due by 31 July.

Audit completed and returned.

cPAD familiarisation session at Cornhill on 7 July between 6 -8pm.

Safe storage of Parish Records (where they are kept and when they can be inspected by public. Also guidelines on how long to keep them). It was agreed minute books should be archived in Berwick.

Post Sixteen Transport – see AOCB.

Local Transport Plan Programme 2015-2016.

Invitation to WW1 Commemoration in Hexham Abbey on 3 August.

714 Wark Play Park: The Clerk contacted NCC after complaints were received regarding the untidy state of the play park. The grass will be cut 10 times a year (twice monthly) by NCC. The clerk will contact NCC to find out if pest control is possible to control the amount of rabbits around the park. Alan Cater is attending a Play Park Inspector's course on 9 and 10 July at a cost of £495 for training plus £86.40 for room hire. The agreement to manage community facilities has been received from NCC. Residents have requested a seat for the play park and this will be passed on to the Village Hall Trust.

715 Battle of Carham: Carham 1018 Society has asked if the Parish Council will consider adopting the phone box in Carham from BT to be used as an information centre. It was agreed the Clerk will make enquiries.

716 AOCB: County Councillor Murray expressed his disappointment about the Scrutiny Group's decision to provide transport for students over 16 years continuing in education being overturned by the Policy Group, without a debate by the full Council. It was agreed this is discriminatory, especially for rural communities, and the Chair will write a letter to Grant Davey at NCC expressing the Parish Council's concerns.

717 Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 9 September 2014 in Carham Church at 6.30pm