

**Minutes of a Meeting of Carham Parish Council held in Carham Church on
Tuesday 9 September 2014**

- 729 Present:** Councillors Mrs A Lauder (Chair), Mr W Potts, Mr R Brydon, Mr B Woodcock, Mrs J Thomas and Mrs A Changleng (Clerk). Councillor Anthony Murray in attendance
- 730 Apologies:** Mr S Thorkildsen
- 731 Declarations of Interest:** None
- 732 Minutes** of the meeting on 9 September 2014 were approved and signed
- 733 Matters Arising:** None
- 734 Correspondence:**
Great North Air Ambulance – a donation will be made at end of financial year dependant on how much remains in our budget
Joint Northumberland County Council and Town and Parish Council Meetings – circulated to councillors
NALC AGM 18 October – decommissioning of Ask@ mailbox. New T & PC Website townandparish.northumberland.gov.uk – circulated to councillors
NHS Northumberland Clinical Commissioning Group – circulated to councillors to obtain views on how to develop or improve services
New affordable housing for older people in Wooler – 9 new apartments will become available in November and Councillor Murray informed the meeting 5 will be put on the Homefinder list and 4 will address local needs
Who is your local hero? Nomination required
NCC Road Traffic Regulation Act – B6350 County Boundary to Carham Wark (Temporary Road Closure) Order 2014 – details of closure in Wark village during December will be put on notice boards
Northumberland Local Plan Core Strategy Update – circulated to councillors
Proposed closure of BT phone boxes located in the parish – Mindrum Station and Wark. NCC has been informed the residents of Mindrum Station want to keep their phone box as a working landline. A leaflet drop in Wark village resulted in 15 households replying that the phone box should be retained as a working landline. If this is not possible then it should be adopted and used as a feature in the village. NCC (Karen Ledger) will be informed by the Clerk and Councillor Murray.
- 735 Planning Applications:** Mindrum Mill Station House for the re-instatement of five chimney stacks to match originals. Permission granted.

Town and Country Planning Act 1990: Proposal – Installation of an 11kv overhead line supported by wooden poles. Dismantle and remove existing overhead line once the new line is in position. Various locations around Cornhill on Tweed. No objections.

- 736 Audit Report for year ended 31 March 2014:** The audit has been concluded by BDO with one query. A cheque for the fee of £36 has been paid. Councillor Murray will contact the BDO regarding the query.
- 737 Precept for 2015:** It was agreed to apply for a precept of £2,500.00. The rise is to cover extra costs associated with the maintenance of Wark Play Park.
- 738 Wark Play Park:** The inspector's reports have been received for September and October. It was agreed the Clerk will ask the inspector to purchase a sign which is a legal requirement and to carry out any necessary repairs. Cornhill Parish Council paid half of the inspector's training fee (£283.50) therefore the inspector will be paid his monthly fee of £30.00 with effect from March 2015. The first six monthly inspections are free of charge due to the two councils paying his training costs. The yearly inspection cost will be advised at a later date.
- 739 Neighbourhood Plan for Glendale:** After discussion it was agreed that Carham Parish Council is not in a position to participate in the proposed Glendale Neighbourhood Plan which would give Parish Councils the opportunity to develop a long term planning policy for their local community. Carham Parish is a very sparsely populated, rural area with few amenities and is unlikely to be affected by large housing or industrial development. The cost of consultation and creating a Planning Policy Document by the Parish Council, which has to be written, verified and assessed before it can be adopted, is prohibitive.
- 740 Holiday Homes in Wark:** Councillor Thorkildsen has expressed concern that there are too many holiday homes in Wark. However, it was pointed out residents have moved into an attractive, recently built house and other proposed houses have not yet been built.
- 741 Speeding Vehicle Control Assistance in Wark:** Concern is still being expressed about the speed of traffic through Wark village. Small sinkholes have appeared in the road and vibrations from heavy lorries are causing cracks to appear in nearby houses. Councillor Murray will press for a permanent traffic calming measure when money becomes available.
- 742 Any Other Business:** Plaques are to be purchased for the trees planted to commemorate the Silver and Golden Jubilees and the Millennium. Plans for 2018 are progressing to commemorate the Battle of Carham. These include archaeology, a re-enactment and a church event. Alan Cater is building a website at www.carham1018.org.uk
- 743 Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 13 January 2015 in Carham Church at 6.30pm.**