

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

Tuesday 12 May 2015

- 769 Present:** Councillors Mrs A Lauder (Chair), Mr W Potts, Mr B Woodcock, Mr D Critchlow, Mrs J Thomas, Councillor Anthony Murray and Mrs A Changleng (Clerk) in attendance.
- 770 Apologies:** Councillor Mr R Brydon,
- 771 Declarations of Interest:** None
- 772 Minutes** of the meeting on 10 March 2015 were approved and signed
- 773 Matters Arising:** In other items
- 774 Correspondence:**  
Guidance on Use of Social Media by Members - circulated  
County Council Property Review and Town Plans - circulated  
General Election Notices - posted on notice board  
Planning Service Review - circulated  
VE Day/Tour of Britain - circulated  
NCC Parish and Town Council Meetings: 3 members of the Council will attend the meeting to be held on Thursday 14 May in Ancroft Memorial Hall at 7.00pm
- Letter from Rt. Hon. Sir Alan Beith MP who retired as an MP at the General Election. After being contacted by a number of Town and Parish Councils over proposed changes to the planning system he has been in correspondence with NCC. He has been reassured “the discussions are not about removing Town and Parish Council involvement in planning applications but are all about ensuring an effective and efficient process for applications to be determined”.
- Northumberland’s Village Agent Pilot Project: Currently a team of 4 local volunteers are being recruited who will be trained to provide an overview of services available in the county and offer help to access them. Village Agents will support people living in the rural areas of North Northumberland bridging the gap between the local community and the statutory or voluntary organisations
- Completed Traffic Survey – B6350 Wark: Following the analysis of the results NCC has stated that it did meet the criteria required by the Northumbria Safety Roads Initiative (formerly Camera Partnership) for consideration of additional enforcement measures and the data has been forwarded to them. Councillor Murray will look into the possibility of getting a solar traffic calming sign.
- 775 Planning Applications:** Permission has been granted for East Moneylaws Farm and Bowmont Hill.
- 776 Came & Co Local Council Insurance Renewal:** £289.54 to be paid for 2015/16
- 777 Wark Play Park:** Alan Cater has kindly reduced his monthly fee to £25 and it is his intention to offer a greater range of maintenance services for play areas (over and above general equipment maintenance). This could include groundwork and pest control, either personally undertaken or arranged. The Council agreed this is a good idea and that the Clerk will liaise with Alan to carry out any necessary work. Currently there is groundwork to be done and the gate needs attention.

- 778 Telephone Kiosks:** BT is retaining the kiosk at Mindrum Station as a working landline. The kiosk at Wark has been adopted by the Parish Council for £1 and the agreement received. A leaflet has been distributed informing residents and asking for suggestions for its use and help with its upkeep.
- 779 Roadside Mirror at Wark:** The mirror has been installed on Mr J Laidler's property. The Clerk has written thank you notes to Rev. A Hughes and Mr J Laidler for their assistance in choosing the best site and helping Councillors install the mirror.
- 780 A.O.C.B:** The Clerk will request metal rubbish bins from NCC for the play park and the lay-by on the main road. Delivery vans and visitors to Wark Castle park in the lay-by and there is expected to be an increase in visitors for The Battle of Carham commemoration.

Suggestions were made where to purchase the plaques required for the three commemoration trees.

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