

**Minutes of a Meeting of Carham Parish Council held in Carham Church on  
Tuesday 12 July 2016**

- 868 **Present:** Councillors Mrs A Lauder (Chair), W Potts, Ms V Poland and Mrs A Changleng (Clerk) in attendance.
- 869 **Apologies:** Cllrs B Woodcock, R Brydon, Mrs J Thomas and Councillor Anthony Murray
- 870 **Declarations of Interest:** None
- 871 **Minutes** of the meeting on 10 May were approved and signed.
- 872 **Matters Arising:** Neighbourhood Services sited the dog/litter bin at the entrance to the boathouse in Carham. Councillors agreed another one should be ordered to be sited at the entrance to Anglers Car Park in Wark. Account for £271.06 received and paid. The Insurance Policy from Ecclesiastical has been received and account for £286.99 paid.
- 873 **Correspondence:**  
Town and Parish Info – *updated by Clerk after AGM*  
Street Lighting Costs for Additional Items – *circulated*  
Street Level Wi-Fi project – a street lighting column can be enabled for Street Level Wi-Fi at an approximate cost of £800 subject to survey and connection availability. This was raised as a good idea.  
Northumberland Local Plan Core Strategy: Proposed Major Modifications - *circulated*  
Parish Training Presentation: S106 Agreements and Planning Enforcement- *circulated*  
Notice of Referendum: *posted on notice boards and website*  
Area Committee North: In Chatton Village Hall, Old Road, Chatton, Alnwick, NE66 5PX on Monday 11 July 2016 at 6pm - *circulated*
- 874 **Public Rights of Way:** NCC has requested that Carham Parish Council withdraws its objections to the Byways Open to all Traffic at Wark Common and Pressen as there have been no objections from landowners. The Hagg residents' concerns are acknowledged and these will stay on record. Councillors are disappointed with the response from NCC.
- 875 **Planning Applications:**  
Proposal: Erection of single garage with associated earthworks and retaining wall  
Location: Moles House, Wark, Cornhill on Tweed TD12 4RE  
Whilst councillors raised no objection to the erection of the garage some concerns were discussed, namely the amount of earth to be excavated, the risk of landslide and the proximity to Wark Castle which may raise archaeology issues.  
  
Proposal: Proposed cattle shed  
Location: Bowmont Hill, Mindrum TD12 4QW – permission granted

Proposal: Alteration and additions to existing house  
Location: West Larmouth Farm – permission granted

Location: Land East of Rose Cottage, Blue Row, Wark

The developer has removed trees from the southern boundary which, according to the planning application, were to be protected during the construction of the road.

The NCC Compliance Officer visited the site and informed the Clerk “ *that from a visual inspection it would appear that the site has been cleared of weeds and debris, which is permitted development and would not create a start to a development. Furthermore, the trees are protected once a start has been made, however, they do not have a tree preservation order on them, so there is no restriction from removing these trees prior to commencement on site*”

876 **Wark Play Park:** Although NCC cut the grass inside the park the perimeter of the park has not been strimmed and is overgrown with nettles and weeds. The Clerk contacted Neighbourhood Services but to date this work has not been carried out therefore John Lauder has been asked to strim it. The removal of moss, thistles etc. and bird/ rabbit excrement from the rubber matting and equipment is also required. Loose sections and rotten posts on the perimeter fence also require attention.

877 **Local Transport Plan Programme 2016-17:** Priorities are to be submitted before 25 September. Currently they are as follows:  
Priority 1 - Concerns over vehicles skidding adjacent to the B6350 near West Larmouth road. *Note: an investigation into safety issues along the B6350 is included in the LTP Programme.*  
Priority 2 - Concern over accidents on B6350 east of the entrance to Carham Hall.  
Priority 3 – Traffic calming B6350 Wark village. *Note: the Clerk emailed Highways Safety to ask for an update regarding the installation of the Vehicle Activated Sign as discussed with Neil Snowdon and Councillor Murray last November. No reply to date.*

878 **Date of Next Meeting:** Tuesday 13 September in St Cuthbert’s Church, Carham at 6.30pm.