

Minutes of a Meeting of Carham Parish Council held in St Cuthbert's Church, Carham on Tuesday 12 September 2017

949 **Present:** Cllrs Mrs A Lauder, Ms V Poland, W Potts, Councillor Anthony Murray, Rev J Carr and Mrs A Changleng (Clerk) in attendance.

950 **Apologies:** Cllr J Jobson, Mr P Feerick and PC D Perry

951 **Declarations of Interest:** None

952 Cllr Lauder welcomed the Rev J Carr, the newly appointed Vicar of Carham, Cornhill and Branxton, to the meeting. Councillor A Murray informed councillors he has been in discussions regarding free bus transport for 16 – 18 year olds in education.

953 **Minutes** of the meeting on 11 July were approved and signed.

954 **Matters Arising:** Cllr Jobson has prepared a survey to find out the most appropriate way of helping members of the public to be more aware of work the Parish Council carries out on their behalf. It was agreed to prepare and distribute a twice-yearly newsletter in May and November. Cllr Jobson has also drafted a letter to NCC on the urgent need for a safety barrier on the B6350 at West Learmouth road end. It was agreed to send this letter.

955 **Correspondence:**

- *Parish/Town Council Survey – Community Led Housing*
- *Growing a Rural Community Survey*
- *Community Chest Scheme (not for PCs but Community Groups)*
- *Planning Training for Councillors on 14 and 24 August*
- *Local Area Councils – information on 5 areas*
- *4th Annual Town and Parish Council Conference on Thursday 5 October at County Hall commencing at 2.30pm*
- *NALC Training for 2017/18 – ideas requested*
- *A1 Dualling in Northumberland*
- *Joint Meetings with Town/Parish/Community Councils – North Area on Thursday 19 October 2017*

• *Broadband Universal Service Obligation – information received as follows:*
-Carham

The main village should be able to order superfast broadband services now via cabinet 1 in Birgham.

-Carham Hall should be able to order a faster broadband service via the fibre cabinet (although not superfast speeds) but is currently included in the next phase of fibre roll out for 2018.

Shidlaw Farm is also included in the next phase of fibre roll out for 2018.

- Wark:

Wark village, Wark Common and Sunilaws are currently included in the next phase of fibre roll out in 2018.

- East & West Larmouth:

East & West Larmouth are currently part of the existing phase of fibre roll out and work should be completed by the end of 2017.

- Mindrum:

Mindrum, Bowmont Hill and Mindrum Mill are currently included in the next phase of fibre roll out in 2018.

The other areas are not part of any fibre roll out plans at this stage, notably:

- Pressen Hill

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- Hagg

- Downham

- Moneylaws

Although most communities will receive faster broadband within two years councillors expressed concern several farm businesses will miss out.

- 956 **Planning Application:** Hedgerow removal notice to remove the ends of 2 hedgerows to allow the passage of farm machinery. Land north of Wark West Common – granted.
- 957 **Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981** – Definitive Map Modification Order (No 2) 2016 has been recently confirmed by an Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State.
- 958 **Wark Play Park:** The equipment is fine but the grass need to be replaced or a re-seed undertaken through the rubber reinforcement areas around the bike rocker, roundabout and see-saw. Only one quote has been received so far regarding replacing the fence. Councillor Murray may be able to help financially. Another quote is required. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.
- 959 **Completion of Audit:** The BDO has completed the audit with no issues being raised. The Statement of Accounts will be published on the Carham Community Website.
- 960 **Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 14 November in St Cuthbert's Church, Carham at 6.30pm.**