

Minutes of a meeting of Carham Parish Council, held in Carham Church on Tuesday, 15th Nov. 2011.. at 6.30 p.m

496. Present. Councillors R.Brydon (in the chair), A.Cater, Mrs L.Cater, H.Thomas, Mrs J.Thomas, D. Critchlow, B.Woodcock and W.Potts(clerk) . Also 1 member of the public.

497. Apologies. John Hills

498. Declarations of Interest. None

499 Before the meeting started, The Chairman introduced PC Mark Lynn ,who was standing in for PC Dan Perry who is to be the new police contact in our area. PC Lynn gave apologies for PC Perry who had had to attend an accident.. He took a note of the few points raised and said that he hoped PC Perry would be able to come to the next meeting. He then left the meeting.

500.. Minutes of the meeting of Wed. 21st Sept., 2011, were approved, and signed .

501. Matters Arising. Nothing that was not already on the agenda.

502. Planning applications. Wind turbine at Wark Common - update. The Chairman gave a resume of the site meeting with the full NCC planning committee. He stated that Mr Andrew Joicey had erected a barrage type balloon close to the site. This was flown at exactly the height of the proposed turbine (71metres) . The balloon had brought home to the public just how high this installation was going to be. The planning committee had then visited various points to view the balloon. The question of noise was to be pursued before the planning committee met on Dec.1st. It was agreed that a cheque for £150. be sent to Mr Andrew Joicey to partially compensate him for the use of his balloon.

503. Village Hall Site. - Amendment to application. As the original proposal was shading the house to the south, an amended plan had been submitted which moved the house further to the West. This was still to be approved.

504. Wark play park. Mr Dave Campbell , an official of the NCC, came and discussed the taking over of the play park by Carham PC. He suggested that the best way was to enter into an Agency Agreement, which allowed us to do what we liked with the play park , while they still retained the ownership. They would be committed to this arrangement, but we could give 12 months notice to quit if we so desired. It was agreed that we enter into this type of agreement.

505. B6350 – Road Closure. It was announced that the B6350 was to be closed to the west of Carham village from 25th – 30th Nov.2011 for road repairs.

506. Queens Diamond Jubilee. Parish Councils are being invited to light Beacons on 4th June 2012 to mark the occasion of the Queen's Jubilee. However as we have no appropriate site , it was decided not to take part.

507. Completion of Audit – March 2011. BDO auditors had passed the audit without any queries. It was agreed to accept this. A cheque for the fee of £60. was paid.

508. C.A.B. Following an appeal letter from Citizens Advice Bureau it was agreed to give them a cheque for £50.

509. Wark Village Traffic. An Email from the transport dept of the NCC had been received regarding a one way system round Wark Village. They had stated that it would be difficult to set up, and residents would have to have their say. The NCC were not very helpful about a traffic mirror which we suggested at the old post office, to help coming out on to the main road. They said that it would need to be situated on private land. And then, probably with planning permission.

510 Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 10th Jan. 2012 . 6.30p.m in the Church.