

Minutes of a meeting of Carham Parish Council, held in Carham Church on Tuesday, 15th May 2012... at 6.30 p.m

537.. Present. Councillors R.Brydon (in the chair) ,H.Thomas, Mrs J.Thomas, A. Cater, Mrs L. Cater, B.Woodcock , J.Hills and W.Potts(clerk) . Also in attendance Mr. Richard Carlton an Archaeologist

538. Apologies. None

539. Declarations of Interest. None

540. Minutes of the meeting of Tues. 13th March. 2012, were approved, and signed .

541. Matters Arising. The state of the river bank at Learmouth Road End on the B6350 was again discussed. The Clerk said he had had an Email from Highways Dept. saying they would keep an eye on it. Clerk stated that a motorway type barrier should be erected over the open space into the river.

542. Mr Richard Carlton gave a presentation about Wark Castle. He said that as an Archaeologist he had been engaged by the Flodden 1513 Group to look into the condition of the Castle and find out as much history of it as possible, to tie in with the eco-museum. It was thought that with Miss Lovett's permission, and help, a footpath could be created up to the top of the Castle Mound ,with photos and notices on the way ,showing the history of the castle. Mr Carlton was keen to get any information that he could from local residents, and would probably come back with a questionnaire for the villagers. The Chairman thanked Mr Carlton for his presentation.

543.. Planning applications. Conversion of building at Kaim House. This has been approved.

544. Wind Turbine Meeting. Clerk read out a minute that he had made of the meeting. It had been well attended with about 50 people present. Mr Simon Maden had spoken for Wind Power Turbines and Mr Andrew Joicey had spoken of his concern of the proliferation of Turbines in Northumberland. It had been a very good informative meeting.

545. Community Website Mr Alan Cater said that he was quite happy to continue the Parish Council's link to the website. He was thanked for all his work.

546. Overgrown shrubs. Mrs Cater said that the footpath at the Wark Phone Box was badly overgrown with trees and shrubs and they needed cutting back . Clerk to get in touch with Neighbourhood Services.

547. NALC Membership. It was decided not to renew our NALC subscription.

548. Notice Board. As our notice board had been destroyed when the Village Hall was taken down, it had been decided to get another one. Harry Thomas had seen a Mr.Cockburn and he was prepared to make one. Harry Thomas to chase up Mr. Cockburn and see when he can do it and for how much. Discussion followed as to the best place to erect it. It was thought that the piece of ground at the Phone Box would be most central. Clerk to find out about possible planning permission.

549. Financial Statement. The bank balance stood at £1137 , with a further £600 precept due in Sept.

550. A.O.B. The subject of the Jubilee came up, with ideas of what to do. It was decided to purchase Coronation mugs for all those children in the parish who were 12 or under. It was thought that it would take about 20/30. Various people were asked to find out the exact number in their area. The Clerk had had an Email advertising mugs at £5.99

Another thought was to plant a jubilee tree . It was thought the best place for that would be at the 'Horserigg' ,on the high ground between Pressen Hill and Mindrum.. This possibility was to be pursued.

551. Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 18th Sept.. 2012 . 6.30p.m in the Church.