

Minutes of a meeting of Carham Parish Council, held in Carham Church on Tuesday 29th October 2013..

655. Present. Councillors B.Woodcock(in the chair) , Mrs A.Lauder Mrs A.Changleng, Mr S.Thorkildsen, Mrs J.Thomas and Mr W.Potts.

656. Apologies. Raymond Brydon..

657. Declarations of Interest. None

658. Minutes of the meeting of 27th Aug. 2013, were approved, and signed .

659. Matters Arising. (1) The Clerk had written to NCC about an illuminated traffic sign for Wark Village. Reply had been that it would cost somewhere between £3800 to £6000 depending on which variety we chose.. Cost and maintenance would have to be borne by the Parish Council. Decided not to proceed as the cost was prohibitive.

(2) Clerk had written to BDO Audit to verify that we could depreciate the cost of the Notice Board by 10% per annum. Reply had been that all capital expenditure was to remain at cost and not to be depreciated.

(3) The rabbit netting around the play area had been erected.

(4) The EcoMuseum sign was now in place beside the Notice Board.

660. Planning applications. (1) 4 New Houses next to the car park in Wark.

Plans for these had been seen by most of the PC. Clerk had written to the planning authority pointing out the need to check that water pressure was adequate and (B) to check with English Heritage about any foundation digging , as it was in close proximity to Wark Castle and (C) the transport problems this would cause with another 10 cars.

(2) Moles House , Wark. Plans had been received for the refurbishment of this dwelling which included new doors and windows. Plans were agreed. The position of the boundary fence was brought up . The team that had cleared away the trees and shrubs had gone further than they should have done, clearing the next patch of ground.. On looking at the Location Plan the boundary is clearly marked, leaving a strip of land next to the road to the back of the village. Who owned this was unsure.

661. Roadside Mirror. It had been thought for some time that a roadside mirror at the old post office entrance to the B6350 would be beneficial. A quotation had been received from Reece Safety Products for £190 plus VAT. Clerk had seen Anthony Murray , our local NCC Councillor, who had intimated that he had a small fund which could be used to cover the cost. Clerk to sent Anthony Murray the quotation.

662. NALC – The annual report was handed round .

663. Air Ambulance. An appeal letter had been received from Air Ambulance Northumberland. Agreed to bring this to the agenda in March , when charity payments are made.

653. Any other business. Agreed to get a dogs prohibited sign for the play park.

654. Date of next meeting. 7th January , 2014 in the Church at 6.30pm

