

## Minutes of the meeting of Carham Parish Council, held at Carham Church on Tuesday 18th January 2011 at 6.30pm.

- **447 Present:** Councillors R.Bryden (in the Chair), B. Woodcock, A.Cater, Mrs L. Morris, D. Critchlow, Harry and Joan Thomas; John Hills and W.Potts - (Clerk)  
Also in attendance was Christine Nicholls, the Community Development Officer for Community Action North.
- **448 Apologies.** None
- **449 Declarations of interest:** None.
- **450 Minutes of the meeting** of Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2010 were approved and signed, with one amendment that John Hills was in attendance at that meeting.
- **451 Matters arising:** Nothing that is not on the agenda.
- **452 Wark Village Hall:** It was agreed that as there are no official trustees of the hall, that the clerk would write to the Charities Commission and offer that the Parish Council take over the position of trustees. We would need to be guided by them in what exactly was involved and what we should have to do.  
We would expect to have to insure the hall, check the constitution and set up a new charter.  
At this point Christine Nicholls joined the meeting. She said that insurance would be around £400 per annum and that if the land was transferred to us, we would have to register it with the Land Registry. However, no-one seemed to know where the Deeds for the Hall were. If the trusteeship of the hall was transferred to us, we would need to call a public meeting to agree the transfer.  
It was agreed that the first step was to consult with the Charities Commission.
- **453 Report of a meeting with Terry Garnick:** This meeting had been convened in Cornhill Village Hall in December 2010, to try and sort out the problems of taking over play areas etc.  
Terry Garnick was the officer from Northumberland County Council. He said that there had been failings in communication and that NCC were going to continue looking after and paying for, the maintenance and grass cutting of the play area at Wark, until 31/3/11, with regard to insurance, maintenance, grass cutting etc, but nothing has been received from him to date. The clerk was instructed to write and remind him.
- **454 Precept for 2011:** The Clerk stated that the present bank balance stood at £1440. We would need a further £440 for expenses to the end of the financial year. Next year we would need £1600, if we were to take over the grass cutting. This would also include Insurance, NALC sub; Clerks expenses, and Church heating. As there was a balance of £1000, it was agreed to set the precept at £600.
- **455 Correspondence:** (1) A letter from the Flodden 500 project had been received to see if we would like a short presentation on the subject.  
(2) An appeal letter had been received from The Great North Air Ambulance. Agreed that it was a very good cause and to donate £50.  
As we generally also donated to Citizens Advice Bureau (Berwick Branch), it was agreed to send them £50.
- **456 Any other business:** John Hills brought up the subject of bad potholes on the road at Mindrum Station. Clerk to contact Roads Dept.
- **457 Next Meeting:** was arranged for Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2011 at 6.30pm in Carham Church.

Minutes approved and signed as accurate 22nd March 2011