

**Minutes of a meeting of Carham Parish Council**, held in Carham Church on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2012... at 6.30 p.m

**574. Present.** Councillors R.Brydon (in the chair) ,H.Thomas, Mrs J.Thomas, B.Woodcock , A.Cater and W.Potts(clerk) . Also in attendance County Councillor Anthony Murray and NCC Solicitor Liam Henry.

**575. Apologies.** JohnHills

**576. Declarations of Interest.** None

**577. Minutes** of the meeting of Tues. 19<sup>th</sup> June. 2012, were approved, and signed .

**578. Matters Arising.** (1) Grass cutting. An Email had been received from NCC stating that grass cutting had been behind schedule because of the bad weather and also the extra growth of the grass, but cutting was more or less back to schedule. Harry Thomas remarked on the very good job they were making.

**579. Code of Conduct.** Mr Liam Henry was asked to speak on the subject. He said that with the new Localism Act, Town and Parish Councils were obliged to adopt a Code of Conduct. There were several different forms but he said that most P.C's were opting for the NALC version. He went on to say that once we had adopted a code all members of the P.C. would have to fill in a form within 28 days and this would then be sent to Northumberland County Council . This form which is headed "Disclosable Pecuniary Interests" asks questions mainly about your employment . There is also a section on Declaring any Hospitality and Gifts received which amount to more than £50. Mr Henry was then thanked by the Chairman for coming and explaining the Code , and what was involved.. He then left the meeting.

**580. Carham Parish Website.** Mr Alan Cater spoke about our website. He said that with new E.U.legislation the website would have to be revamped. to comply. He said the easiest way would be to take it down and start again. This would give an ideal opportunity to add more material if anyone could think of anything . Anyone with any ideas is to Email Alan with their suggestions.

**581. Planning Applications.**

**(1) Ground next to Rose Cottage, Wark.** A letter had been received from NCC stating that this application had been withdrawn.

**(2) Mindrum Mill Steading.** An Application had been made for change of use from a former cart shed to estate office. Plans were passed round . There were no objections.

**(3) Wark Common Wind Turbine.** This application has been reapplied for, but no date for decision has yet been fixed.

**582. Planning Decisions.** (1) Kaim Cottage at Wark has been approved

(2) East Moneylaws Wind Turbines have been refused permission.

**583, Litter Bins.** NCC had notified us that we had not yet accepted the take over of litter bins. This has now been completed . This amounts to one dog litter bin.

**584. Local Transport plan.** A list of priorities had been received from NCC. These included erecting a barrier on the riverside of the B6350 road at West Learmouth road end.

**585. Jubilee Tree.** Clerk to order an oak tree from Ian Rodger at Stitchill. And get him to plant it. As the proposed site is on the roadside above Pressen Hill farm, in the corner of the wood belonging to Mindrum Mill permission will need to be asked.

**586 Notice Board.** Harry Thomas said that there was an old notice board on the roadside belonging to Jim Laidler, who said we could have it. Agreed to get it out and see what condition it was in and if OK site it on or near the Phone Box..

**587. Conclusion of Audit 2012.** The audit had been successfully completed. Agreed to accept the external auditors report.

**588 A.O.B.** Harry Thomas wondered about keeping up our number of members. He said that he regretted that both he and his wife will be standing down after the next AGM. The Chairman thanked Harry and Joan for their work on the Parish Council. With regard to dwindling numbers it was thought to be a good idea to make a flyer and put it round the whole parish to see what interest there was in getting new members. It was also decided to put the flyer on the website.

**589 Next Meeting** will be held on Tues 8<sup>th</sup> January 2013. (or earlier if needed). In the Church at 6.30 pm.