

Minutes of a meeting of Carham Parish Council, held in Carham Church on Tuesday, 22nd March, 2011.. at 6.30 p.m

455. Present. Councillors R.Brydon (in the chair), B.Woodcock, A.Cater, Mrs L.Morris, H.Thomas , Mrs J.Thomas, J.Hills and W.Potts(clerk)
Also in attendance was Anthony Murray, NCC Councillor.

456. Apologies. None.

457. Declarations of Interest. None.

458.. Minutes of the meeting of Tues. 18TH Jan 2011, were approved, and signed .

459. Matters Arising. (1) Wark Village Hall. Clerk said he had Emailed the Charity Commission regarding the position of trustees for the hall. Their reply had been that they were trying to find new individuals in Wark who were prepared to act as trustees. Mr Potts had volunteered the names of the Wark Councillors, but so far had had no response. As they had said that they would get back in touch with us, it was agreed that we give them another fortnight and then Email them again.
(2) John Hills said that the potholes around Mindrum Station had been filled in.

460. Planning Application General Purpose Building at Shidlaw.

Plans for .this building were discussed. It was replacing a building which had been destroyed by snow. No objections were raised.

461. Report of meeting on future of GGPC. Mr Potts reported that this meeting discussed the future of the GGPC. The finance needed was about £1200/1400 per year. This had been decided to be divided among the 10 parishes making up the Glendale Group. However on a questionnaire conducted , only 4 parishes wished to continue, Cornhill, Carham, Kirknewton and Milfield. 3 parishes did not want to continue Wooler, Tillside and Doddington. 3 had expressed no opinion, Ford, Ingram and Branxton. It was decided to make a decision whether to close, at the next meeting. There was still enough finance to finish the current year.

462. Audit 2011. Mr. Potts was elected as Responsible Financial Officer, and Mr. J.B.Barr from Coldstream, who had been a past Chairman of Carham PC, was elected as Internal officer.

463. Financial statement. It was reported that the bank balance stood at £999.27 which with interest to the year end (31st March) would come to around £1000. This together with the precept for £600. would be enough for next year. Anthony Murray said that we would not be responsible for payment of grass cutting this coming year. Mr Potts had tried to get a response from Terry Garnick on this subject , but without success..

464. HMRC and PAYE. The Clerk said he had been notified that starting after 6th April 2011, All parishes will have to register as an employer with HMRC, with parish clerks being subject to PAYE. Registering with HMRC seems to be statutory, and we will have to do this , but hopefully there will be a lower limit for which we will not have to be subject to PAYE. At present Clerks money is almost all due to travelling expenses. It is hoped that NALC may be able to guide us on the matter

465. Correspondence Two letters of thanks had been received from C.A.B and Air Ambulance Northumberland.

466. A.O.B. Mr Potts brought up the subject of the close proximity of the river to the B6350 road at the junction of West Learmouth road end. Every time the river is in flood or running high, it is gouging out the soil near to the road. The position could eventually result in a land slip of the road into the river. Councillor Murray agreed to get in touch with Richard Hayes of the Roads Dept. to inspect the situation.

467. Next meeting was arranged for Tues 24th May 2011 at 6.30 p.m in the Church.