

**Minutes of the meeting of Carham Parish Council, held at Carham Church on
Tuesday 14th September 2010 at 6.30pm.**

- **424 Present:** Councillors R.Bryden (in the Chair), B. Woodcock, A.Cater, Mrs L. Morris, D.Critchlow and W.Potts - (Clerk)
- **425 Apologies:** Harry and Joan Thomas; John Hills
- **426 Declarations of interest:** None.
- **427 Minutes of the meeting** of Tuesday 13th July 2010 were approved and signed.
- **428 Matters arising:** None.
- **429 Bus Service 905:** The times of the new Bus Service which was to run between Coldstream and Carham and return on a Wednesday only, were read out. Timetables and Conditions have been posted on Notice boards in the Parish.
- **430 Wark Play Area:** Alan Cater gave an update on the play area. He said that an official from the Neighbourhood Services had inspected the equipment. This had consisted of a tug at the swing chains; a kick at the post of the climbing frame, all in the space of two minutes. Councillors agreed that this sort of inspection was just a farce and it was agreed that as we had not yet signed an agreement to take over the play area, we would insist on a proper inspection and any defects rectified before signing.
- **431 Wark Village Hall:** The Clerk read out two letters regarding the possible sale of the hall. The first was from Community Action Northumberland wondering what was happening to the hall and the potential sale. The second was from Jean Harrison whose late husband Bob had been secretary of the trustees. She explained the present situation with regard to the sale. The problem to any sale would be the fact that its position was in the Outer Bailey of the Castle. This would involve English Heritage if any digging for foundations had to be done. This would add considerably to any expense for any prospective buyer.
After considerable discussion, it was agreed that with the consent and co-operation of the remaining trustees, the councillors from the village would organise a questionnaire to be circulated round every house in the village to find out if people wanted a hall, and whether there was any possibility of refurbishing it; otherwise it would be sold.
- **432 Glendale Group of P.C's:** A report was given of the meeting held on 12th August 2010.
- **433 Carham Parish Website:** The possibility of setting up a website was discussed. Alan Cater agreed to set it up and go live with: www.carhamparish.org.uk
- **434 Next Meeting:** was arranged for Tuesday 9th November at 6.30pm in Carham Church.

Minutes approved and signed as accurate 9th November 2010