Minutes of a Meeting of Carham Parish Council held in St Cuthbert's Church, Carham at 6.30pm on 11 January 2022

- **Present:** Cllrs Mr P Feerick, Mr J Court, Mrs L Allan, Ms V Poland, Mrs A Changleng (Clerk), County Councillor M Mather and 1 member of the public.
- **294 Apologies:** Cllr Mr J McGregor,
- **Chair's Welcome:** Cllr Feerick welcomed Councillors, County Councillor and 1 member of the public to the meeting.
- **296 Declarations of Interest:** None.
- 297 The Minutes of the Council Meeting on 9 November were approved as read and signed.

298 Matters Arising:

Newsletter – Cllr Poland was thanked for producing the newsletter and councillors for distributing copies.

Broadband Update – Peter Straker Smith is waiting for BorderLink to get back to him with more details of their proposals. When he has more details from them he will contact the diocese.

The Queen's Green Canopy – Mrs Moore has offered a site where the old railway sidings were situated at West Learmouth, and where the old railway line and PROW between West Learmouth and Wark meet. She has already been approached by those planning the source to sea Tweed walkway which will pass through this area and the Queen's Green Canopy will be visible to all.

Footpaths Group – Cllr McGregor has given Janet Chubb his report on the PROWs in Wark and she has reported issues to Philip Bradley. A copy of this report will be requested from Janet. The recent Wark Common Farm Walk report has been put on Carham Community Website.

Grit Bins – the review has not been carried out by NCC.

EV Charger – the ground works have been completed and the unit put in place for connection. Land at Telephone Box in Wark – Cllr Court will keep in contact with the tree surgeon who is going to carry out the work.

Traffic Calming – the survey has been completed in Wark and a survey will be carried out in Carham within the next few months.

299 Correspondence:

Letter from Berwick Community Trust offering CoRE Legacy Fund to support energy saving measures. Ambulance Cover for the North. Information has been released about the change in meal breaks for front line crews and concern has been expressed about how this will affect response times. NEAS has assured Cllr Mather that this will not affect or have precedent over the long standing protocol in place for ensuring ambulance cover in rural Northumberland.

- **Defibrillator:** Carham Parish Council is able to fund the purchase of one defibrillator. Information about a suitable product, installation and running costs will be brought to the next meeting. The Parish Council is not able to pay for more than one, but a charity could be set up to obtain funding for defibrillators to be located throughout the parish.
- **Finance:** Approval was given for the payment of Clerk's Salary (£500) and Hire of Hall (£150). There is £6,382.37 in the bank.
- Date of Next meeting: The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 8 March in St Cuthbert's Church, Carham at 6.30pm.