## Minutes of a Meeting of Carham Parish Council held in St Cuthbert's Church, Carham at 6.30pm on Tuesday 14 March 2023

- **Present:** Cllrs. P Feerick, J Court, L Allan, V Poland, County Councillor M Mather and Mrs A Changleng (Clerk)
- 393 Apologies: Cllr. J McGregor,
- 394 Chair's Welcome: Cllr. Feerick welcomed councillors and 2 members of the public to the meeting.
- **395 Declarations of Interest:** None
- **Parishioners' Questions:** Residents of Carham were informed that the post for the speed sign is currently being designed and it will be installed by NCC, once approved. Councillor Mather advised them that NCC is aware of the work needing to be carried out on the drain and the hole in the road.
- 397 The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 10 January were approved as read and signed.
- **Matters Arising:** The speed sign in Wark is yet to be repaired by Swarco. All other outstanding matters have been completed satisfactorily by NCC and other contractors.

## 399 Correspondence:

- Consultation on Electoral Division Boundaries for Northumberland
- Rural Cost of Living Survey
- NCC (Dog Control) Public Spaces Protection Order Extension
- Sea-Changers Coastal Fountain Fund 2023
- Devolution Deal Public Event on 15 February in Alnwick
- RHS Northumbria in Bloom
- The Glendale Visitor Economy Forum held on 7 March in Wooler, attended by Cllr. Poland, raised awareness of current and future developments linked to the visitor economy of Glendale. The Glendale Gateway Trust, in partnership with the Centre for Digital Citizens at Newcastle University will hold an informative workshop on 23 March which will explore the design of a new digital system for sharing information across Glendale. The system will be created to be used during an emergency situation.

## 400 Planning Applications:

Proposal: Conversion of outbuilding to house Location: Carham Hall, Carham TD12 4RW

Applicant: Mr Henry Straker-Smith Application No: 23/00351/FUL Case Officer: North Area Team

Observations by 30 March – No objections

Proposal: Listed Building Consent: Conversion and extension of outbuilding to create dwelling

Location: Carham Hall, Carham TD12 4RW

Applicant: Mr Henry Straker-Smith Application No: 23/00307/LBC

Case Officer: North Area Team Observations by 30 March – No objections

- **Defibrillator Project**: Cllrs. Poland and Allan have made good progress through meetings, making contacts and by gathering information which will help to make the project happen. An information evening is being planned for 3 April in Cornhill Village Hall when residents of the parish will be able to hear about the project and learn about defibrillators. County Councillor Mather will give a talk on their importance and demonstrate how they work. Councillors agreed to cover the cost of the hire of the hall and other expenses.
- **Coronation Community Fund:** The Clerk has applied for a grant (maximum £500) from NCC Coronation Community Fund to be used for a project/activities which are being held to mark the King's Coronation throughout the parish.
- **Planting/Maintenance of Land at Wark Telephone Box:** Councillors agreed that low ground cover, with perhaps a small tree in the middle, would be most suitable for this area. Cllr. Allan has asked if some volunteers from Wark will help with planting and future maintenance. Slabs have been sourced to lay a path around the telephone box.

## **404** Footpaths Group:

Janet Chubb gave a report on the Footpaths Group Walk held on Saturday 25 February which was a 3.5 mile circular route starting and ending in Cornhill and 14 people enjoyed walking via railway, road and footpath. The route took in the proposed DMMO to join FPs 213/014 and 210/004 in Carham Parish. Information is being gathered from walking groups and individuals who use the footpath to forward to NCC.

- 405 Items for May Newsletter: Suggestions were put forward to be included in the newsletter which will be delivered before the coronation on 6 May.
- **406** Finance: There is £2481.47 in the Bank. £906.00 has been paid to NCC for three grit bins and £240.00 to Gordon Laing for removal of tree stumps. Approval was given for the payment of £35.00 to Data Protection.
- 407 Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 9 May in St Cuthbert's Church, Carham at 6.30pm.

The Annual Parish Assembly will be followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting.