

**Minutes of a Meeting of Carham Parish Council held in St Cuthbert's Church, Carham at 6.30pm
on Tuesday 9 January 2024**

- 468 **Present:** Cllrs. P Feerick, V Poland, J Court, J McGregor and Mrs A Changleng (Clerk).
- 469 **Apologies:** County Councillor M Mather
- 470 **Chair's Welcome:** Cllr. Feerick wished councillors and the clerk a happy new year. Cllr. Poland was thanked for producing the newsletter and others for printing and distribution.
- 471 **Declarations of Interest:** None
- 472 **Parishioners' Questions:** Northumberland County Council received a formal complaint against Carham Parish Council which was forwarded to the Clerk as representative of the Parish Council. In accordance with NALC guidance of Complaints Procedures for Smaller Parish Councils the Clerk responded to the issues raised by the complainant and explained the action the Parish Council has taken within its remit to resolve the complaint. This received a satisfactory reply. Residents are welcome to attend Parish Council meetings where they can raise any concerns with councillors.
- 473 **The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting** on 14 November were approved as read and signed.
- 474 **Matters Arising:** The Mindrum Farm Walk on 2 December was cancelled due to bad weather but Janet Chubb will reschedule it. Northumberland County Council has granted permission for the replacement of existing sunroom to listed building at Pressen Farm. Cllr. McGregor reported that the telephone pole on the B6350 has not been repaired but the telephone line is still working. It is possible the pole will not be repaired unless service is disrupted. The Clerk informed councillors that there are changes to bin collection days and residents are encouraged to check their post codes on the NCC website.
- 475 **Correspondence:** None
- 476 **Defibrillator Project:** The Christmas Raffle drawn on 18 December 2023 raised the magnificent sum of £768.00 less £50.00 for printing costs. Cllr. Poland has thanked all the individuals and businesses who generously donated prizes and to all those who sold tickets. A Return relating to a Small Society Lottery was completed and signed within three months as required by Northumberland County Council.
- 477 **Finance:** There is £4,041.61 in the bank account. Approval was given to pay the Clerk's salary (£500.00), the hire of the hall (£150.00) and Outdoors GPS (£19.99). The invoice from Swarco for £1,319.33 in respect of the repair to the faulty speed sign in Wark has been received but, before payment is made, councillors asked to Clerk to resolve two issues. Swarco to provide a copy of the fault report and a future maintenance contract to be arranged with Swarco.
- 478 **Date of Next Meeting:** Tuesday 12 March in St Cuthbert's Church, Carham at 6.30pm.