

**Minutes of a Meeting of Carham Parish Council held in St Cuthbert's Church, Carham at 6.30pm  
on Tuesday 17 September 2024**

- 530 Present:** Cllrs. P Feerick, V Poland, J McGregor, Mrs A Changleng (Clerk) and one member of the public.
- 531 Apologies:** None
- 532 Chair's Welcome:** Cllr. Feerick welcomed all those present to the meeting.
- 533 Declarations of Interest:** None
- 534 Parishioners' Questions:** None
- 535 The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting** on 9 July were approved as read and signed.
- 536 Matters Arising:** Cllr. McGregor reported that Mr Lovat, Wark Farm, would consider making a donation towards the cost of a new information board for Wark Castle if NCC is willing to do the same. Cllr. McGregor will find out the cost of a suitable board.
- 537 Correspondence:**
- North Northumberland Local Area Committee on 25 July
  - Carham Parish Footpaths Walk Report 15 June
  - Project Touchpoint – a new initiative by Glendale Gateway Trust
  - Annual Joint Town and Parish Conference on 3 October at County Hall – Cllr Feerick will attend
  - Letter of thanks received from Carham Parish Defibs for donation
- 538 Defibrillator Project:** Grants have been received from NCC's Community Chest (£1,750) and The Joicey Trust (£1,000). A committee meeting will be held on Monday 23 September to discuss applications received for Public Access Defibrillators in the parish. Councillors agreed that the phone boxes in Wark and Carham could be used to house the defibrillators in those communities.
- 539 Draft Rights of Way Improvement Plan Consultation:** NCC's vision is for a well-managed, accessible, safe and interconnected network of PROWs for all users. Cllr. Poland will submit comments on behalf of Carham Parish Council by 18 October, particularly with regard to Policy 5, and put information on the Carham Community Website.
- Review of the Definitive Map and Statement of Public Rights of Way:** Any additional facts or evidence to be submitted for NCC to consider by 30 November. Applications have previously been made to modify Carham Footpath 37 and Carham Restricted Byway No 38. These will be considered by NCC during 2025. Carham Parish Council has no further evidence.
- 540 Wark Play Park:** The park has been weeded and new bark put down by Cllr. McGregor. Councillors accepted the quote from John Lauder for further repairs and maintenance to be carried out.
- 541 Finance:** There is £3,447.06 in bank account. Half-yearly precept received from NCC.
- 542 Date of Next Meeting:** Tuesday 12 November in St Cuthbert's Church, Carham at 6.30pm.