

**Minutes of a Meeting of Carham Parish Council held in St Cuthbert's Church, Carham at 6.30pm
on Monday 13 January 2025**

- 556 Present:** Cllrs. P Feerick, V Poland, J McGregor, J Chubb, Mark de Fusco, Duncan Wells, County Councillor M Mather and Mrs A Changleng (Clerk)
- 557 Apologies:** None
- 558 Chair's Welcome:** Cllr. Feerick welcomed all those present to the meeting and introduced Mark de Fusco and Duncan Wells who have been co-opted to the council. Declaration of Acceptance of Office forms were completed and signed.
- 559 Declarations of Interest:** None
- 560 Parishioners' Questions:** None
- 561 The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting** on 12 November were approved as read and signed.
- 562 Matters Arising:** Included in other items on agenda.
- 563 Correspondence:** None
- 564 Public Meeting:** Councillor Mather has been unable to include Carham as a venue to discuss improved public transport in rural areas. However, a poster will be circulated with information on meetings to be held in Kirknewton and Wooler on Tuesday 28 January. Local residents who expressed an interest will be advised to contact Councillor Mather directly with their views.
- 565 Employment of New Clerk:** Councillors discussed and agreed the employment contract for the new clerk.
- 566 Planning Application:**
Proposal: Erection of 3 custom/self-build town houses
Location: Land at Courtyard Gardens, Wark TD12 4FH
Applicant: Mr Lindsay Pratt
Application No: 24/03649/FUL
Observations by 26 December. Carham Parish Council made no comments.
- PROW 210/027 Philip Bradley, Area Countryside Officer, has confirmed that the footpath has not been diverted although he is expecting an application. NCC's preference will be for a route through the site.
- 567 Wark Castle and Surrounding Footpaths:** Councillors had carried out a site visit and submitted an application for funding from a one-off amount of money that had been made available to Councillor Mather for the current financial year. Councillor Mather has had no response yet from the authority and more direction is required.
- 568 Finance:** There will be an increase of 11% in ElanCity's charges from February for any repairs/maintenance to the VAS in Carham. In December £716.40 was paid for an extended warranty for 3 years. The Bank of Scotland's Treasurer's Account is changing to a Community Account from 14

January. There will be an Account Maintenance Fee of £4.25 per month and for day to day banking. Councillors agreed to give a charitable donation of £50.00 to GNAAS. There is £2,019.66 in the bank.

- 569 Traffic Calming:** Councillor McGregor raised the concerns of residents on the main road in Wark about heavy vehicles causing damage to houses and the road. Councillor Mather advised that it should be put on the next LLTP programme. It had been suggested that another roadside mirror be installed opposite the entrance to the top of Wark village. A second mirror had been considered by NCC when the first mirror was installed but had been deemed unnecessary.
- 570 Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 11 March in St Cuthbert's Church, Carham at 6.30pm.**