

## CARHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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**Summons to all Parish Councillors to attend the Parish Council Meeting to be held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2026 in St Cuthbert's Church, Carham commencing at 6.30p.m.**

### **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

The Chairman to invite members of the public present, to put questions to, or draw relevant matters to the attention of, the Council, prior to commencement of business. This is for a period of 15 minutes overall and is limited to 3 minutes per person.

### **COMMUNITY POLICE**

To receive any updates from the local Police

## **AGENDA**

### **1. New Parish Councillor**

- J Moore to sign the Declaration of Acceptance form and join Carham Parish Council

### **2. Chairman's welcome**

### **3. Apologies for absence**

### **4. Declaration of Interest**

Members are invited to declare any interest they may have in any of the items included on the agenda of this meeting.

### **5. Request for Dispensation**

- (i) To receive from members who have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in any items on the agenda an application for dispensation under section 33 of the Localism Act 2011 to enable members to participate in discussions and voting.
- (ii) To consider requests for dispensation.

### **6. Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly held on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

Parish Councillors to receive and endorse the Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly held on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2026 previously circulated.

### **7. Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

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### **8. Any matters arising from the Minutes**

- Parish Councillors to receive any updates on items not covered on the Agenda

## 9. County Councillor report

- Parish Councillors to receive an annual report from County Councillor M Mather

## 10. Room hire

- Parish Councillors to consider the email from St Cuthbert's PCC Carham proposing an annual charge of £190 up to 2028.
- Parish Councillors to agree next steps.

## 11. Financial Statement-

- Current Account £2,483.49
- Instant Access Savings A/c £2,007.07

## 12. Receipts

- Wark Village Hall £ 250.00 Telephone box area- donation
- Bank of Scotland £ 1.68 Instant Access Savings A/c- Interest
- HMRC £ 121.64 VAT refund

## 13. Accounts for Payment

- Bank of Scotland £ 8.50 Bank charges – 1 month (paid)
- E I Hunter £ 171.16 Salary 20.5 hours @ £13.91 per hour
- HMRC £ 114.00 PAYE
- Playsafety Ltd £ 99.60 Play Area- Annual ROSPA Inspection

## 14. Planning Application

26/01442/FUL-Construction of single storey building for use as a village hall for the local and surrounding community-Wark Playarea Wark

## 15. Play Area

- Parish Councillor J McGregor to provide a verbal update on the Expression of Interest for the land to be transferred to Carham Parish Council from Northumberland County Council.
- Parish Councillors to agree next steps.
- Parish Councillors to consider a lead Parish Councillor & lead member of Wark-on-Tweed Charity to work on the terms of reference for the transfer if the Parish Council agreed to proceed with the transfer.
- Parish Councillors to receive the Annual ROSPA inspection report of the play area.
- Parish Councillors to consider/agree any actions.
- Parish Councillors to agree the payment of £99.60 to Playsafety Ltd for the Annual ROSPA Inspection for the play area.
- Parish Councillors to receive any other updates.

## 16. Public Rights of Way

- Parish Councillor J Chubb to provide a verbal update on suggestions to works on Public Rights of Ways within the parish.

## 17. Trees

- Parish Councillors to consider replacing the plaques on the trees at 3 locations within the parish known as "The Queens Green Canopy 2022"

- Parish Councillors to agree any actions

#### **18. Speed Warning Sign**

- Parish Councillor J McGregor to provide an update on the Wark speed warning sign which is currently not working.
- Parish Councillors to agree any actions.

#### **19. Wark Telephone box area**

- Parish Councillor J McGregor to provide an update on the ground maintenance at the telephone box.
- Parish Councillors to agree any actions.
- Parish Councillor J McGregor requests the installation of a seat to be placed in this area for people waiting on the service bus.
- Parish Councillor to agree any actions.

#### **20. Local Issues**

- Parish Councillors to consider the sale of Wark farm and the impact on possible residential development in the area.
- Parish Councillors to agree any actions.

#### **21. Correspondence**

- **NCC- Email- Update from Cabinet Member for Highways.**
- **NCC- Email- Feedback on the Parish Council's 3 priorities for the Local Transport Plan programme.**
- **North Northumberland Voluntary Forum- Email- Request for nominations for Voluntary & Community Awards 2026 by 31<sup>st</sup> July**
- **NCC- Email- Digital switchover update.**

#### **22. Any Other Business**

#### **23. Date of next meeting 14<sup>th</sup> September 2026**

### **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Parish Councillors passed the following resolution:

**The Council may be recommended to pass a resolution under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 to exclude the media and public from the discussion of the following business on the basis that public discussion may prejudice the Council's position and/or staffing issues may be discussed.**

#### **24. Confidential Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

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*Isabel Hunter*

Clerk to Carham Parish Council