

## **CARHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

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**Summons to all Parish Councillors to attend the Parish Council Meeting to be held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 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. Chairman's welcome**

### **2. Apologies for absence**

### **3. 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.

### **4. 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.

### **5. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2026**

Parish Councillors to receive and endorse the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2026 previously circulated.

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

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

### **7. County Councillor report**

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

### **8. Annual Review of Clerk's salary 2026/27**

- Parish Councillors to agree the latest SLCC/NALC pay scales for 2026/27. The Clerk is on SPC 8.
- Parish Councillor agree the payment of 34 hours@ 45p per hour back pay.

### **9. Financial Statement-**

- Current Account £1,900.23

- Instant Access Savings A/c      £2,008.77

## 10. Receipts

- Bank of Scotland      £    1.70    Instant Access Savings A/c- Interest

## 11. Accounts for Payment

- Bank of Scotland      £    12.75      Bank charges –3 months (paid)
- St Cuthbert's Church    £    190.00      Annual room hire fee (paid)
- E I Hunter              £    153.83      Salary 16.75 hours @ £14.36 per hour + back pay.
- HMRC                  £    102.00      PAYE
- J Lauder                £    228.07      Repairs to play area & noticeboard

## 12. Planning Applications: Parish Councillors to ratify the Parish Council's submission of "No Objections" to the following planning applications.

26/02304/FUL- Temporary access and vegetation clearance to enable works at Bridge Pier 3. The works involve temporarily diverting the watercourse using cofferdams and a pipe to dewater the work area, excavating riverbed and bank material, and installing geotextile and rip-rap erosion protection. On completion, the riverbed and banks will be reinstated using site-won material, topsoil, biodegradable geotextile, and grass seeding to restore the area and encourage vegetation growth. Street Record Panama Viaduct Carham Berwick Borough Footpath 011 Carham Northumberland

26/02305/LBC - Listed Building Consent is sought for temporary access and vegetation clearance to enable works at Bridge Pier 3. The works involve temporarily diverting the watercourse using cofferdams and a pipe to dewater the work area, excavating riverbed and bank material, and installing geotextile and rip-rap erosion protection. On completion, the riverbed and banks will be reinstated using site-won material, topsoil, biodegradable geotextile, and grass seeding to restore the area and encourage vegetation growth. Street Record Panama Viaduct Carham Berwick Borough Footpath 011 Carham Northumberland.

## 13. Planning Withdrawal

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

## 14. Play Area

- Parish Councillor J McGregor to provide an update on repairs undertaken by J Lauder identified in the Annual ROSPA report.
- Parish Councillors to agree the payment of £228.07 to J Lauder for repairs to the play area + noticeboard.
- 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 any other updates.

#### **15. 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.

#### **16. Trees**

- Parish Councillor J McGregor to provide an update on the options for replacing the plaques on the trees at 3 locations within the parish known as “The Queens Green Canopy 2022”
- Parish Councillors to agree next steps.

#### **17. Speed Warning Sign**

- Parish Councillors to consider the quote of £658 + VAT to check speed warning sign. There will be additional charges for parts + labour to repair the speed warning sign.
- Parish Councillors to agree next steps.

#### **18. Wark Telephone box area**

- Parish Councillors to consider a quote for a seat to be used for people waiting on the service bus.
- Parish Councillor to agree next steps.

#### **19. Conclusion of Annual Audit 2025/26**

- Parish Councillors to agree the Annual Audit for 2025/26 is concluded.
- Parish Councillors to agree the Parish Council Accounts for 2025/26 are approved.

#### **20. Correspondence**

- **NCC-** Email- Update on the distribution of dog poo bags
- **Resident-** Email- Update on Right of Way appeal.
- **Resident-** Email- Feedback from attending July Parish Council meeting
- **NCC-** Email- Invite to Town & Parish Council Conference on 8<sup>th</sup> October.
- **Resident-** Emails- Re mirror on edge of the road in wark village
- **NCC-** Email- Northumberland Libraries August Newsletter.

#### **21. Any Other Business**

#### **22. Date of next meeting 9<sup>th</sup> November 2026**

*Isabel Hunter*

Clerk to Carham Parish Council