CARHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Summons to all Parish Councillors to attend the Parish Council Meeting to be held on Monday 9th November 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. **Apologies for absence**

2. **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.

3. **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.

4. **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7th September 2026**
   Parish Councillors to receive and endorse the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7th September 2026 previously circulated.

5. **Any matters arising from the Minutes**
   - Parish Councillors to receive any updates on items not covered on the Agenda

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

7. **Financial Statement-**
   - Current Account £1,407.83
   - Instant Access Savings A/c £3,510.43

8. **Receipts**
   - Bank of Scotland £ 1.66 Instant Access Savings A/c- Interest

9. **Transfer**
   - Current A/c- Instant Access A/c £1,500

10. Accounts for Payment

• Bank of Scotland	£ 8.50	Bank charges –2 months (paid)
• E I Hunter	£ 97.15	Salary 11.25 hours @ £14.36 per hour
• HMRC	£ 64.40	PAYE

11. Planning Applications: Parish Councillors to ratify the Parish Council's response to the following planning application.

26/03015/FUL- Construction of a single storey building for use as village hall for the local and surrounding community. Wark Play area Wark. *Parish Councillors who do not have a personal and prejudicial interest agreed have agreed to support this application on the condition no trees are removed to allow the development to proceed.*

Parish Councillors to consider the following planning applications

26/03194/FUL- Temporary access to the river/channel will be provided, including vegetation clearance where required. The working area around Bridge Pier 3 will be dewatered using temporary works, including a temporary watercourse diversion via upstream and downstream bagwork cofferdams and a PVC pipe (or suitable alternative) to maintain flows. Riverbed and bank materials will be excavated to formation level, followed by installation of a geotextile layer and rip rap protection around Pier 3. The rip-rap will be backfilled and tied into upstream and downstream bed levels using reinstated site-won material, with bed levels reprofiled to provide a smooth transition over 2m. Excavated riverbanks will be reinstated using site-won material at slopes up to 1:2, covered with topsoil and biodegradable geotextile, and grass seeded to promote vegetation establishment- Street Record Carham Berwick Borough Footpath 011 Carham Northumberland

26/03195/LBC- Listed Building Consent for temporary access to the river/channel will be provided, including vegetation clearance where required. The working area around Bridge Pier 3 will be dewatered using temporary works, including a temporary watercourse diversion via upstream and downstream bagwork cofferdams and a PVC pipe (or suitable alternative) to maintain flows. Riverbed and bank materials will be excavated to formation level, followed by installation of a geotextile layer and rip-rap protection around Pier 3. The rip-rap will be backfilled and tied into upstream and downstream bed levels using reinstated site-won material, with bed levels reprofiled to provide a smooth transition over 2m. Excavated riverbanks will be reinstated using site-won material at slopes up to 1:2, covered with topsoil and biodegradable geotextile, and grass seeded to promote vegetation establishment- Street Record Carham Berwick Borough Footpath 011 Carham

12. **Play Area**
    - Parish Councillors to receive any updates on the expression of interest application to transfer the play area from Northumberland County Council to Carham parish Council.
    - Parish Councillors to agree next steps.
    - Parish Councillors to receive feedback from the meeting with Carham Parish Council and Wark-on-Tweed Charity on the draft head of terms for the play area.
    - Parish Councillors to agree next steps.
    - Parish Councillors to receive any other updates.

13. **Public Rights of Way**
    - Parish Councillors to receive any updates on the landownership of Piperdean and possible works on this Public Rights of Way.
    - Parish Councillors to agree next steps.

14. **Trees**
    - Parish Councillors to consider the previously circulated report compiled by Parish Councillor J McGregor in relation to trees planted and named as the "The Queens Green Canopy 2022".
    - Parish Councillors to consider and agree which plaques need to be replaced
    - Parish Councillors to agree next steps.

15. **Speed Warning Sign**
    - Parish Councillor J McGregor to provide an update on the possible repairs to the speed warning sign at Wark.
    - Parish Councillors to agree next steps.

16. **Wark Telephone box area**
    - Parish Councillors to consider a quote for a backless seat to be used for people waiting on the service bus.
    - Parish Councillor to agree next steps.

17. **Wark farm sale.**
    - Parish Councillor J McGregor to provide any updates on the small area of land for sale in Wark village.
    - Parish Councillors to consider/agree any actions.

18. **Consultations**
    - Parish Councillors to consider responding to the current consultation on the East Learmouth Woodland Management Plan.
    - Parish Councillors to consider responding to the current Northumberland County Council consultation on the Northumberland Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (HELAA)
    - Parish Councillors to consider responding to the current Northumberland County Council consultation on Northumberland County Council School Admission Arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools 2028/29.

- Parish Councillors to consider responding to the current Northumberland County Council consultation on Northumberland County Council Home to School Transport Policy

19. Correspondence

- **NCC-** Email- Update on digital switchover January 2027
- **NCC-** Email- Reports from Town & Parish Council Liaison Working Group
- **NCC-** Email- Invite to fix my street webinars
- **NCC-** Email- Reports from Town & Parish Council Conference
- **Citizens Advice Northumberland-** Email- Invite to AGM on 4th December at Stannington Village Hall at 12 noon.
- **North Northumberland Voluntary Forum-** Email Invite to North Northumberland Network Winter Meeting on 11th December at The Parish Centre Berwick at 9.30am.

20. Parish Council budget 2027/28

- Parish Councillors to commence the budget setting process for 2027/28 The final budget to be agreed at the January meeting.

21. Any Other Business

22. Date of next meeting 11th January 2027

Isabel Hunter

Clerk to Carham Parish Council