

# WARK PARISH COUNCIL

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## **Draft Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 28/08/2024**

### **At Wark Town Hall, Wark. @7pm**

- 1.** Meeting opened by Edward Jeffrey (chair). Councillors present Jason Riches, Judith Weir, Steve Batey and Anne Hutchinson. Apologies for the following councillors, Brenda Murray, Lisa Lorraine, and Louise Kirkland (Clerk). Jason Riches elected RFO and Clerk for the meeting. Proposed by Edward Jeffrey and seconded by Judith Weir.
- 2.** Notification of other business. None.
- 3.** Declarations of conflict of interest. None.
- 4.** Minutes attaining to the meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2024, approved. Proposed by Jason Riches and seconded by Judith Weir.
- 5.** Minutes attaining to the meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> July approved. Proposed by Jason Riches and seconded by Judith Weir.
- 6.** Matters arising from May 28<sup>th</sup> minutes. None.
- 7.** Matters Arising from July 24<sup>th</sup> minutes. None.
- 8.** Public issues raised at meeting. Wendy Brady from Stonehaugh, informed the parish council of a public meeting held at Stonehaugh village hall on 24<sup>th</sup> August.
- 9.** Report from County Councillor Nick Morphett. The BT cable under Wark bridge should be secured within the next week. New climate change action plan released by Northumberland County Council, and a new climate change team leader Leanne Wilson, now in post. New climate grants available up to £5000. Sewage overflow spills have increased in 2023 from 2734 hours to 4793 hour. Nick thinks due to increased monitoring.  
  
No planning applications for Wark parish.
- 10.** No new highway issues.
- 11.** Stonehaugh issues. Residents wish to have an EV charger in the village. Residents state a rat issue in Stonehaugh. Jason Riches explained this is not a

county or parish council issue. Individual households are responsible for contacting pest control. There are 50% discounts available on costs through NCC, if residents on means tested benefit. The parish council highlighted the need to keep premises clear of rubbish, all animal feed to be kept in sealed containers and animal areas to be regularly cleaned. AED and First Aid training discussed. Wendy Brady discussed, Bringing Communities Together initiative and event coordination.

- 12.**Wark issues. Funded carpark (grassed area in front of Dr Surgery) by Mott McDonald and Bently, is confirmed, awaiting start date. Public first Aid training discussed, Delia Faron council lead. Landscape recovery programme representative to attend next meeting.
- 13.**Local Transport Plan to be discussed at next meeting. Discussed ford upgrade at Stonehaugh. Nick Morphet to email drop curb plan Wark, for revision.
- 14.**Financial matters discussed, agreed and actioned. Proposed by Edward Jeffrey and seconded by Steve Batey.
- 15.**Reports from other bodies. Stonehaugh village hall has some rotten wood to replace.
- 16.**Other business not for decision. None.
- 17.**Items for discussion at future meetings. Improve presentation of Wark village.
- 18.**Date of next meeting, Tues 14<sup>th</sup> October 7pm at Stonehaugh Village hall.