

MEETING OF CRASTER PARISH COUNCIL
Thursday 16th November 2017 – 7.15pm in the Craster Memorial Hall

Agenda

The Parish Council may, by resolution under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960; S1, exclude the public from a meeting (whether during the whole or part of the proceedings) whenever publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted or for other special reasons stated in the resolution and arising from the nature of that business or of the proceedings; and where such a resolution is passed, this Act shall not require the meeting to be open to the public during proceedings to which the resolution applies.

THE MEETING WILL OPEN WITH PUBLIC QUESTIONS

2361 Declaration of interests

2362 Apologies for absence

2363 Confirmation of the Minutes for the Meeting of 19th October 2017

Matters Arising

Christmas Tree purchase – Elizabeth Pearson to provide an update

Letters from Fyona and Michael Robson

Dangerous crossroads e-mail

2364 AONB – Report form new Parish Representative

2365 Financial matters

a. **Bank Balance** – £21,092.87 on 9th November 2017

b. **Received since 19/10/2017**

Nil

c. **Spent since 19/10/2017**

Clerk wages & expenses (Sept 2017) - £189.46

PAYE (Sept 2017) £52.00

d. **Cheques required**

Clerk wages & expenses (Geoff Newcombe) (Oct-Nov 2017) - £255.48

PAYE (Oct-Nov 2017) £63.80

Stableyard Landscapes for grass cutting (road leading to Craster) (Apr-Nov 2017) - £200.00

Stableyard Landscapes for grass cutting (bank and public footpath) (Jun-Nov 2017) - £140.00

e. **Discussion of precept for 2018/19**

2366 Leader Grant – update on present position and future actions

2367 County Councillor's update – see report

2368 EJBC (Embleton Joint Burial Committee)

- Renovation of Cemetery House for affordable housing. – status position

2369 Affordable Housing in Craster – report on Parish meeting

2370 Planning Matters

17/03658/FUL | Change of use of buildings formerly used as garage/storage, office and small washroom to 2 new homes with external car parking and amenity space. | Land South East Of Lifeboat House Haven Hill Craster Northumberland – report of objection lodged and present position.

17/03789/NONMAT | Non Material Amendment (Garage roof to be amended from pitched roof to flat roof, up and over doors revised to be timber hinged doors and 5 bar timber gate and posts added to driveway) on approved planning application 17/00881/COU | The Chapel Row Craster Alnwick Northumberland NE66 3TU – present position.

2371 Craster Community Trust (CCT)

- CCT website and new e-mail system

Front page wording required

- Position on notice boards
- PC representative

Report on the activities of the Trust

2372 Correspondence received

E-mail requesting a Memorial Bench along the coastal walk from Craster to Dunstanburgh castle – Clerk has advised resident that this is the responsibility of the National Trust

2373 National Trust/English Heritage Parking

2374 Openness, transparency and confidentiality

2375 Parish Council Administration

- Proposed change to SO's to agree end time for meetings/new ways working to clear agenda items in shortened timescale.
- PC Policy Checklist

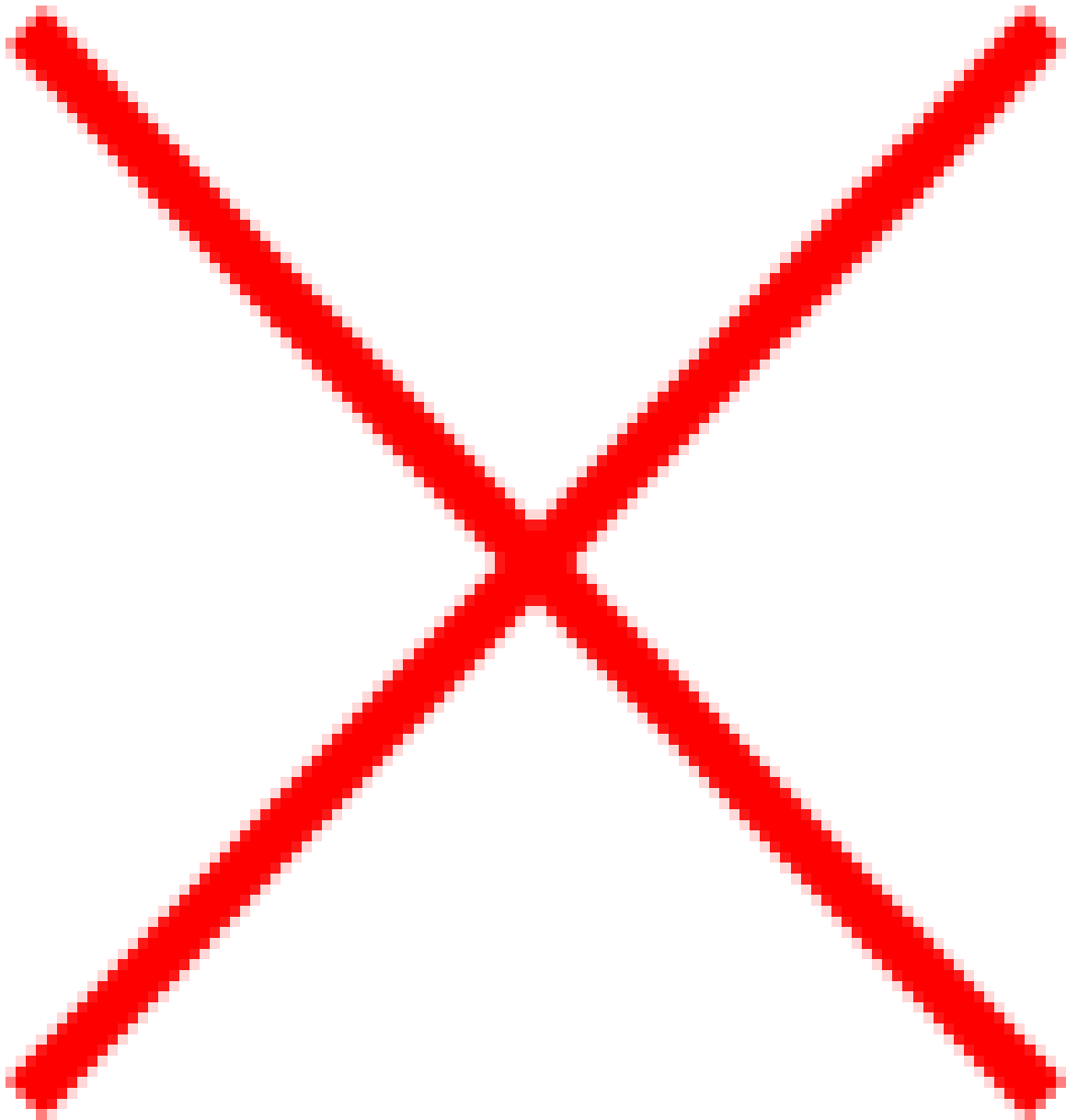
2376 Information Share

2377 Items for Next Agenda

2378 Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Council is to be held at 7.15pm on 18th January 2018.

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COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

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Craster Parish



Due to there being no Parish Council Meeting in December, I would like to wish Craster Parish Council and all residents a very early Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and all the very best for 2018. I do hope that you will all be able to take some time out from your busy lives to enjoy the festivities with your family and friends.



This has been a very busy and exciting year since I was elected as the County Councillor for the Longhoughton Ward on May 4th 2017. I have initiated repairs be made to the pavements at Heugh Wynd, which will be part paid from my Members allowance scheme. I am hopeful car parking issues will be eased in 2018. I rely very much on your input and feedback to let me know when things in your area are not right and are not working as they should be and I want to ensure during 2018 that I continue to make improvements throughout Craster Parish.

Mobile Phone Coverage in Craster – Following an enquiry from a resident about the lack of Mobile coverage in Craster I received the following information.

There are a number of areas in Northumberland and other parts of the UK that suffer from poor mobile connectivity. This is largely due to the way in which mobile operators and the regulator have previously measured coverage as a percentage of population which offered no incentive or obligation to the mobile operators to invest in infrastructure in sparsely populated areas. There has however now been a positive shift by the regulator and mobile operators who are starting to talk about geographic coverage rather than population coverage and as a result we are already starting to see additional investment in their infrastructure in more rural areas. As I'm sure you will appreciate this is not a quick process and it is likely to take a significant time before coverage reaches near ubiquitous levels nationally. NCC do continue to seek ways to work more proactively between the local and national government and the mobile operators to find ways to assist with this process such as providing assistance in finding candidate sites for mobile telecommunications equipment, etc, however there is currently no formally established mechanism for this to be achieved easily. Please be assured that NCC take every opportunity to continue to raise this issue of poor connectivity in our area, and will continue to explore ways to engage the mobile operators to encourage further investment in order to address connectivity black spots.

Any enquiries please contact - Steve Smith, Digital Design & Delivery Manager, Information Services, Northumberland County Council, County Hall, Morpeth, NE61 2EF, Landline: 01670 622928, Mobile: 07904 114518

Email: steve.smith@northumberland.gov.uk

LED Street Lighting - Street lighting is designed by NCC to light the carriageway and footway and minimise any ingress into properties. The LED lantern that NCC now use allows this to be done more effectively than the previous high pressure and low pressure sodium lanterns formerly used.

Northumberland County Council's dimming policy is as follows:

100% of power from dusk until midnight. 50% of power from midnight until 0600 hrs

100% of power from 0600 hrs until dawn. The new lanterns which are being installed do have this dimming regime built into to them.

MyStreet app to be rolled out across region

A mobile phone app which makes it easier for residents to report issues affecting their local community is being rolled out across the region.

The mobile app, 'MyStreet Northumberland', was designed by the Safer Northumberland Partnership and Improving Croft and Cowpen Quay (ICCQ) following a pilot in the "12 Streets" campaign which focused on identifying issues affecting twelve streets in Cowpen Quay and putting in long-term solutions.

Residents can download the new app and use it to access information on a number of problems such as anti-social behaviour, noise, litter, street lighting and roads all in one place. From here, app users can access advice or report specific incidents to the council or if they have information or concerns about crime and disorder where they live they can access advice via the app or they can contact their local neighbourhood policing team direct.

Councillor John Riddle, chair of Safer Northumberland, said: "While Northumberland has low crime levels, we know there are issues that affect people's quality of life and it's important communities can easily access advice and report anything they're worried about. "The app has already been successful, being downloaded thousands of times in its first year, and we're delighted it's being rolled out by Northumbria Police to other local authorities in the area."

The app is free to download onto iPhone, Android, and Windows devices by searching 'MyStreet' in the app store.

Core Strategy Update - please find attached to my email re the County Councillor report, a presentation along with the accompanying notes on the Core Strategy update which was presented to the Town and Parish Council Liaison Working Group on 7 September 2017

Housing white paper consultations/Neighbourhood Planning



The county council are keen to promote Neighbourhood Planning and as such can offer assistance in the following areas:

- Procedural guidance
- Technical assistance
- Advice on policy content and drafting
- Provision of maps
- Attendance at meetings

- Dedicated link officer as consistent point of contact (me!)

Please see links below for both the initial and secondary consultation regarding housing supply, proposals for improving the situation and providing some guidance regarding calculation of housing requirements. The bulk of the content relevant to the production of the neighbourhood plan is in the secondary consultation, however, the initial consultation provides background and light evening reading!

Primary

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/fixing-our-broken-housing-market-consultation>

Secondary

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/planning-for-the-right-homes-in-the-right-places-consultation-proposals>

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Craster Community Trust report

Notice boards update obo Craster Community Trust (CCT)

Background

As request was made by CCT that Craster Parish Council (CPC) support the purchase of a bespoke notice board which would be erected outside Craster Memorial Hall. It was suggested this could be funded with the £500 previously allocated to CCT to buy a shed for the playground. This money was subsequently returned to CPC when plans changed and the shed was not required.

In my absence Elizabeth Pearson made this request to CPC October meeting. Following the meeting I received an email from Councillor Owen to say quotes are needed to fund purchases exceeding £400 Councillor Colleagues had not supported this request. I updated CCT to this effect.

New request

CCT now wish to ask CPC to support the purchase of 2 standard noticeboards to replace Dunstan and main Craster noticeboards the cost of which will be less than £400.

The bespoke notice board will be facilitated by alternative means.