

MEETING OF CRASTER PARISH COUNCIL
Wednesday 17th October 2018 – 7.00pm 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 Presentation by iNorthumberland on mobile phone coverage

2364 Presentation by Victoria Telford on Bark Pots development

2365 Confirmation of the Minutes for the Meeting of 20th September 2018

2366 Matters Arising

2367 Financial matters

- a. **Bank Balance** – £8,353.09 at 11/10/2018
- b. **Received since 20/09/2018**

Contribution towards bin at Proctors Stead - £75.00

VAT reimbursement - £2,659.72

- c. **Spent since 20/09/2018**

Clerk wages & expenses (Aug-Sept 2018) - £240.00

PAYE (Aug-Sept 2018) - £60.00

Playdale Ltd - £947.52

Mark Green (Reimbursement for new laptop for Clerk) - £609.98

Wybone (Purchase of Bins) - £997.20

- d. **Payments required**

Clerk wages & expenses (Sept-Oct 2018) - £240.00

PAYE (Sept-Oct 2018) - £60.00

2368 County Councillor's report - circulated Questions to the CC.

Verbal update following the nine Parish Council Leaders meeting

2369 Public Right of Way – Councillors are asked to consider a report by NCC on a requested amendment to Public Right of Way of Public Footpath No. 5

2370 EJBC (Embleton Joint Burial Committee) Verbal update from Parish representative.

2371 Planning Matters

18/01592/FUL | Re-siting of a static caravan | Land North West Of Dunstan Steads Farm
Embleton Northumberland

18/01976/REM | Reserved Matters Application for access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale relating to approved outline planning permission 14/04120/OUT | The Bark Pots Tea Room 9 West End Craster Alnwick Northumberland NE66 3TS.

18/02326/CCD | Expansion of existing car park area at Craster plus provision of 2 EV charging bays | Upper Car Park Craster Quarry Car Park West End Craster Alnwick Northumberland NE66 3TW

18/02966/FUL | Proposed rear porch extension and new conservatory to lounge. Remove external rendered skin and replace in natural stone. Clad rear rendered walls in grained light grey shiplap boarding. Remove concrete roof tiles and replace with slate. Remove brown stained windows and doors and replace in dark grey aluminium. | Avala The Skeres Craster Alnwick Northumberland NE66 3TN

18/03379/FUL | Erection of 1 residential unit (C3 use) | Land West Of 15 Dunstanburgh Road Dunstanburgh Road Craster Northumberland

2372 Christmas Tree – Councillors are asked to consider plans for the Festive season.

2373 Noticeboards – Verbal report by Cllr Rosie Robson

2374 LEADER Grant update – report following the meeting with LEADER. Councillors are also asked to approve their supplier for the map in the Noticeboard.

2375 Mobile phone coverage – Councillors are asked to consider exploring steps to increase mobile phone coverage in Craster.

2376 Bins – Verbal update from Clerk on the progress with the bins.

2377 Transparency Fund update – update on phone line and broadband to the Hall.

2378 Craster Community Trust – report from Parish Council representative

2379 Correspondence received

Correspondence received from a visitor to Craster to complain about disabled access within the village. Clerk to update the Council.

Correspondence received from CCllr Wendy Pattison about the free trees from the Woodland Trust – Council to decide if this is something they'd like to pursue.

2380 Parish Council Administration – Update on post box for the Hall.

Verbal update on casual vacancies on Parish Council from the Clerk.

2381 Items for Next Agenda

2382 Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Council is to be held at 7.00pm on 15th November 2018.

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RECEIPTS and PAYMENTS ACCOUNT	Craster PC 2018/19		
Craster Parish Council - Financial Position @11th October 2018			
RECEIPTS			This Year
	Precept		£ 2,500.00
	Bank/VAT		£ -
	Refunds		£ 2,698.72
	Misc		£ 6,856.00
	TOTAL RECEIPTS		£ 12,054.72
PAYMENTS			
			This Year
	Salary		£ 1,392.00
	HMRC		£ 348.00
	Grants/ Donations		£ -
	Travel		£ -
	Postage Etc		£ -
	Burial Cmttee		£ -
	Admin		£ -
	Misc		£ 15,633.94
	VAT		£ 1,958.15
	Bank		£ -
	TOTAL PAYMENTS		£ 19,942.07
	Increase/Decrease in Funds		- £ 7,887.35
£ -	Funds at start of the year		£ 16,240.44
	Funds at end of the year		£ 8,353.09

COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

County Councillor Wendy Pattison

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Craster Parish

Consultation underway on Council Tax Support Scheme

Consultation is underway from September 24 on proposals to reduce the level of council tax support to some claimants.

The council has a significant budget gap over the next three years, of around £36m, and needs to explore all possible options to help it find savings to meet that target.

Currently, of the 15,425 working age claimants in Northumberland, 12,010 receive 100% support and currently have no bill to pay. If proposals are agreed they would affect all working age claimants. Pensioners will be unaffected by any changes.

Almost every other local authority in the region has reduced its Council Tax Support in recent years at varying levels and if approved, Northumberland's would be one of the smallest reductions in the North East. It would also be one of the smallest Council Tax reductions in the whole country.

The consultation runs until November 2. The online survey can be accessed by going to <http://bit.ly/CTaxsupport18>

Copies can also be obtained from the council's customer information centres from September 28. Drop-in sessions are also planned around the county during the consultation period.

One person quits smoking every 80 seconds in England

Stoptober is back and smokers in Northumberland are being encouraged to give quitting another go – even if they've tried before.

Last year, nearly 400,000 smokers in England quit successfully, which is the equivalent to 1,069 smokers each day – one every 80 seconds.

Despite new smokers starting and ex-smokers relapsing, North East smoking rates have fallen by 44% since 2005 when 29% of North East adults smoked down to 16.2% of people in 2017 – around a quarter of a million fewer people smoking.

Ailsa Rutter OBE, Director of Fresh, said: “Most smokers would like to be able to quit. You stand a much better chance if you give quitting a serious go at least once a year until you can stop for good.

“The North East has seen the highest fall in smoking in England, and the best quitting success rates. In 2005, our adult smoking rates were on 29% and we are getting close to halving smoking.

“We’d urge smokers who have struggled to quit before to take heart from the hundreds of thousands of other people who have stopped for good.

“If we are to get smoking down to 10% and under, it will be vital that our GP surgeries and hospitals also play a major part to support smokers to quit with effective treatment.”

Evidence shows that people are four times more likely to quit for good if they have support from their local NHS stop smoking service.

Northumberland County Councillor Veronica Jones, cabinet member for Adult Wellbeing and Health, said “With Stoptober coming up there is no better time to take the first step in quitting cigarettes for good and I would encourage people to take advantage of the range of free support available to them in Northumberland.

“Our local NHS Stop Smoking Service can advise on different treatments and what to do to stop the cravings.”

The Northumberland NHS Stop Smoking Service is provided by Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust. Clinics are available in a range of venues including GP practices, pharmacies and community centres. Some out of hours clinics are also available for those who find it difficult to attend appointments during the day.

Earlier this year Northumbria Healthcare went completely smokefree, meaning that smoking is not permitted in any of its hospitals, community sites or grounds across Northumberland and North Tyneside.

The best way to quit is with expert help from local stop smoking services together with stop smoking aids. In 2017-18, half (51%) of smokers who got this package of support managed to quit and among those who used an e-cigarette in their quit attempt, the success rate was up to 63%.

New to this year, Public Health England’s Stoptober campaign is offering a free online ‘Personal Quit Plan’ to help smokers find the right stop smoking support for them. The online plan asks a number of questions and provides smokers with a suggested combination of support based on their level of tobacco dependency and what quitting support they have used previously. Smokers will be advised that nicotine replacement therapy (NRT) products are most effective when used in combination – an all-day patch together with a fast-acting option such as an inhalator or lozenges to help them deal with any immediate cravings.

Stoptober is based on research that if you can make it to 28 days smokefree, you are five times more likely to quit for good. The new Personal Quit Plan will recommend a range of options to smokers including face-to-face support, nicotine replacement therapies like patches, gum or inhalers, and e-cigarettes.

E-cigarettes remain the nation’s favourite stop smoking aid, with an estimated 3.2 million

adult users in Great Britain. Over time, the proportion who are ex-smokers has risen and over half (52%) of current vapers have stopped smoking completely. A further 900,000 people have given up both smoking and vaping.

Search 'Stoptober' to use the Personal Quit Plan and to find out about the range of free and proven support available to help you start your quitting journey on the 1st October.

For support and advice on quitting smoking in Northumberland call the Northumberland Stop Smoking Service on 01670 813135, email stopsmokingservice@nhct.nhs.uk or visit www.northumbria.nhs.uk/patients-visitors/smokefree.

Ambitious Borderlands Deal proposals submitted to Governments

After a year in the planning, a multi-million-pound proposal to provide significant investment to the Borderlands has formally been submitted to UK and Scottish Governments.

The Deal's proposals, which support a wide range of innovative projects, were submitted by the Borderlands Partnership; a unique collaboration that brings together the five cross-border local authorities - Carlisle City Council, Cumbria County Council, Dumfries and Galloway Council, Northumberland County Council and Scottish Borders Council.

Following the commitment of both Scottish and UK Governments the Borderlands Inclusive Growth Deal has gained significant momentum. The Strategic Outline Business Cases - the first stage in developing the Borderlands Inclusive Growth Deal - were sent to the UK and Scottish Governments on Friday, 28 September.

A Borderlands Partnership spokesperson said: "This is a key milestone for the Borderlands Inclusive Growth Deal and we're delighted to have reached the stage where the Deal proposal has been formally submitted. Over the past few months we've worked tirelessly with a range of stakeholders and the UK and Scottish Governments to co-develop our business cases and the overall Borderlands Inclusive Growth Deal proposal. Detailed negotiations will now continue with both Governments to agree Heads of Terms to establish the foundation of the final Deal."

Secretary of State for Scotland, David Mundell MP said: "The Borderlands Partnership should be congratulated for the huge amount of work they have put in to reach this important milestone in such a short time. I'd like to thank all the partners for submitting these project proposals and look forward to moving towards an agreement as quickly as possible.

"The Borderlands Growth Deal is a genuinely innovative initiative and has the potential to transform the economy of the whole region, both in the South of Scotland and across the border, creating jobs and increasing prosperity."

Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity, Michael Matheson MSP said: "The Scottish Government is committed to working towards a Borderlands deal that will drive inclusive growth, delivering real economic benefit for individuals, businesses and communities across the region. We look forward to discussing the detail of what could form a Heads of Terms agreement for the Borderlands Deal over the coming weeks."

Councillor Peter Jackson, leader of Northumberland County Council, said: “I’m personally delighted we have reached this key point in the Borderlands project.

“For Northumberland we will continue to work tirelessly to optimise the positive impact of the Deal - and other economic growth opportunities as they emerge - for the benefit of our communities and businesses.

“There are so many positives possible - from more and better jobs to raising educational attainment. We want Northumberland to be a great place to live, work, learn and do business and this deal submission is the next step in this ambitious plan.”

The Borderlands Inclusive Growth Deal proposal comprises four place-based projects and six programmes, that will deliver benefit across the wider Borderlands geography as well as highlighting areas where the Borderlands partners are seeking to work jointly with the UK and Scottish Governments linked to strategic transport schemes and land and marine management.

Key programmes that will deliver benefit across the wider Borderlands are Borderlands Energy Investment Company, Digital Borderlands, Quality of Place, Destination Borderlands, Business Infrastructure Programme and Knowledge Exchange Network.

In addition, the key strategic project of establishing the feasibility of extending the Borders Railway from Carlisle to Tweedbank will benefit the whole region.

The four-specific place-based projects are Carlisle Station Gateway, redevelopment for the site of the former Chapelcross power station, Berwick Theatre and Conference Centre and the Mountain Bike (MTB) Innovation Centre in the Scottish Borders.

For more information visit the partnership website www.Borderlandsgrowth.com or email info@borderlandsgrowth.com