

MEETING OF CRASTER PARISH COUNCIL
Thursday 20th September 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 Confirmation of the Minutes for the Meeting of 19th July 2018

2364 Matters Arising

2365 Financial matters

a. **Bank Balance** – £8,473.07 at 13/09/2018

b. **Received since** 19/07/2018

NCC precept - £1,250.00

LEADER Grant repayment - £6,080.00

c. **Spent since** 19/07/2018

Clerk wages & expenses (June-July 2018) - £240.00

PAYE (June-July 2018) - £60.00

CCT (Hall Hire - April 2018 to March 2019) - £240.00

CCT (Hall Hire – May 2018) - £24.00

Clerk wages & expenses (July-August 2018) - £240.00

PAYE (July-August 2018) - £60.00

d. **Cheques required**

Clerk wages & expenses (August-September 2018) - £240.00

PAYE (August-September 2018) - £60.00

2366 County Councillor's report - circulated Questions to the CC. In addition to the report, Councillors are also asked to consider proposal of Cllr Pattison providing the Christmas Tree this year, subject to approval by NCC.

2367 Local Transport Plan submissions – Councillors are asked to consider their priorities for the LTP plan for 2019. Report included.

2368 EJBC (Embleton Joint Burial Committee) Verbal update from Parish representative.

2369 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.

18/02026/FUL | Change of use from burial ground to private garden and installation of sewage treatment plant and associated works | Cemetery House Spitalford Embleton Alnwick Northumberland NE66 3DW

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

2373 Northumberland County Council Local Plan – Councillors are asked to approve the response from the Working Party to the Draft Local Plan.

2374 Traffic Matters

- Concerns re: speed limits and potential dangers in village specifically from Tower Bank & Heugh Road/Play Park road, very poor signage; none on road.
- Signage for parking/ emergency vehicle access around holiday cottages near Whin Hil

2375 LEADER Grant update – report from Clerk updating Parish Council on LEADER project

2376 Bins – Councillors are asked to consider an update on the renewal of the bins in the Parish.

2377 RNLI Boat proposal – Councillors are asked to consider writing formally to the RNLI to have their boat named after former Embleton Parish Cllr Adam Moody

2378 Transparency Fund update – update on phone line and broadband to the Hall.

2379 Craster Community Trust – report from Parish Council representative

2380 Correspondence received

Correspondence received from Mr Michael Doherty asking the Council to consider the formation of a Neighbourhood Forum with the Parish Council, Community Trust, WI and business representatives involved.

2380 Parish Council Administration – Post box for the Hall. Councillors are asked to consider who should have keys for this.

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 18th October 2018.

Open to Public & Press

RECEIPTS and PAYMENTS ACCOUNT		Craster PC 2018/19		
Craster Parish Council - Financial Position @13th September 2018				
RECEIPTS				This Year
		Precept		£ 2,500.00
		Bank/VAT		£ -
		Refunds		£ 39.00
		Misc		£ 6,781.00
		TOTAL RECEIPTS		£ 9,320.00
PAYMENTS				
				This Year
		Salary		£ 1,152.00
		HMRC		£ 288.00
		Grants/ Donations		£ -
		Travel		£ -
		Postage Etc		£ -
		Burial Cmttee		£ -
		Admin		£ -
		Misc		£ 14,013.34
		VAT		£ 1,634.03
		Bank		£ -
		TOTAL PAYMENTS		£ 17,087.37
		Increase/Decrease in Funds		-£ 7,767.37
£ -		Funds at start of the year		£ 16,240.44
		Funds at end of the year		£ 8,473.07

COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

County Councillor Wendy Pattison

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Craster Parish

The 9 Parish Chairmen meeting will now take place on Friday October 12th at the Thrunton Trout Fishery at 630pm (change of date due to the venue being unavailable on the 5th Sept). There are 2 speakers and refreshments will be provided.



A Christmas Tree for Craster and Dunstan - Everyone has their own individual idea what a perfect Christmas should look like. My personal opinion is that a Christmas tree is something which all of the community can enjoy and gain pleasure from and by donating a tree is a suggestion which I am putting forward to the Parish Council for consideration. I would like to pay for each community in the Longhoughton Ward to have a Christmas tree at around 10-15 feet in height and paid for from my Members Allowance. However, I am also aware that there are difficulties with this suggestion as there are very many things to consider, including, where to site the tree, electricity issues (solar or battery lights could be used) and a strong need for volunteers to erect and take down the tree after Christmas. I understand that not all Parish Councils may wish to have a tree and I completely understand should this be the case. My Members Allowance is for **Capital Projects only**, and, at the date of this report (12th September) I am awaiting special permission to do this as this kind of expenditure is not current policy and could be refused. I am asking for opinion so I can gauge approximately how many trees would be required.

Solar lights placed in the trees along the road coming into the villages is another suggestion, however, unfortunately, I cannot fund Christmas lights as this is not capital expenditure and each Parish would have different criteria for lighting and would become too complex to manage properly.

Eglington Parish Wind Farm Monies – The adjacent Longhoughton Ward Parishes which lie near to the Parish of Eglington and those parishes in particular which look directly across

to the wind turbines which are hugely dominant against the skyline had expected that, after 3 years total exclusivity to Eglington Parish, the Middlemoor wind farm monies would be made available to adjacent Parishes to apply for and to assist with local community projects. This appears to be not quite as straight forward as first thought and I have received several queries from outside of Eglington Parish asking for more information in regard to the terms and conditions.

The Fund was reviewed after 3 years exclusivity to Eglington Parish and was extended out to groups from adjacent communities **as long as the activities that were being proposed were of benefit to Eglington residents**. The fund criteria, Innogy Renewables UK Ltd, Middlemoor Windfarm Community Benefit Fund at the Community Foundation will receive £81,000 per year (index linked for 25 years from its inception in 2014) for payment of community grants to voluntary/community groups, charitable organisations and grants to individual people. The fund year is from October to September. Groups can apply for a minimum of £250 up to £81,000. Individuals can apply for a minimum of £250 up to a maximum of £2,000, subject to periodic review. **Who can apply** - Individual residents within the parish of Eglington; constituted Voluntary Community Groups and Charities based within the Parish of Eglington; Consideration will also be given to constituted voluntary community groups and charities which operate outside the Parish, if, they can demonstrate that a project will benefit people living within the Parish of Eglington . Any enquiries on this, please contact 0191 2220945 for further information.

Green Dog Walking Campaign – I attach for your information, a breakdown of Green Dog Walker Scheme membership by area. The figures provided are **up until July 2018** so there may now be further additions to the numbers provided.

AREA BREAKDOWN OF REGISTERED GREEN DOG WALKERS NORTH, SOUTH, WEST, and CENTRAL NORTHUMBERLAND

Alnwick 58 Acklington 2 Acomb 8 Heddon 15 Alwinton 1 Amble 44 Allendale 3 Hepscott 3 Bamburgh 1 Ashington 160 Bardon Mill 2 Longframlington 5 Belford 9 Bedlington 72 Barrasford 1 Longhorsley 3 Berwick 15 Blyth 259 Corbridge 5 Mitford 1 Cornhill 1 Cambois 10 Elsdon 1 Morpeth 79 Denwick 2 Choppington 23 Fourstones 2 Ponteland 1 Doxford 1 Cramlington 134 Gunnerton 1 Stamfordham 1 Embleton 7 Cresswell 1 Haltwhistle 6 Stannington 6 Ford 1 East Sleekburn 3 Henshaw 2 Swarland 5 Lesbury 5 Ellington 7 Hexham 47 Whalton 3 Longhoughton 1 Guide Post 2 High Mickley 1 Millfield 1 Hadston 7 Juniper 1 Newton on the Moor 1 High Hauxley 3 Otterburn 1 Rothbury 5 Holywell 5 Ovingham 2 Scremerston 3 Linton 4 Ovington 1 Seahouses 5 Low Hauxley 4 Prudhoe 46 Sharperton 1 Lynemouth 15 Riding Mill 1 Shilbottle 28 New Hartley 4 Stocksfield 7 Spittal 4 Newbiggin 58 Throckley 1 Thropton 1 North Broomhill 5 Wall 2 Tweedmouth 9 Red Row 3 Wark 1 Warkworth 7 Seaton Delaval 48 West Woodburn 2 Whitfield 2 Seaton Sluice 9 Wylam 4

New plans to improve parking in and around Alnmouth Station

Plans have been announced for the next stage of measures to improve parking at Alnmouth Station and Hipsburn.

The success of the station, which has seen a significant increase in passenger numbers of

over 20% in the past five years to 312,000 in 2016/17 has been welcomed by the County Council.

The station provides an increasingly important transport link for people in North Northumberland who commute for work and the increase also highlights the growing appeal of the area for tourists and visitors.

However, this success has created growing parking issues at the station and the neighbouring village of Hipsburn, with residents' drives being blocked, access difficulties for bus operators and some people leaving cars at the council owned station car park for weeks on end.

The council has now reviewed and considered the feedback from the consultation exercise, which generated around 100 responses and two petitions.

Feedback showed there was currently a lack of support for the introduction of the proposed residents permit parking scheme, so it has been decided that this will not be progressed.

However, it has been agreed to implement new parking restrictions in the form of single yellow lines in Hipsburn that will restrict on-street parking from 9am to 4pm Monday to Friday. It will be possible to park on single yellow lines outside these times, and the revised scheme aims to ensure that access is maintained for buses and emergency vehicles.

Parking charges will also be introduced in the council-owned station car park. However, in response to feedback that the proposed £3 per day charge was too high, it will be reduced to £1.50 per day and the Council has already brought in a maximum 72 hour stay restriction in its car park to prevent people leaving cars parked for weeks on end.

Any residual income from the car park will protect County Council frontline services and help fund future investment in transport connections and parking provision at the station.

The county council will also offer funding towards helping the parish council produce a parking masterplan for the area.

County Councillor Glen Sanderson, Cabinet member for Environment and Local Services, said: "Our aim has always been to ensure any scheme works for both residents and travellers and I'd like to thank everyone who took the time to visit the public exhibition and who responded to the consultation exercise.

"We feel these solutions have taken on-board the feedback. People can be assured we will monitor and review the effectiveness of these changes, including a formal review after 12 months that will include asking people's opinions again, to help us ensure that we can move forward together to minimise the problems being caused by the success of the station in attracting more rail users."

"The charges are necessary, but not punitive and there will be a review of all measures in 12 months."

Northumberland welcomed over 10 million visitors in 2017

The annual North East report on the economic impact of tourism has been released, revealing that Northumberland welcomed 10.3 million visitors during 2017, a 6% increase on 2016.

The research conducted by NewcastleGateshead initiative shows that the visitor economy in Northumberland is continuing to grow year on year.

The report has also revealed that the amount spent by visitors is up 6% on 2016 at £924.84 million.

Jude Leitch, Director at Northumberland Tourism said: "Given that tourism is so important to Northumberland, supporting nearly 15,000 jobs, this growth is very good news. Confidence amongst our businesses is high and we are seeing a lot of private investment in new attractions, accommodation and restaurants.

"Our ongoing challenge is to ensure that this level of growth is managed sustainably, so as to protect our beautiful landscapes and our way of life. We are working closely with Northumberland County Council towards this aim."

Cath Homer, Northumberland County Council's Portfolio Holder for Culture, Arts, Leisure and Tourism said: "Tourism is a major economic driver in our county employing thousands of people, and I'm absolutely delighted to see continued growth in our figures year on year.

"This growth is testament to the hard work and sterling efforts of all our tourist attractions, hotels, restaurants and shops, who have all contributed to these positive results.

"However, there is more we can do to improve our tourism offer to keep it fresh and dynamic. We plan to build on our credentials as a destination of choice, and really start to punch above our weight. To do this we need diversify our offer to make sure it's what people want, and importantly, come back time and time again."

Promising figures were also released around the food & drink industry in Northumberland, stating that the sector now accounts for 36% of all visitor expenditure and 31% of all employment.

To read the full report please visit the Northumberland Tourism website: www.northumberlandtourism.org.uk

September 28 deadline for community grant applications

The deadline is looming for community groups, charities and young people in the county to apply for funding from a much valued community grant scheme.

Grants of up to £5,000 are available from Northumberland County Council to help deliver activities that benefit residents and communities.

There is also a £200 grant called 'Help for You' available to assist under 18s in pursuing a particular ambition - whether it be sporting, musical or academic.

To be considered in the next round of funding, applications will need to be submitted by September 28, 2018.

The fund aims to provide support to the many valued local groups and voluntary organisations that are making a real difference in every corner of the county.

You can apply for the fund online or by downloading the form from www.northumberland.gov.uk. If you have any queries, please email communitychest@northumberland.gov.uk