

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF CRASTER PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019 – 6.30pm in the Craster Memorial Hall**

**Councillors present:**

**Chair:** Ann Fettis

**Parish Council members:** Elizabeth Pearson, Rosie Robson, Martin Smith, Mark Green and Jennifer Doherty.

**In attendance:** 8 members of the public (including representatives from the EJBC) and County Councillor Wendy Pattison.

**Clerk:** Adam Shanley

**Questions from the public:** none received

**2378 Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Henry Cummins and Cllr Margaret Brooks.

**2379 Declarations of interest**

Cllr Rosie Robson declared an interest in planning application 19/00259/FUL and took no part in the discussions on this application.

**2380 Presentation by Members of the EJBC in relation to the Cemetery House project**

Councillors received a short presentation from Cllr Terry Howells in his capacity as EJBC representative. Cllr Howells advised Members that this was a unique project with the opportunity of providing a house to a local family at an affordable rent. Cllr Howells advised that a lot of background work had been carried out to get the EJBC to this point whereby a grant had been received for the project and an application is to be made to the Public Works Loan Board for the remainder of the costs of the project. Cllr Howells advised that the EJBC had circulated a copy of their projected cash flows for the project and this had also been provided to Craster representatives at EJBC meetings. He finished his remarks by stating that he hoped Craster would support this.

The Chair thanked Cllr Howells and the EJBC representatives present for attending the meeting. The Clerk asked Cllr Howells if this project would have to be mothballed if the Parish Council did not agree to this loan, i.e. not something which the other two Councils of Embleton and Newton by the Sea could take forward themselves. Cllr Howells advised that this was still unclear.

There being no further questions, The Chair invited Members to vote on the motion that the Parish Council supported the application of the £25,000 loan to the Public Works Loan Board, with Craster Parish Council underwriting £6,250 of the joint loan with the other two Parish Councils. The motion was proposed by Cllr Martin Smith, seconded by Cllr Ann Fettis and the Parish Council voted unanimously in favour of this.

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Cllr Ann Fettis thanked the EJBC for their work and described the project as an innovative one.

Cllr Wendy Pattison offered to take a photograph to mark the occasion and the EJBC asked that this be done when all representatives were present.

The Clerk asked whether each Parish Council ought to make a press release for this project or the EJBC. Cllr Howells advised that the EJBC would do this.

Cllr Howells thanked the Council and all but two members of the public present left the meeting.

### **2364 Confirmation of the Minutes for the Meeting of 17th January and of the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of 31st January 2019.**

The Minutes for both meetings were unanimously approved as a true and accurate record of proceedings and signed by the Chair.

### **2365 Matters Arising**

No matters arising from either sets of Minutes.

### **2366 Financial matters**

a. **Bank Balance** - £6,244.10 at 19/02/2019

b. **Received since** 17/01/2019

Refund from NCC for Cemetery double charge - £39.00

c. **Spent since** 17/01/2019

Clerk wages & expenses (Dec 2018-Jan 2019) - £240.00

PAYE (Dec 2018-Jan 2019) - £60.00

d. **Payments required**

Clerk wages & expenses (Jan - Feb 2019) - £300.00

PAYE (Jan - Feb 2019) - £75.00

### **2367 County Councillor's report**

County Councillor Wendy Pattison began by saying that she was pleased to be able to support the bins project to the cost of £2,000 including the cost of installation from 1<sup>st</sup> April.

Cllr Martin Smith asked whether Northumberland County Council could provide the Parish with more grit bins. Cllr Pattison advised that this would be possible but there would be a charge of £300 per grit bin if the Council wanted this.

Cllr Elizabeth Pearson asked if Cllr Pattison could report a rather dangerous pothole which had caused quite a severe accident recently. Cllr Pattison advised that she would be happy to do so and reminded Members that if any damage had been done to vehicles as a result of a pothole, that there is a claims system operating at the County Council where the public can make a claim for repairs.

Cllr Jennifer Doherty also asked what was happening with the car parking charges at the quarry. Cllr Pattison advised that this would be changing and now no longer be 3 hours or a full day but rather you could pay up to just 1 hour. Cllr Pattison advised that she had pushed NCC to allow for free parking for dog walkers but this had been refused.

### **2368 Neighbourhood Plan**

The Clerk reported that the Neighbourhood Plan Area designation had been completed and would be posted on the Parish Council website. He also advised that he had a meeting with NCC Officers Sarah Brannigan and David English to discuss the next steps of progressing the neighbourhood plan to cover the single policy issue of Permanent Residency for all new developments.

### **2369 EJBC (Embleton Joint Burial Committee)**

Cllr Rosie Robson and Cllr Elizabeth Pearson advised that there were no further updates to add to what had already been discussed at the outset of the meeting.

### **2370 Planning Matters**

At this point, the Chair suspended Standing Orders to allow for discussion to take place in relation to planning application **19/00533/FUL** | Proposal to infill open yard with glazed unit to be used as part of dwelling; change windows on elevation with traditional sliding sash type. | Middle Rigg Haven Hill Craster Alnwick Northumberland NE66 3TR. This was due to the application notification arriving after the posting of the Agenda and the deadline for comments being before the next Full Council meeting.

Councillors considered this application and it was **agreed** that an objection ought to be drafted to the application on the basis of its impact on neighbouring properties.

**19/00259/FUL** | Proposed erection of two, three bedroom detached residential dwelling. (C3 Use). | Land South West Of Chapel Row Dunstanburgh Road Craster Northumberland. Councillors considered this application and it was **agreed** that an objection ought to be drafted to the application on the basis of its impact on highways safety and the wildlife corridor.

**19/00472/FUL** | Glaze in rear small patio area. | Harbour Cottage 5 Haven Hill Craster Alnwick Northumberland NE66 3TR. Councillors considered this application and it was **agreed** that an objection ought to be drafted to the application on the basis of its impact on neighbouring properties.

### **2371 Craster Trail update**

The Clerk reported that there was still no final copy of the map to view and approve. He hoped that this would be done for the next Parish Council meeting and would stress this point to the contractor.

### **2372 Broadband for the Hall**

Cllr Mark Green reported that the broadband and phone line had finally been installed into the Hall and the internet was now fully operational and providing a speedy connection. Cllr Green also thanked local resident Marjorie for her patience during the instalment as he was aware that the engineers may have caused her a few issues.

The Clerk recommended that the Community Trust may wish to contact Sylvia Pringle from iNorthumberland and tell her about the Hall now having its own Wi-Fi as she is looking to set up some computer assistance classes much like the national "warm hubs" initiative.

### **2373 Craster Community Trust**

No update provided on this as the CCT had not met since the last Parish Council meeting.

### **2374 Karbon Homes Funding opportunity**

Cllr Ann Fettis advised that she had been made aware of the funding opportunity from Karbon Homes. Cllr Rosie Robson asked if this could be passed to the CCT to make the application and the Council agreed with this.

Councillors advised that they felt that there should be a survey of residents carried out to ascertain what their priorities for the community ought to be. The Clerk agreed to draft a survey.

### **2375 Awareness road signs of the 20mph speed limit on Heugh Road**

Cllr Elizabeth Pearson raised concerns about speeding taking place on Heugh Road and said she felt there needed to be further signage and in particular 20mph painted on the road. The Clerk advised that he would contact Neil Snowden at NCC to ask for a speeding survey to be carried out on the road to get a feeling as to how fast cars were driving in the area.

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### **2376 Pre-Submission Draft of the Northumberland Local Plan**

The Council felt that the Council response ought to focus mainly on the policies relating to Second and Holiday Homes, AONB coastal area and the rural economy. It was agreed that Cllr Rosie Robson and Cllr Mark Green would attend the forthcoming drop-in session for the consultation and report back to the Council in writing with the Council's response being agreed thereafter.

### **2377 Correspondence received**

Correspondence received from two residents asking what the Parish Council position is in relation to planning application 19/00259/FUL – Clerk has responded.  
Ongoing correspondence re: EJBC house renovation project.

### **2378 Parish Council Administration**

The Clerk reminded everyone that there is still a need to fill the two remaining vacancies on the Parish Council.

### **2379 Items for Next Agenda**

The Chair reminded all Members to contact the Clerk should they wish to have anything on the Agenda for the next Parish Council meeting.

**2380 Date and time of next meeting** – The next meeting of the Council is to be held at 7:00pm on 21st March 2019.