

MINUTES OF MEETING OF CRASTER PARISH COUNCIL
Thursday 16th May 2019 – 7.00pm in the Craster Memorial Hall

Councillors present:

Chair: Martin Smith

Parish Council members: Elizabeth Pearson, Margaret Brooks and Jennifer Doherty.

In attendance: 5 members of the public.

Clerk: Adam Shanley

2361 Election of Chair of Parish Council

The Clerk asked if there were any nominations for the role of Chair. Cllr E Pearson nominated Cllr M Smith, this was seconded by Cllr M Brooks and unanimously accepted by the Council.

2362 Election of Vice-Chair of Parish Council

The Chair asked if there were any nominations for the role of Vice-Chair. Cllr J Doherty nominated Cllr M Brooks, this was seconded by Cllr M Smith and unanimously accepted by the Council.

Public questions

Fiona raised the issue of the blue signs at the crossroads being dangerous and asked if NCC had taken any action on this. The Clerk advised that they had not done anything to date on this.

Marjorie raised the issue of the hedge at Smithy Bank and asked if anything could be done about this. The Clerk advised that he would look into this.

Fiona also raised the issue of the lack of a second fence by the new car park at the quarry. Cllr Pattison advised that the works were still ongoing and requested that the Clerk contact Paul Jones to see if he could look into this.

Fiona also raised the issue that there had been some instances of joy riding taking place in the quarry car park and the car park had been littered with beer cans. Councillors advised that they weren't aware of this happening.

2363 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs R Robson and M Green.

2364 Declarations of interest

None received.

2365 Confirmation of the Minutes for the Meeting of 24th April 2019

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 24th April were accepted as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

2366 Matters Arising

No matters arising from the Minutes of the 24th April 2019.

2367 Financial matters

a. Bank Balance – £7,372.44 at 12/05/2019

b. Received since 24/04/2019

c. Spent since 24/04/2019

Clerk wages & expenses (Mar 2019- Apr 2019) - £240.00

PAYE (Mar 2019- Apr 2019) - £60.00

d. Payments required

Clerk wages & expenses (Apr 2019- May 2019) - £240.00

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20/6/2019

PAYE (Apr 2019- May 2019) - £60.00
NALC subscription and website fee - £165.48

2368 EJBC (Embleton Joint Burial Committee) – update from Council representatives on EJBC.

Cllr E Pearson provided an update to the Parish Council as the representative to the EJBC. Cllr E Pearson advised that there were two points of clarity needed on the loan application for the work to the Cemetery House and the burial committee's Clerk had responded to these and nothing had been received back to date. Cllr E Pearson also advised that the cemetery continued to look nice and tidy through the work of the contractor and this was appreciated by all.

2369 County Councillor's report - circulated Questions to the CC.

County Councillor Wendy Pattison provided an update on matters from the County Council. Cllr Pattison advised that she had recently had a meeting with NCC Officer Mitch Young who had expressed concern about the state of the drystone wall on the trail. Cllr Pattison asked if Howick Estates would be looking after this. The Clerk advised that he would be seeking further quotes for drystone wall works.

Cllr Pattison also advised that Craster had had a recent visit from Cabinet Member for Local Services Cllr Glen Sanderson to come and see the newly installed electric vehicle charger in the Craster car park.

Cllr Pattison also advised that she felt that the WIFI to the Hall was a great step forward for the community and she felt that Craster was looking particularly lovely in the sunshine.

2370 Notice boards

Cllr M Smith advised that he had been away recently and had not had a chance to take any further action on this. He would provide a report to Council at the June meeting.

2371 Craster Trail update – discussion on map and drystone wall.

The Clerk advised that he would seek further quotes for drystone walling. Cllr M Brooks advised that she had heard that the AONB were unable to do this as originally had been hoped as a training wall for drystone walling.

Cllr M Brooks provided an update on the design of the map and illustrated the work which had been carried out to date on the new design of the map. Members felt that footpath wasn't shown at its best in the current format and were against the sea and the green in the map.

2372 Update on Neighbourhood Plan – verbal update from Clerk.

The Clerk advised that he had met with NCC Planning Officers to go through the plan in its current form and would be providing a draft to Council hopefully in June.

2373 Update on Bins in Craster

The Clerk advised that he was waiting to hear from NCC to see if they would approve the agreed alterations to the positioning and installation of the bins. At present no response on this had been received and Cllr Pattison's funds had now come available to be able to purchase the bins. The Clerk advised that he would continue to chase this.

2374 Craster Community Trust – report from Parish Council representative

*M. Smith
20/6/2019*

