

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF CRASTER PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2019 – 7.00pm in the Craster Memorial Hall**

Councillors present:

Chair: Ann Fettis

Parish Council members: Henry Cummins, Jennifer Doherty, Mark Green, Elizabeth Pearson & Martin Smith (minute taker)

In attendance: 3 members of the public

Questions from the public: Steve Bagley asked: - Have we received his email of 5th April and will he receive an answer? In the absence of the Clerk, we cannot confirm receipt but will check and get back to Steve accordingly. Are previous PCC minutes available online i.e. from 1985? Steve was advised that PCC records dating back that far are archived at Woodhorn

2361 Apologies for absence – Cllrs Margaret Brooks & Rosie Robson; Clerk Adam Shanley; County Cllr Wendy Pattison

2362 Declarations of interest – Ann Fettis in respect of item 2368

2363 Confirmation of the Minutes for the Meeting of 21st March 2019 The Minutes were unanimously approved by those Councillors present on 21st March 2019 as a true and accurate record of proceedings and signed by the Vice Chair Cllr Smith. Proposer: Cllr Pearson Seconder: Cllr Doherty

2364 Matters Arising - Speed on the road at playpark. Adam was referring this to NCC, so, will need to confirm the action taken, at the next meeting Neighbourhood plan – waiting for confirmation from Sarah before proceeding to a referendum of the residents Notice boards, there are two spare when the new boards were installed. It has been suggested that they be installed, one on the kipper shed and one on the Hall, but left open so that anyone can use them. We will need to ask permission from both the kipper yard and the CCT to ensure that they can be sited on these buildings. Mark agreed to locate the boards and fit them once permission has been received.

2365 Financial matters

a. Bank Balance – £7,729.44 at 17/04/2019

b. Received since 21/03/2019 Precept - £2,250.00

c. Spent since 21/03/2019 Clerk wages & expenses (Feb 2019 - Mar 2019) - £240.00 PAYE (Feb 2019 - Mar 2019) - £60.00

d. Payments required

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

PAYE (Mar 2019- Apr 2019) - £60.00

As Adam is unable to attend, this will be addressed at the next meeting

2366 EJBC (Embleton Joint Burial Committee) – The Council representatives advised that everything for refurbishment of the Cemetery House has been submitted, they are now waiting for either feedback or the go ahead. The builder chosen is still available to do the work as quoted. Issues with

the bins are being addressed by Geoff the EJBC Clerk. The condition of the cemetery is good, however, there is evidence of mole activity. A number of Councillors suggested someone who has a good reputation is dealing with moles. This will be passed back to the EJBC Clerk by the Council representatives.

2367 County Councillor's report - circulated Questions to the CC. As Wendy was unable to attend, it was suggested that any questions relating to her report should be referred to her by email. Clerk will need to raise an invoice for the new bins to allow Wendy to pay for them as previously agreed.

2368 Planning Matters 19/00965/FUL | Proposed single storey extension to rear of existing bungalow | Stonecroft Dunstan Village Dunstan Northumberland NE66 3SZ. The plans have been seen by all and Councillors mentioned that they were happy with the extension as it was considered to be in style/keeping. The plan was agreed acceptable without comment. Proposer Cllr Cummins. Seconded Cllr Green. All other Councillors agreed except Cllr who abstained due to her declaration of interest.

2369 Craster Trail update – discussion on map and gates for the Trail. The gates should be fitted prior to the May Bank Holiday. Neil Bradley is also being contacted regarding the rilling/water damage on the new pathway again. It is noted that the path markers are fitted. Drystone wall – the following will need to be discussed at the next meeting to clarify action being taken: - There was concern that the piles of stone at the top of the path may be dangerous. It will be necessary for this to be checked and made safe if required. Also is there any funding available to pay for the extensive work this involves. Suggestions are: - a. NCC, check with Wendy b. DEFRA via Lord Howick. The current version of the map emailed to the Council was agreed to be correct in style, however, it is felt that it shows too much sea and fields and not enough detail of pathways. We will also need to consider the provision of a key for attractions and how it will be displayed. Cllr Green commented that it is unclear whether the map will “blow up” appropriately to full size but still be clear. Cllr Green will liaise with Cllr Brooks and the map designer to clarify these points. The Chair asked the members of public for comment which generally were good. Fiona Robson suggested that the public and especially new visitors should be canvassed for their opinions on what would be beneficial on the map (using whichever current version of the map is available). It was agreed that this should be taken on board when Cllr Green contacts Cllr Brooks. It was also suggested that TIC could be utilised in this respect.

2370 Craster Community Trust – report from Parish Council representative

2371 Correspondence received

Email received from a couple in Warwickshire enquiring the opinions of the Council to their consideration of purchasing a property in Craster which they would move into when they retire. We have welcomed their choice to consider Craster and it was pointed out the community groups they could join, so that they could be active members of the community. Councillor Henry Cummins has regrettably resigned due to work commitments. The Chair has accepted his letter of resignation and the Council thanked Cllr Cummins for his hard work and support.

2372 Parish Council Administration. There are still unfilled positions on the Council. If any residents of the parish are considering joining, please contact either the Clerk or any Councillor for details of what is involved and how they could then apply.

2373 Items for Next Agenda Speed on road by playpark Neighbourhood plan Notice boards Bins  
Drystone wall Condition of roads I.e. potholes, Bogue Road culvert collapsing

2374 Date and time of next meeting 16th May 2019