

MEETING OF CRASTER PARISH COUNCIL
Thursday 16th May 2019 – 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 Election of Chair of Parish Council**
- 2362 Election of Vice-Chair of Parish Council**
- 2363 Apologies for absence**
- 2364 Declarations of interest**
- 2365 Confirmation of the Minutes for the Meeting of 24th April 2019**
- 2366 Matters Arising**
- 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**
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 - NALC subscription and website fee - £165.48
- 2368 EJBC (Embleton Joint Burial Committee)** – update from Council representatives on EJBC.
- 2369 County Councillor's report** - circulated Questions to the CC.
- 2370 Notice boards**
 - 2371 Craster Trail update** – discussion on map and drystone wall.
 - 2372 Update on Neighbourhood Plan** – verbal update from Clerk.
 - 2373 Update on Bins in Craster**
- 2374 Craster Community Trust** – report from Parish Council representative
- 2375 Membership of Outside bodies** – Councillors are asked to agree their representatives on CCT and EJBC.
- 2376 Correspondence received**
- 2377 Parish Council Administration**
- 2378 Items for next Agenda**
- 2379 Date and time of next meeting**

Open to Public & Press

RECEIPTS and PAYMENTS ACCOUNT	Craster PC 2019/20		
Craster Parish Council - Financial Position @ 12th May 2019			
RECEIPTS			This Year
	Precept		£ 2,250.00
	Bank/VAT		£ -
	Refunds		£ -
	Misc		£ -
	TOTAL RECEIPTS		£ 2,250.00
PAYMENTS			
			This Year
	Salary		£ 240.00
	HMRC		£ 60.00
	Grants/ Donations		£ -
	Travel		£ -
	Postage Etc		£ -
	Burial Cmttee		£ -
	Admin		£ -
	Misc		£ 57.00
	VAT		£ -
	Bank		£ -
	TOTAL PAYMENTS		£ 357.00
	Increase/Decrease in Funds		£ 1,893.00
	Funds at start of the year		£ 5,479.44
	Funds at end of the year		£ 7,372.44

Wednesday 24th April 2019 – 7pm 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

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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

COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

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Facebook – Cllr Wendy Pattison



Craster Parish

Meeting of the Nine Parishes in the Longhoughton Ward – A very successful meeting took place on April 12th at the Alnwick Youth Hostel with representatives from the nine Parishes contained in the Longhoughton Ward (unfortunately Craster Parish Council was not represented). The new Head of NCC Planning, Mr Rob Murfin was on hand to talk about future changes re NCC Planning and to take questions.

Alnwick County Councillor, Cllr Gordon Castle was also present at the meeting to discuss Alnwick and progress of the Playhouse, library etc.

First ever mayor for the North of Tyne

Jamie Driscoll was declared as the first ever mayor for the North of Tyne on Friday, May 3rd.

Voters from Newcastle, Northumberland and North Tyneside chose Labour and Co-operative party member Jamie Driscoll ahead of Conservative Party candidate Charlie Houlton.

He will begin work as North of Tyne Mayor on Tuesday, May 7.

The North of Tyne Combined Authority has ambitious plans to create 10,000 jobs over the term of the deal, adding over £1bn in goods and services and leveraging over £2bn of private sector investment.

It has also meant the transfer of power and investment from central Government to Newcastle, North Tyneside and Northumberland.

Mr Driscoll thanked his campaign team following his victory in his acceptance speech as he promised to deliver on the portfolio he campaigned on over the last six months. He said he would deliver on housing, a people's bank and addressing the 'climate emergency' among his priorities as he prepares to begin his five years in office.

He pledged to work with elected members of all parties, extending 'a hand of friendship to all members from the Tyne to the Tweed'.

Following a second preference count, Mr Driscoll received 76,862 votes, with second-placed Mr Houlton receiving 60,089

The total number of verified votes was 185,695 with a turnout of 32.3%.

Police and Crime Commissioners Community Fund

Commissioners Community Fund 2019/20

Grants of up to £2,000 are available to Charities, Community Groups, Voluntary Groups and Social Enterprises throughout Northumberland.

The main focus this year is to tackle hate crime, reduce anti-social behaviour and build community confidence.

To apply for a grant, groups should submit the application form (which can be found on the link below) telling advising what you wish to achieve from your project and how it will specifically help to deliver the Crime Commissioners Police and Crime Plan.

<http://www.northumbria-pcc.gov.uk/police-crime-plan/commissioning-services-grants/>

For more information, contact Ruth Durham at the Police Crime Commissioners Office ruth.durham@northumbria-pcc.gov.uk or telephone 0191 437 5371

Step Into Spring and age well

The above event is a great opportunity for people to get together over a cuppa for a chat and to find out more about staying active, involved and well. They will also be able to find out more about groups, volunteering opportunities and activities that are available in their neighbourhood.

Local and voluntary organisations, housing associations and leisure and health services will all be present to offer helpful advice and support.

An Ageing Well Fair will take place at Longhoughton Village at the Westfield Centre, Park Road on 12th June 2019 from 10am to 12 noon.

Cllr Veronica Jones, cabinet member for adult health and wellbeing said: "We want people to stay healthy as they grow older. By supporting people to have an active and healthy lifestyle we can help them achieve this."

The events are organised by Ageing Well Northumberland which works to promote the health and wellbeing of older people within their local communities and ensure the county is a great place in which to grow old. It is delivered in partnership between Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust and Northumberland County Council.



Council Tax Discount – Care Providers

The form is available to download on the County Council's website

Disabled Band Reduction is based on an assessment of the property. It is not an assessment of the disabled person themselves. It is based on how the property is used and any adaptations that may have been made. Once NCC receive your application you will be contacted by one of our visiting officers who will arrange a convenient time to visit the property and compose a report. Ideally this will be when the disabled resident is present, but this is not mandatory. The visiting officer does not make the decision on whether the Disabled Band Relief will be awarded; this is done by a senior officer within the Council Tax team. Should you be successful in your application you will receive a revised Council Tax bill showing the reduction. Should you be unsuccessful you will receive a letter advising of this decision and the reasoning behind it. Should a significant backdating of the relief be requested evidence of the existence of the facilities will be required.

Appeals to the Valuation Tribunal Service

Appeals to the Valuation Tribunal Service can be made for the following reasons:

- you should not be liable for council tax
- a property for which you are liable should not be chargeable
- you may be entitled to a discount or exemption but the council has not awarded it
- a civil penalty has been incorrectly charged
- if you think your award of council tax support is incorrect

The council must first be notified of any of these matters then, if an agreement is not reached, an appeal to the Valuation Tribunal Service can be made.

Fire facts - did you know?

Did you know?

You are four times more likely to die in a fire if you don't have a working smoke alarm.

- 21 people die annually because the battery in their smoke alarm was flat or missing.
- Around half of fires in the home are caused by cooking accidents.
- Daily, three fires are started by candles.
- Every five days someone dies from a fire caused by cigarettes.
- Faulty electrics cause about 6,000 house fires countrywide every year.

