

MINUTES OF MEETING OF CRASTER PARISH COUNCIL
Wednesday 24th July 2019 – 7.00pm in the Craster
Memorial Hall

Councillors present:

Chair: Martin Smith

Parish Council members: Elizabeth Pearson, Margaret Brooks and Rosie Robson

In attendance: 7 members of the public.

Clerk: Adam Shanley

Question from members of the public.

Mr Steven Bagley raised the issue of boyracers in the quarry car park and asked if the Parish Council could do something about this. The Clerk and the Chair both advised that they had witnessed excessive speeding taking place immediately after the June Full Council. The Clerk advised that he has reported this to the police and would endeavour to have an officer at the September Full Parish Council meeting.

Mr Bagley also raised the issue of the BT phone box in Dunstan and asked if BT were intending on removing this. The Clerk reported that he had not received official confirmation that this is the case and Parish Councils are consulted on this usually. The Clerk advised that he would try and find out.

Another resident raised the issue of the electronic vehicle charging point in the quarry car park and advised that this was not working. The Clerk advised that he had not received any complaints about this but that he would raise this with Northumberland County Council.

2361 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Doherty, Green and Pattison.

2362 Declarations of interest

None received.

2363 Co-option of new Parish Council Members

Mr Neil Wallworth expressed a desire to be co-opted on to the Parish Council. He advised that he was keen to do his bit for the community in which he lived and hoped to be able to make a positive change to the Parish.

Standing Orders were suspended in relation to the need for an individual to submit a CV ahead of the meeting and Mr Neil Wallworth was unanimously co-opted on to the Parish Council. The Chair welcomed Mr Wallworth and advised that he looked forward to working with him.

2364 Confirmation of the Minutes for the Meeting of 20th June 2019

The Minutes of the meeting held on 20th June were unanimously agreed as a true and accurate record of proceedings. The Chair signed the Minutes.

2365 Matters Arising

None received.

2366 Financial matters

a. **Bank Balance** – £6,256.52

b. **Received since** 20/06/2019

Refund from Plusnet for overpayment of Broadband - £72.00

c. **Spent since** 20/06/2019

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Clerk wages & expenses (May 2019 - June 2019) - £320.00
PAYE (May 2019 - June 2019) - £80.00
Plusnet (Internet and phone) - £57.00
Annual Hall Hire paid to CCT - £240.00

d. **Payments required**

Clerk wages & expenses (June 2019 - July 2019) - £400.00
PAYE (June 2019 - July 2019) - £100.00

2367 County Councillor's report

Councillors noted the content of Cllr Pattison's report which was circulated with the Agenda. The Clerk advised that all queries should be directed to Cllr Pattison.

2368 EJBC (Embleton Joint Burial Committee)

Cllr Elizabeth Pearson provided an update to the Council as representative on the burial Committee. Cllr Pearson firstly thanked Cllr Robson for her great work as a fellow representative on the Committee over the last year.

Cllr Pearson also advised that the project on the renovation of the cemetery house was six months delayed owing to the delay in receiving the funds for the project. As a result, the builder had now had to revise his tender which needed to be increased by £4,500. Cllr Pearson advised that the project would still be going ahead and covered by the funding and the committee hoped that this would be completed as soon as possible.

Cllr Pearson also advised the Cllr Terry Howells had been re-elected Chair of the Committee and Cllr Andrew Chillingsworth had been re-elected Vice-Chair of the Committee.

2369 Overgrown paths and roads by Sea View

The Chair reported that the path at Smithy Bank was overgrown and ought to be reported to NCC for them to do something about this, likewise with the paths by the sea view. The Clerk advised that he would be reporting this to NCC Highways Safety team.

2370 Smithy Bank

The Chair reported that Cllr Doherty had requested this be placed on the Agenda as she was concerned about pedestrian safety at Smithy Bank also. The Clerk advised that he would seek action on this from NCC.

2371 Planning Matters

19/01508/OUT | Outline application for erection of four dwelling houses (Some Matters Reserved) | Land South Of Dunstan Hall Dunstan Village Dunstan Northumberland. The Clerk reported that this was now a full planning application as per correspondence he had received in the last week regarding this application. It was **agreed** to object to the application on similar grounds as the outline planning application. It was also **agreed** to call this application to the North Northumberland Local Area Council Planning Committee if minded to approve.

19/01388/FUL | Front and rear extensions to house; conversion of outbuildings | Hare House 6 Dunstan Square Dunstan NE66 3TG. No updates on this application.

2372 Craster Trail update

Cllr Robson advised that she had been in contact with the Coastal Care team and they had agreed that the wall could be used as a training area for drystone walling. This would hopefully ensure that the wall is repaired at no cost to the Parish Council.

Cllr Brooks reported that she was coming close to having the map completed and she would be working with Jason from the chosen supplier to have a completed version to Councillors at the September Full Parish Council meeting.

2373 Update on the bins

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The Clerk reported that the new bins had now been ordered though there was a need to purchase another bin so that the bill for these came to £2,000 as per requirements for use of funds by County Councillors as Cllr Pattison had agreed to fund the bins.

2374 Traffic matters

The Clerk advised that he had written to the coach company which is parking in Craster and causing a potential hazard, the company advised that they would endeavour to ensure that all drivers were aware that this must not be done. Cllr Brooks advised that she had met with the Highways Officer at NCC and had raised the issues brought up to her regarding speeding and further signage in the village. NCC is taking appropriate action on this.

2375 Craster Community Trust

Cllr Robson reminded members about the William Sutherland event which the Community Trust were putting on. Cllr Robson encouraged Members to attend this event.

2376 Neighbourhood Plan

The Clerk advised that a pre-consultation letter had gone out to all residents regarding the plans for the Neighbourhood Plan. Responses were requested for August and it would be a lot easier to collate the feedback in the current format of the document. The Clerk also advised that he had been contacted by a local consultant regarding the plan and he would be discussing this further with her to see how she could assist as the Plan goes forward for formal consultation.

2377 Correspondence received

Correspondence received from resident regarding planning application 19/01508/OUT and the Parish Council's response to this application.

Correspondence received from new police officer for Craster PC Stuart Brimble.

2378 Parish Council Administration

The Chair reported that the old noticeboards had kindly been repaired by Mr Richard Pearson and would be installed as requested by the Parish Council.

2379 Items for Next Agenda

The Chair reminded Members to let the Clerk know if they wish to have anything added as an Agenda item for the September Full Council meeting.

2380 Date and time of next meeting

19th September 2019 – 19:00pm in the Craster Memorial Hall.

There being no further business, the Chair thanked Members for their attendance and closed the meeting.

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