

Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on 16th May 2019

Craster Memorial Hall – 18:00pm

In attendance: Councillors Martin Smith, Elizabeth Pearson, Jennifer Doherty and Margaret Brooks.

Also in attendance: County Councillor Wendy Pattison, Parish Clerk Adam Shanley and 4 members of the public.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of last Parish meeting

The Minutes of the annual Parish meeting held on Thursday 29th November 2018 were unanimously agreed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

2. Chair's update on the Parish Council

Cllr Martin Smith provided the apologies of Parish Council Chair Cllr Ann Fettis to the meeting. Cllr Smith provided an update on works carried out by the Parish Council since May 2018. Cllr Smith advised that since the last Parish meeting, the Parish Council had undertaken a great deal of work on projects such as the Craster Trail, the replacement of the bins in the Parish, the funding of play equipment in the park, etc. Cllr Smith also advised that the Parish Council continues to represent the Parish on planning applications and important local consultations. Cllr Smith also advised that the Parish Council had successfully installed and is funding the phone and WIFI to the Hall; something long overdue and highly welcome for the community. Cllr Smith also advised that the Parish Council continues to apply for grant funding where applicable to support its services over and above that which is precepted. Cllr Smith advised that the Parish Council was also pushing to have greater mobile phone coverage in the Parish, improve road safety and investigate methods of controlling parking in the Parish.

Cllr Smith also advised that the Parish Council is working to create a "one policy" Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish which would seek to control the occupancy in new developments of the Parish.

Cllr Smith finished his remarks by thanking fellow volunteer Parish Councillors and in particular the Clerk for all of the great work that has been done to the benefit of Craster and Dunstan.

3. Presentation by iNorthumberland

Unfortunately, no member of the iNorthumberland team was able to attend and provide an update on the push to gain mobile phone coverage in the Parish. County Councillor Wendy Pattison and the Clerk advised that this is something they continue to push for from Northumberland County Council.

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4. Future projects for the Parish

Members of the public requested that the Parish Council looks further into the issues of getting mobile phone coverage for the Parish and also continues to investigate a scheme to solve the Parish's parking issues.

5. AOB

A member of the public raised the issue of road signage and street furniture in Craster and asked for there to be more signage to state "no parking" in particular areas of the Parish which could be particularly vulnerable should an emergency vehicle not be able to access them due to unlawful parking.

Another member of the public asked the Parish Council to work more closely with the National Trust to see if they could assist with the parking issues in the Parish.

The Chair closed the meeting.

MRS. S. J. H.
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