

MEETING OF CRASTER PARISH COUNCIL
Thursday 21st November 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 Apologies for absence

2362 Declarations of interest

2363 Confirmation of the Minutes for the meeting of 17th October 2019

2364 Matters Arising

2365 Financial matters

- a. **Bank Balance** – £6,097.39
- b. **Received since 17/10/2019**
- c. **Spent since 17/10/2019**

Clerk wages & expenses - £400.00

PAYE - £100.00

Plusnet - £39.00

- d. **Payments required**

Clerk wages & expenses (Oct 2019 – Nov 2019) - £320.00

PAYE (Oct 2019 – Nov 2019) - £80.00

Royal British Legion (Wreath for Remembrance Day) - £16.00

Stableyard Landscapes (grass cutting throughout 2019 and Craster trail gates) - £776.00

2366 EJBC (Embleton Joint Burial Committee) – update from Council representatives on EJBC.

2367 Planning Matters

19/01508/FUL | Outline application for erection of four dwelling houses (Some Matters Reserved) | Land South Of Dunstan Hall Dunstan Village Dunstan Northumberland

19/01388/FUL | Front and rear extensions to house; conversion of outbuildings | Hare House 6 Dunstan Square Dunstan NE66 3TG

19/03577/BT | proposal to remove phone box at Dunstan

19/04217/FUL | The installation of 11. no all-weather pitches within the existing Camping and Caravanning Site | The Camping and Caravanning Club Dunstan Hill Dunstan Alnwick Northumberland NE66 3TQ

2368 Craster Trail update – discussion on map, drystone wall and gates for the Trail.

2369 Craster Community Trust – report from Parish Council representative

2370 Neighbourhood Plan – update on progress for the Neighbourhood Plan.

2371 Preparation for Annual Parish meeting on 25th November – report from Clerk

2372 County Councillor's report - circulated Questions to the CC

2373 Items for Next Agenda

2374 Date and time of next meeting

16th January 2020 – 19:00pm in the Craster Memorial Hall.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF CRASTER PARISH COUNCIL
Thursday 17th October 2019 – 7.00pm

Councillors present:

Chair: Martin Smith

Parish Council members:

Elizabeth Pearson, Margaret Brooks, Mark Green and Michael Craster

In attendance: No members of the public.

Clerk: Adam Shanley

Question from members of the public.

None received.

2361 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from County Councillor Wendy Pattison.

2362 Declarations of interest

The Clerk declared an interest in the item relating to the Neighbourhood Plan as the proposal for professional fees under consideration had been received from the same consultant who completed the Ponteland Neighbourhood Plan.

2363 Discussion with Northumbria Police on boy racers in Craster.

No representative of Northumbria Police attended the meeting. The Clerk advised that the Police had confirmed that they would attend.

2364 Confirmation of the Minutes for the Meeting of 19th September 2019

The Minutes of the meeting held on 19th September were unanimously agreed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

2365 Matters Arising

None received.

2366 Financial matters

- a. **Bank Balance** – £6,636.39
- b. **Received since** 19/09/2019
- c. **Spent since** 19/09/2019

Clerk wages & expenses - £400.00

PAYE - £100.00

Plusnet - £39.00

NCC (removal of two bins) - £79.70

Payment to Rosie Robson (refund for Hall telephone and food for volunteer day) - £98.00

- d. **Payments required**

Clerk wages & expenses (Sept 2019 – Oct 2019) - £400.00

PAYE (Sept 2019 – Oct 2019) - £100.00

2367 EJBC (Embleton Joint Burial Committee)

Cllr Elizabeth Pearson provided an update to the Council as Parish Council representative on Embleton Joint Burial Committee. Cllr Pearson advised that the selected contractor was still committed to the task of renovating the Cemetery house. Work is due to start on the renovation by the contractor at the end of the year. Cllr Pearson advised that the contractor had carried out a survey of the property and was due to start work at the end of year.

2368 Planning Matters

The Clerk reported that there were no updates to date on the following live planning applications:

19/01508/FUL | Outline application for erection of four dwelling houses (Some Matters Reserved) | Land South Of Dunstan Hall Dunstan Village Dunstan Northumberland

19/01388/FUL | Front and rear extensions to house; conversion of outbuildings | Hare House 6 Dunstan Square Dunstan NE66 3TG

19/03577/BT | proposal to remove phone box at Dunstan

2369 Craster Trail update

The Chair advised that the gates had now been installed on the trail. Councillors felt that this was a terrific job by the Council's selected contractor. Cllr M Brooks advised that there were no updates yet on the amends suggested to the map at the last full Parish Council meeting. The Council again thanked Rosie Robson and the group of volunteers on the excellent work done to the drystone wall.

2370 Update on the bins

The Clerk advised that the bins had now been ordered and paid for by Cllr Wendy Pattison through her neighbourhood budget. The bins would be arriving in the next seven to eight weeks.

2371 Christmas tree for Craster

It was agreed to order a Christmas tree once again this year for Craster through the supplier Hobberlaw Plants.

2372 Craster Community Trust

Cllr M Craster provided an update on the work of the Trust. Cllr Craster advised that the Trust would soon be hosting a training session on the use of the new speakers installed in the Hall to all regular users of the Hall and Cllr Craster recommended that representatives of the Parish Council attend this training session.

Cllr Craster also advised that the Trust were looking into the issue of licensing for the Hall. Cllr Craster advised that it may be that the Trust applies for a one-off event license when needed for events where alcohol could be sold. Alternatively, the Trust would look to acquire a permanent license for the Hall. Cllr Craster advised that he would keep the Parish Council posted on this as the Chair advised a permanent license may have an impact on the Parish Council's ability to hold meetings in the Hall.

2373 Neighbourhood Plan

The Clerk advised that he had now received three quotations for the professional support required for the Neighbourhood Plan. Councillors agreed to go with contractor A which was the cheapest of the three quotations and request that work begin immediately on this. The Clerk advised that he had submitted an application for grant funding to Locality to fund the professional support. Councillors also requested that adequate funding be applied for to cover the Clerk's time for the work needed for the plan and also for room hire and stationary.

2374 Update on proposal for resident only car parking

Councillors agreed to a proposal to have a temporary resident only parking scheme in place for both Craster and Dunstan to ascertain how successful this would be before making such a scheme permanent. It was agreed to include Dunstan in the plans as concern was expressed that cars would be displaced from Craster into Dunstan if the scheme was only based in Craster.

2375 County Councillor's report

In County Councillor Wendy Pattison's absence, the Chair requested that Councillors consider the written report by Cllr Pattison and direct any queries to Cllr Pattison.

2376 9 Parish Councils meeting with Cllr Wendy Pattison

The Chair advised that he and Cllr M Brooks had recently attended Cllr Wendy Pattison's 9 Parish Councils meeting and had found this very useful as many of the issues raised in the Parish of Craster were also pertinent to neighbouring areas and it was interesting to see what these areas were doing to tackle these issues.

2377 Next annual Parish meeting

It was agreed that the next annual Parish meeting should take place on 25th November at 18:00pm. It was also agreed that the following issues should be on the Agenda: report on Community Trust,

discussion with Northumbria Police, mobile phone coverage, precept, resident only car parking and the Neighbourhood Plan.

2378 Items for Next Agenda

The Chair reminded Councillors to write to the Clerk with any new Agenda items for the next Parish Council meeting.

2379 Date and time of next meeting

21st November 2019 – 19:00pm in the Craster Memorial Hall.

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

Craster Parish Council - Financial Position @ 11th November 2019			
RECEIPTS			This Year
	Precept		£ 4,500.00
	Bank/VAT		£ -
	Refunds		£ 72.00
	Misc		£ -
	TOTAL RECEIPTS		£ 4,572.00
PAYMENTS			
			This Year
	Salary		£ 2,320.00
	HMRC		£ 580.00
	Grants/ Donations		£ -
	Travel		£ -
	Postage Etc		£ -
	Burial Cmttee		£ -
	Admin		£ -
	Misc		£ 1,085.61
	VAT		£ -
	Bank		£ -
	TOTAL PAYMENTS		£ 3,985.61
	Increase/Decrease in Funds		£ 586.39
	Funds at start of the year		£ 5,511.00
	Funds at end of the year		£ 6,097.39



CRASTER PARISH COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

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Craster Parish

Councillor Margaret Brooks and Councillor Elizabeth Pearson – The nomination of two Community Volunteers

On September 16th 2019, I was asked by County Councillor Ian Hutchinson, the Civic Head of Northumberland County Council, to nominate two volunteer workers from my ward who deserved County recognition. I decided to ask two people from Craster whose generosity and commitment towards the community and the village of Craster over very, many years and who have helped tirelessly towards making the Parish a really great place to live, work and visit. Councillor Margaret Brooks and Councillor Elizabeth Pearson accepted an invitation from the Civic Head of Northumberland County Council to attend the 'Volunteer thank you Celebration' which took place at County Hall on Friday, October 25th, 2019. The event was extremely well attended with many guests from all over the County of Northumberland.



Councillor (Mrs) Elizabeth Pearson is a Parish Councillor and has been a member of Craster Parish Council for over thirty years, a longstanding member of the Embleton Joint Burial Committee (Spitalford Cemetery, Embleton) for over twenty years and a former member of the Craster Community Trust for over fifteen years. Elizabeth is also a strong supporter of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI).

Councillor (Mrs) Margaret Brooks is a Parish Councillor and a member of Craster Parish Council. Margaret is an active member of the Embleton Parochial Church Council with an added responsibility for safeguarding. Margaret also spends a lot of time looking after the lovely garden at Craster Church and is also a member of the Embleton Joint Burial Committee.

Amongst the invited guests present at the event was also the Craster Parish Clerk, Mr Adam Shanley who also works tirelessly for his own community in the western area of the County.

9 Parishes Meeting – Craster Parish Council was represented at the meeting on October 3rd by the Chair of Craster Parish Council, Cllr Martin Smith and the Vice Chair,

Cllr Margaret Brooks. Speakers present at the meeting were County Councillor Glen Sanderson (with responsibility for highways) and NCC Officer, Mr Paul Jones. Concern was mentioned by Cllr Brooks and Cllr Smith regarding parked cars at the bottom of Tower Road close to the junction which restricts visibility when looking left and I followed this issue up after the meeting with Traffic Manager, Mr Richard McKenzie and Mr Paul Jones.

Proposed 'No waiting at any time parking restrictions (Double Yellow Lines), C76/C74 Junction, Craster' - NCC Traffic Management have agreed that this dangerous junction at the bottom of Tower Bank where visibility is often obstructed due to parked vehicles should be protected by double yellow lines. An NCC consultation is currently in progress in regard to the provision of double yellow lines at this location.

Broadband for Rural Communities

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More details set to be revealed on Alnwick campus scheme

Alnwick Campus Scheme - Residents were invited to a special drop in session to find out more about the new Lindisfarne Community Campus in Alnwick on October 25th.

This summer the council agreed major investment on the former Lindisfarne school site to create a modern Adult Learning Centre and Community Campus.

Before May 2017 the Middle School and Sports Hall had been approved for demolition and were due to be sold for housing. However, the current administration decided to retain the site. Consultation over the future of the site continued over the next two years with the local community through the Alnwick Forum - a partnership between the county and town council.

Feedback for potential uses for the remainder of the site overwhelmingly favoured creating a Community Campus anchored by the Council's Learning and Skills Service who are already operating from the site, albeit in poor quality facilities. The Service will be based in the annexe buildings which will be fully refurbished, while the existing community organisations will also have the opportunity to move across.

The annexe also contains a multi-purpose hall that can be let out on a casual use basis for a variety of local community activities. Work is set to start next Spring, ready to be opened by September 2020.

Volunteers needed for Pegasus Riding for the Disabled Group

An appeal is being made for volunteers to help at Pegasus Riding for the Disabled Centre in Morpeth. Regular help is needed to assist with leading the ponies during classes at the centre. Some knowledge of handling horses would be an advantage although not essential as training will be given. Help is needed on the following times :

Tuesday evening between 6pm - 7pm for a Useful Vision Group of visually impaired riders

Tuesday afternoon between 1pm - 4pm

Wednesday 1.30pm - 4pm

Thursday 12.30pm - 2.30pm & 5pm - 7pm

Friday 1.15pm - 2.30 pm

Saturday 10am - 3pm

The Morpeth Riding For The Disabled Group is a registered charity giving people with special needs and disabilities a chance to develop their abilities and enrich their lives through riding specially trained ponies.

Over 300 riders aged between 4 to 72 use the centre, travelling from all over the county and even Tyneside to attend. The Pegasus Centre is managed by Active Northumberland and supported financially by Northumberland County Council.

To find out more ring: Dawn Watson on 01670 624780 or email dwatson@activenorthumberland.org.uk