

MINUTES OF MEETING OF CRASTER PARISH COUNCIL
Thursday 21st November 2019 – 7.00pm

Councillors present:

Chair: Margaret Brooks

Parish Council members:

Elizabeth Pearson, Neil Wallworth, Jennifer Doherty, Mark Green and Michael Craster

In attendance: 1 member of the public and County Councillor Wendy Pattison

Clerk: Adam Shanley

Question from members of the public.

None received.

2361 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Martin Smith.

2362 Declarations of interest

None received.

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

The Minutes of the meeting held on 17th October 2019 were unanimously agreed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

2364 Matters Arising

Cllr Elizabeth Pearson reminded Members that the Christmas light switch on and the drinks following this would take place on 7th December from 6pm.

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)

Cllr Elizabeth Pearson provided a report as one of Craster Parish Council's representatives on the Joint Burial Committee.

Cllr Pearson advised that the Burial Committee were still being charged services including council tax for the house despite the House currently being empty.

Cllr Pearson advised that the selected contractor hoped to begin work on the house in January as previously advised at the October Parish Council meeting.

Cllr Pearson advised that an asbestos survey was needed in the property and quotes for this had come in at £320. Cllr Pearson also reported that a masonry crack in cemetery house had been identified and costs were currently being sourced to repair this. Cllr Pearson also advised that the Clerk to the Burial Committee would be writing to the Clerks of all three Parish Councils with a precept request for the next financial year for the Burial Committee. At present, the Burial Committee had £1,200 remaining in its account.

Cllr Green expressed some concern over the possibility that Craster may become liable for more costs in relation to the renovation of the Cemetery House.

The Clerk advised that he had not yet received correspondence from the Burial Committee. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Clerk of the Burial

Committee to ascertain the financial implications to Craster Parish Council in relation to the new request for funding.

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. There were no updates on this application.

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

19/03577/BT | proposal to remove phone box at Dunstan. There were no updates on this application.

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. There were no updates on this application.

2368 Craster Trail update

It was reported that the gates had now been installed to the trail and the Clerk advised that he would be submitting the application for the path to become a public Right of Way. Cllr Margaret Brooks advised that despite much chasing on her part, she had still not heard back from the contractor on the map.

The Council expressed its gratitude to the volunteers currently working on the stone wall. The Council felt that they were doing a marvellous job and the Council expressed willingness to continue funding food for volunteers should this be needed.

2369 Craster Community Trust

Cllr Michael Craster provided an update to the Parish Council as representative on Craster Community Trust.

Cllr Craster advised that the Trust had decided against going for a full license for Craster Community Hall and instead it would be the responsibility of individual hirers of the Hall to apply for a temporary license if needed.

Cllr Craster advised that the playpark was looking very good and the Trust had recently undertaken to having the new goal posts and accompanying nets put in place.

Cllr Craster also advised that the noticeboards had also been erected as requested and he thanked Mr Richard Pearson for his work on these noticeboards which would make publishing notices easier.

Cllr Craster also advised that the pantomime in Craster this year is "The Snow Queen" and this would be showing on 27th December starting at 15:30pm

2370 Neighbourhood Plan

The Clerk advised that he had submitted the grant request to locality on the basis of the consultant's fee. The Clerk also advised that he had also requested adequate funding for staffing, room hire and printing costs.

Cllr Margaret Brooks thanked the Clerk for his work to date on the Neighbourhood Plan and advised that the Clerk must be paid for his time in getting the Neighbourhood Plan to this stage and going forward.

2371 Preparation for Annual Parish meeting on 25th November

The Clerk reminded Members that the Parish meeting was due to take place on 25th November and the Agenda items included the proposals on resident only parking, an update on the Neighbourhood Plan, the Chair's report, a discussion with Northumbria Police and an update on getting mobile phone coverage for Craster.

2372 County Councillor's report

Cllr Wendy Pattison provided her report to the Parish Council as County Councillor.

Cllr Pattison began by suggesting to Cllr Pearson that the Cemetery House may not be liable for Council tax whilst it is empty and the Burial Committee should look into this further as there may be an option to receive a rebate.

Cllr Pattison reminded Members that there is currently a consultation under way in relation to a proposed 'No waiting at any time parking restrictions (Double Yellow Lines), for C76/C74 Junction, Craster'. Cllr Pattison advised that she felt 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.

Cllr Pattison also advised that her 9 Parish meeting had been very successful with the Chairs of all the Parish Councils in her Ward able to raise issues in their Parishes.

Cllr Pattison also thanked Cllr Margaret Brooks and Cllr Elizabeth Pearson for attending the Civic Head's "At Home" event as her selected volunteers.

2373 Items for Next Agenda

The Chair reminded Members of the need to contact the Clerk should they wish to have anything on the Agenda for January's Full Council meeting.

2374 Date and time of next meeting

16th January 2020 – 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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