

MEETING OF CRASTER PARISH COUNCIL
Thursday 19th November 2020 – 6.00pm via Zoom

Agenda

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Dear Councillor,

In accordance with both the Local Government Act 1972 and the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of local authority and Police and Crime Panel meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020, I hereby give you notice that a meeting of the Full Council will be held in **via Zoom on Thursday 19th November 2020 at 6pm** to transact the following business:

2361 Apologies for absence

2362 Declarations of interest

2363 Confirmation of the minutes for the meeting held on 15th October 2020

2364 Matters Arising

2365 Public participation

2366 Report by County Councillor Wendy Pattison – report attached

2367 Craster Residents Permit Parking scheme

2368 Report following the Coastal Summit, held on 11th November 2020

2370 Update on bins in the Parish

2371 Update on LTP submission – proposed traffic calming measures for Heugh Wynd.

2372 Report from Embleton Joint Burial Committee representative

2373 Craster Community Trust report

2374 Planning Matters:

20/03089/FUL | Retrospective application to raise the level of rear lower patio by 385mm above the former timber deck level. | Harbour Cottage 5 Haven Hill Craster NE66 3TR

20/03217/FELTPO | Tree preservation order application for - Removal of Cherry (T1) from the rear of property | The Bogie Craster Alnwick Northumberland NE66 3ST

2375 Update on Craster Neighbourhood Plan and implications for pending planning applications within the Craster Neighbourhood Plan area

2376 Items for Next Agenda

2377 Date and time of next meeting

21st January 2021 – 18:00pm via Zoom.

And pursuant to the provisions of the above-named acts, I hereby summon you to attend the said meeting.

Adam Shanley

Clerk of Craster Parish Council

MINUTES OF MEETING OF CRASTER PARISH COUNCIL
Thursday 15th October 2020 – 6.00pm via Zoom

Councillors present:

Chair: Martin Smith

Parish Council members: Marilyn Bagley, Stephen Bagley, Margaret Brooks, Michael Craster and E Pearson.

In attendance: 3 members of the public

Clerk: Adam Shanley

2361 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr M Green.

2362 Declarations of interest

None received.

2363 Confirmation of the minutes for the meeting held on 17th September 2020

The Clerk advised that he had been given prior notice of two changes to the Minutes as follows: Firstly, the reference under Item 2374 of the minutes which states "Introduction of a footpath to the lower part of Tower Bank." Should in fact be amended to state "Introduction of a footpath to the **upper** part of Tower Bank."

Secondly, the reference under Item 2373 of Cllr Wendy Pattison making a financial contribution towards the renovation of the Hall's Kitchen be removed as this is not the case.

With these amendments agreed, Members unanimously agreed the minutes as a true and accurate record of proceedings of the meeting held on 17th September 2020.

2364 Matters Arising

Cllr M Brooks advised the meeting that the works to Tower Bank would be taking place next week.

2365 Public participation

A query was raised by a member of the public regarding the minute under item 2374 which states that the Parish Council had requested further traffic calming measures on Heigh Wynd as part of its LTP submission for 2020-21. The member of the public asked what this related to and why this had been requested. The Chair advised that this was raised as a concern at the meeting on 17th September by a member of the public and a number of Parish Councillors had also been made aware of concerns about boy racers on this road. Cllr E Pearson agreed to get in touch with the resident who had originally raised concerns about speeding on Heigh Wynd and get the gentleman's full view on the situation. It was also agreed that this should be an Agenda item for the next meeting.

A concern was also raised about the introduction of the resident permit parking scheme and, in particular, for those residents who don't have access to off-street parking but who had more than two vehicles. The Clerk advised that a meeting would need to take place with the Highways Design team ahead of the introduction of the scheme to see how the scheme will look. The Clerk also advised that he had been advised by NCC officers that there may be scope in the total scheme to offer more than two permits to a household depending on the level of take up of the permits as a whole. This is entirely dependent on NCC agreement however and this would need to be discussed at the meeting with Highways.

A further concern was raised that the quarry car park is at capacity a lot of the time due to the staycation trend which has arisen from the Covid-19 pandemic. The Clerk advised that the Parish Council had also approached the National Trust to see if they would be willing to give some of their land to provide an overflow car park. At present, the Parish Council is awaiting a response on this.

2366 Report by County Councillor Wendy Pattison

Cllr Pattison advised that she was aware that Craster had received a lot of tourists during the pandemic and the village had been fantastic in coping with the high influx. But she was aware that there are a lot of issues arising from this pandemic and this is the reason for the Northumberland Summit.

Cllr Pattison advised that the Summit would be taking place on 11th November and that this would be livestreamed on Youtube so residents could watch. Cllr Pattison advised that Cllr Glen Sanderson, the local MP Anne-Marie Trevelyan and the police and others would be participating in the meeting.

Cllr Pattison advised that she hoped that residents had noticed that the road into Craster (C74) had been done. Cllr Pattison also advised that she was aware of a dip in the road and that she had raised this with the relevant Highways Officer to get this sorted and she had been assured that this would be fixed in the next couple of weeks. Cllrs M Smith and M Craster thanked Cllr Pattison for her wonderful work in getting this sorted once and for all and that the access into the village is much safer.

A member of the public asked about the double yellow lines at the bottom of Tower Bank. The TRO for these lines to be put in place had been approved in March 2020. There was a concern about how busy this area is and the member of the public asked if cones could be put in place to tackle the issue of parking on the bogue road. It was agreed that the Parish Council should request cones on this road.

A member of the public also advised that they had heard that Boulmer were getting their resident parking permits free of charge from NCC and asked if this would be possible for Craster too. Cllr Pattison advised that this was not the case and Boulmer had not yet undergone a public consultation about such a scheme.

2367 Update on Craster Neighbourhood Plan

The Clerk advised that the Regulation 16 consultation was now complete and the Independent Examiner is now reviewing the Plan and the Parish Council expected the outcome of this soon.

2368 Update on bulb planting project in the Parish

Cllr M Brooks advised that the bulbs were now in Craster to be planted and she hoped to organise volunteers in the coming days to get these planted in the grass verge running along the Bogue Road.

The Clerk reminded Members of concerns raised by a local resident about verge spraying along the grass verges. Members echoed those concerns. Local residents Mr and Mrs Drage advised that they knew a lot about the subject and they hoped to produce a report for the next Parish Council meeting to inform a formal approach to NCC to request alternative ways of dealing with weeds along this road.

2369 Latest advice from the Government on Covid-19 restrictions

The Chair reminded everyone to follow all of the latest Government guidelines on the Covid-19 restrictions.

2370 Update of roads and paths issues in the Parish

A concern was raised about the kissing gates up from Cullernose Point having been removed. It was understood that these gates were the property of Howick Estates. The Clerk agreed to contact Howick Estates to ask why this had been done.

Cllr S Bagley raised the issue of the state of the Bogue Road. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Highways Inspector to have this looked into as the road is in a bad state of repair.

The Clerk advised that the "No cycling" signs had arrived and these now needed to be installed. It was agreed that Cllrs S Bagley and M Smith should install these as soon as possible.

2371 Craster trail – update on production of map of the Parish and drystone wall

Cllr M Brooks presented the latest version of the Craster Trail map to be installed into the notice boards. The Council agreed this unanimously as the final version of the map subject to the name on the map being changed to "Craster Trail" as opposed to the "Craster Dunstan Trail".

Cllr M Brooks advised that, at present, the Parish Council did not own the copyright for the map so this could not be circulated more widely at this stage. The Chair and other Councillors thanked Cllr M Brooks for her hard work on this. It is now hoped that this would be installed into the notice boards and Cllr M Brooks advised that she hoped that the Parish Council would organise an official opening event with Lord Howick and others. The meeting agreed this once Covid-19 restrictions were lifted.

Cllr M Brooks also advised that she was liaising with the drystone wall teams on behalf of the Parish Council to get the work completed.

2372 Report from Embleton Joint Burial Committee representative

Cllr M Brooks advised that the house is now complete and a meeting next week is to take place with the company which is going to manage the house and the letting on behalf of the Joint Burial Committee. Cllr M Brooks also advised that the Committee now hoped that they had a local tenant to live in the property.

Cllr M Brooks also advised that a list of damaged headstones had been produced by the Committee and family members, for those that had been identified, had been contacted to get these repaired. In circumstances where no family has come forward, it was the intention of the Committee to lay the headstones flat over the grave in a respectful manner and in a way which ensures that the headstones are not a health and safety issue.

Cllr E Pearson advised that there is a Norwegian headstone from World War I in the burial ground, dedicated to the six sailors from a Norwegian ship which had sunk and all sailors had perished. Cllr E Pearson advised that the headstone is now very worn and the Committee is investigating how to get this restored.

2373 Craster Community Trust report

Cllr M Craster advised that there is nothing to report as the Hall had now been forced to close due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Cllr M Craster advised that he hoped that the Hall is able to reopen safely and soon.

2374 Items for Next Agenda

The Chair reminded Members to request for any items to be added to the Agenda in writing to the Clerk.

2375 Date and time of next meeting

19th November 2020 – 18:00pm via Zoom.

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

Signed,

**Chair of Craster Parish Council
(19th November 2020)**

CRASTER PARISH COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT



County Councillor Wendy Pattison

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Coastal Summit – The Coastal Summit will take place at 5pm on Wednesday, November 11th. The high influx of visitors/holiday makers

has brought economic benefits to the County and this was welcomed by many. However, it is fully recognised that this has placed a strain on the local infrastructure and created issues for communities/residents. This in turn has created local concern amongst the communities which have been most affected, primarily, the 16 Town and Parish Councils that lie within the Northumberland Coast Area of Natural Beauty.

The meeting will be live streamed and can be viewed on the Youtube channel at: youtube.com/NorthumberlandTV

Extra funding to support communities through Covid schemes

Northumberland County Council has announced it is taking new steps to help county councillors to provide Covid related support in their communities.

The council is expanding the remit of the Members Small Grant Scheme and other grants to enable all county councillors to support local Town and Parish Councils, as well as community groups, with specific grants for Covid related financial support.

The grants will assist recipient organisations to help families who need support. There will be a range of options which may include food parcels and/or food purchases through the use of vouchers.

The maximum amount of the grant will be £2,000.

In addition, the council is in the process of examining other sources of funding, including the Hardship Fund, to help alleviate difficulties caused as result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Household waste permit scheme reintroduced for residents



The council's popular household waste permit scheme is being reintroduced from Monday 26 October.

When the Household Waste Recovery Centres (tips) re-opened in May, the scheme remained unavailable due to Covid-19 restrictions. Now the permit scheme will be available for larger vans and trailers once again. Small vans previously exempt from carrying permits under Covid guidelines will also now require a permit to visit a site.

Due to high demand and increased offloading time, residents that require permits for their vehicles will need to book a slot online to visit HWRCs. This will allow residents to plan their journey ahead of time. Slots must be booked at least 48 hours in advance of a visit. Booking slots and more information can be found at www.northumberland.gov.uk/Tip

The first available slots for permit holders will be Wednesday 28 October due to the new booking system.

Residents will be able to apply for up to three permits at any one time. Councillor Glen Sanderson, leader of the council and cabinet member responsible for waste management and recycling said: "This is welcome news for our residents across Northumberland". "We know many people make use of our permit scheme and have eagerly awaited its reintroduction. Although there are some changes, we are confident that the scheme will provide permit holders the same quality of service as before". "Staff have worked incredibly hard to ensure this service is up and running once again. Our waste teams are vital in providing these essential services and I'd like to remind residents to treat them with respect when visiting a site."

Residents will need to provide evidence of their booking when they arrive. Vehicles that require a permit will be turned away if they cannot provide evidence of their permit and booking information.

Climate change plans progress for Northumberland

Northumberland County Council's cabinet has celebrated progress on plans to tackle climate change, following the agreement of ambitious targets to reduce carbon emissions across the county over the next ten years.

The council declared a climate emergency last year, setting clear goals to half the council's emissions by 2025, and make Northumberland carbon neutral by 2030.

The council's decision-making cabinet approved a report which sets out the seven priority action areas for the council to pursue its climate change ambition, which include energy, transport, carbon sequestration, land management, policy, communications and engagement.

The cabinet also agreed to match Government funding for studies into district heat networks in Blyth, Cramlington, Alnwick, Ashington, Berwick, Hexham and Morpeth, which could form a renewable heating supply for residents, businesses and other non-domestic properties. The overall cost of the studies will come to £210,000 and is mainly from a Government grant with a £69,300 approved revenue match funding contribution from the council. Rick O'Farrell, interim executive director of local services for the council, said: "Initial studies have already taken place to assess the feasibility of these heat networks in Blyth and Cramlington by using existing heat sources in the towns. Once in place the networks will help reduce heating bills and drastically reduce domestic carbon emissions."

LA7 Leaders' continue to resist any move to Tier 3, urging residents to continue to do their bit

North East leaders and business representatives have joined forces to thank the North East in working together to tackle the region's high COVID-19 infection rate.

They said: "Thanks to the collective efforts of everyone across the North East, we are continuing to see our infection rates level off and plateau.

"Residents and businesses across our region have gone to extraordinary lengths to apply COVID-19 restrictions into their daily lives and have persevered with immense integrity and spirit throughout the pandemic. We want to thank them for everything they have done and are continuing to do to keep us all safe.

"In discussions with Government, they accepted that the measures we asked for in September have kept people safer, and helped us avoid the economically damaging restrictions put in place in other areas. We were quick to be proactive and we are seeing the impact of this approach.

"While the increase may have been curtailed, there is a long winter ahead. The rate of infection remains high and we must now ask everyone to redouble their efforts in order to look after themselves, their loved ones, protect more vulnerable residents and prevent hospital admissions escalating.

"We still believe that Tier 2, the 'High' COVID alert level, is the right level for our communities and continue to demonstrate to Government that this remains the case. We are also continuing to lobby for additional support for all those businesses doing their utmost to operate in a COVID-

secure manner in these difficult times without the need to move to Tier 3. Recent announcements from the Chancellor have been welcome, but more must be done. We will carry on making the case for a more localised approach to test and trace, allowing us to capitalise on local expertise and knowledge of our communities, and work closely with the police to call for greater resource and support to enforce the guidance.

“We do not want to see harsher restrictions imposed on our residents by Tier 3 and will resist any attempt by Government to do so. This would have an even greater impact on our economy and our wellbeing. But if we are to avoid this, we all need to continue working together.

“The biggest source of transmission for the virus is in households. Mixing indoors with those outside your support bubble remains illegal and while we appreciate it is tough not being able to see loved ones, friends and neighbours, we must all do our bit to support our region through this pandemic. Our police forces are working flat out to engage with communities across our region and to advise and support people on following the restrictions.

“Thank you to everybody for your efforts so far, and please continue to comply with the regulations and follow the ‘Hands, Face, Space’ public health guidance at all times.”

Cllr Nick Forbes CBE, Leader of Newcastle City Council, Cllr Martin Gannon, Leader of Gateshead Council’ Cllr Glen Sanderson, Leader of Northumberland County Council’ Norma Redfearn CBE, Elected Mayor of North Tyneside Council, Cllr Iain Malcolm, Leader of South Tyneside Council, Cllr Graeme Miller, Leader of Sunderland City Council, Cllr Simon Henig, CBE, Leader of Durham County Council, Jamie Driscoll, North of Tyne Mayor, Kim McGuinness, Northumbria Police and Crime Commissioner, James Ramsbotham CBE, CEO of North East England Chamber of Commerce, Lucy Winskell, Chair, North East Local Enterprise Partnership.

Families urged to enjoy a safe but spooky Halloween



Families in Northumberland are being encouraged to have a spooky but safe Halloween this year. With Covid-19 restrictions in place across the region, anything that increases contact between families increases the risk of catching coronavirus for everyone.

This year people are being asked to get creative and if they want to celebrate to do it in a covid safe way.

Liz Morgan, the county’s Director of Public Health, said: “We know how much some people love Halloween and getting involved with their children trick-or-treating but we’d really prefer you to skip it this year.

“The need to avoid gathering around front doors, the use of sanitiser for hands and door knockers or bells, the use of face coverings and the need to ensure that the sharing of sweets doesn't present a risk are all things you’ll need to consider if you do decide to go ahead.

“It’s also vital people don’t hold parties in their homes with those who aren’t in their household or support bubble.

“Halloween is traditionally about thinking creatively and using your imagination and this year more than ever we need people to do this.” Instead the council is suggesting a safe range of indoor and outdoor activities people could do on the night.

These include:

- Carving pumpkins
- Making your own Halloween costumes
- Watching a scary movie
- Organising a Halloween themed treasure hunt with your household
- Giving your windows or doorstep a spooky makeover for passers-by to enjoy
- Walking from house to house enjoying local decorations

Liz added: "It's important to remember if you do go outside the rule of six applies and people should socially distance. Wear a face covering and take some hand sanitiser with you. "Wash your hands with soap and water when you get in, and most importantly if you or someone in your family is self-isolating please stay at home this year."