

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

Heugh 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

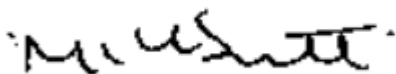
The Chair reminded Members to request for any items to be added to the Agenda in writing to the Clerk.

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)**