

MEETING OF CRASTER PARISH COUNCIL
Thursday 21st July 2022 – 6.30pm in the Hall

Agenda

Dear Councillor,

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1972, I hereby give you notice that the Annual meeting of **Craster Parish Council** will be held in the **Craster Memorial Hall** on **Thursday 21st July 2022 at 6:30pm** to transact the following business:

- 1. Welcome and apologies for absence**
- 2. Declarations of interest**
- 3. Confirmation of the minutes for the meeting held on 16th June 2022**
- 4. Matters arising**
- 5. Public participation**
- 6. Report by County Councillor Wendy Pattison** – report included.
- 7. Report from Embleton Joint Burial Committee representative**
- 8. Report from Craster Community Trust representative**
- 9. Update on the mobile phone mast for Craster village**
- 10. Update on the traffic management scheme to the entrance of Craster village**
- 11. Progressing the back-up power to Craster village Hall**
- 12. Update on collection boxes in Craster village**
- 13. Proposal to fund table tennis in Craster village hall**
- 14. Planning Matters:**
 - Amendments to 22/01324/FUL** | Proposed demolition of conservatory and removal of front porch; construction of a two storey side and rear extension and alterations; construction of a first floor glazed balcony to the east elevation; Installation of an air source heat pump. | Seahaven 37 Dunstanburgh Road Craster Northumberland NE66 3TT
 - Update on 22/01372/FUL** | Resubmission: Change of use of agricultural grazing land to mixed tourist use and siting of three glamping pods | Land North East Of Howick Scar Craster Northumberland
 - Amendments to 21/02775/FUL** | Construction of 2no houses for rent with associated landscaping | Dunstan House C74 Dunstan Village Main Road Dunstan NE66 3SY
 - Update on 22/02035/FUL** | Enlarge existing single storey extension. Install new anthracite aluminium windows. Replace existing render with Whinstone. Proposed Juliet balcony to rear, proposed roof lights and amendments to garden area. | 11 Whin Hill Craster Alnwick Northumberland NE66 3TP.
 - New application: 22/02213/FUL** | Proposed extension to existing terrace along with provision of glazed balustrading, enlargement of door opening on east elevation and fitting of bi-folding doors to same. Replacement of metal Juliette balcony with glazed guarding. | Waters Edge Haven Hill Craster Northumberland NE66 3TR
- 15. Items for next Agenda**
- 16. Date and time of next meeting**

15th September 2022 – 6:30pm in Craster Memorial Hall.

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 16th June 2022– 6.30pm in the Hall

Councillors present:

Chair: Martin Smith

Parish Council members: Margaret Brooks, Mark Green, Alan Gregory, Elizabeth Pearson and Rosie Robson.

In attendance: 4 members of the public.

Clerk: Adam Shanley

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs R Robson and M Craster as well as County Councillor Wendy Pattison.

2. Declarations of interest

Cllrs A Gregory and E Pearson declared an interest in application 22/01372/FUL and took no part in the discussions or vote on this item.

3. Confirmation of the minutes for the meeting held on 19th May 2022

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th May 2022 were unanimously **agreed** as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

4. Matters arising

None received.

5. Public participation

None received.

6. Report by County Councillor Wendy Pattison

The Chair highlighted that County Councillor Wendy Pattison has provided a report for this meeting and encouraged all attendees to direct any comments or questions to Wendy via email in her absence.

7. Report from Embleton Joint Burial Committee representative

Cllr E Pearson provided a report to the Council as EJBC representative. Cllr E Pearson advised that she was delighted to inform the Council that Cllr Terry Howells was again re-elected as Chair at the last meeting.

Cllr E Pearson also provided an update on the lime tree to the entrance of the cemetery to say that NCC's trees officer has now carried out a visit to the site and has agreed that the tree should be removed.

Cllr E Pearson advised that the cemetery house continues to be occupied and the rent continues to be paid by the tenant, which is paying off the loan for the refurbishment.

Cllr E Pearson also advised that the EJBC will not be seeking any contribution from the precepts of each Council once more this year as the Committee has sufficient funds available for its work.

8. Report from Craster Community Trust representative

In Cllr M Craster's absence, the Clerk advised that the sound system in the hall has been improved with 4 speakers now instead of 2. In addition, the CCT has installed a new microphone; the feedback for which is excellent and is apparently very easy to use.

9. Annual Governance and Accountability Return for 2021/22

(i) Members agreed the internal audit report 2021-22

(ii) Members approved the annual governance statement 2021-22

(iii) Members approved the draft annual accounts for 2021-22

(iv) Members approved the accounting statement and explanation of variances 2021-22

(v) Members approved the certificate of exemption form 2021-22

10. Discussion following the Platinum Jubilee celebration events in the parish

The Parish Council took the opportunity to thank all those involved in the planning and management of events during the Jubilee weekend and expressed their gratitude to Her Majesty the Queen for 70 incredible years as our Monarch. The Clerk advised that he had uploaded the photos – a condition of the grant – to NCC's dedicated website for the Jubilee. The Clerk also reminded Members that it is hoped that a new Jubilee bench could be purchased to replace the existing bench by the lifeboat station. The Clerk advised that he had looked around at different benches and proposed the benches he had located to the Council. The Council agreed that the bench from Corido at £660 should be purchased as soon as possible.

11. Update on Experimental Traffic scheme in Craster

The Clerk advised that he had received no response to the letter on the experimental traffic scheme from NCC highways. That being the case, the Clerk advised that he was aware that Cllr W Pattison had requested a permanent chicane as part of the scheme in place of the barrels at present.

The Clerk also advised that the Parish Council and the County Councillor have been requested an outdoor tap to the toilets to allow the barrels to be watered regularly.

12. Local Transport Plan 2023-24 Programme Consultation

The Council considered options for the Local Transport Plan 2023-24 Programme. The Council agreed that a pedestrian lane should be added to the C74 in Dunstan in order to facilitate pedestrian movement around Dunstan.

The Council also agreed that they would request a permanent chicane to the entrance to the village as part of the new traffic scheme in Craster village.

The Council also agreed that cycle parking should be added to the field next to the RNLI lifeboat station.

13. Progressing the back-up power to Craster Village Hall

The Clerk advised that the order for the solar panels and the battery to the Hall was placed on the 1st June. The delivery timescales for this are six months for the solar panels and 8 months for the battery. The Clerk also advised that the G99 application has also been submitted with Northern Powergrid and the response from this can take approximately 6 weeks. The Clerk took the opportunity to thank Jackie Reeves for all her excellent work on this project. The Parish Council **agreed** the £3,000 from the holiday lets should be allocated towards the purchase of the battery and the panels.

14. Planning Matters:

22/01906/FUL | Side and rear Extension | White Lodge Dunstan Village Dunstan Northumberland NE66 3TB. It was **agreed** to note this application.

22/01746/VARYCO | Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) on approved application 18/02026/FUL to allow changes to fenced garden area as has been built and isn't in accordance with approved plans | Gatehouse Cottage Spitalford Embleton Alnwick Northumberland NE66 3DW. It was **agreed** to note this application.

22/01324/FUL | Proposed demolition of conservatory and removal of front porch; construction of a two storey side and rear extension and alterations; construction of a first floor glazed balcony to the east elevation; Installation of an air source heat pump. | Seahaven 37 Dunstanburgh Road Craster Northumberland NE66 3TT. It was **agreed** to object to this application. The Clerk **agreed** to draft the response to this application.

22/01372/FUL | Resubmission: Change of use of agricultural grazing land to mixed tourist use and siting of three glamping pods | Land North East Of Howick Scar Craster Northumberland. It was **agreed** that the Parish Council should withdraw its objection to this application, on the basis that the conditions proposed by Natural England and a condition that there be no more than 3 glamping pods permitted, no music, camp fires or hot tubs be permitted on site.

21/02775/FUL | Construction of 2no houses for rent with associated landscaping | Dunstan House C74 Dunstan Village Main Road Dunstan NE66 3SY. It was **agreed** that the Parish Council should maintain its objection to this application.

22/02035/FUL | Enlarge existing single storey extension. Install new anthracite aluminium windows. Replace existing render with Whinstone. Proposed Juliet balcony to rear, proposed

roof lights and amendments to garden area. | 11 Whin Hill Craster Alnwick Northumberland NE66 3TP. It was **agreed** to object to this application. The Clerk **agreed** to draft the response to this application.

15. Items for next Agenda

The Chair reminded Members to contact the Parish Clerk should they wish to have an item of business included on next month's Agenda.

16. Date and time of next meeting

21st July 2022 – 6:30pm in Craster Memorial Hall.

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

Signed,

**Chair of Craster Parish Council
(21st July 2022)**

CRASTER PARISH COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT



County Councillor Wendy Pattison

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– Cllr Wendy Pattison

CRASTER PARISH

Northumberland Climate Change Fund

Climate change is a significant long-term challenge for the planet and for Northumberland. As a Council, we are committed to taking action to reduce the impacts climate change will have on all our lives long into the future.

[Our Climate Action Plan 2021-23](#) outlines the significant role that everyone across Northumberland can play in achieving our goal to reach Net Zero Carbon emissions across the County by 2030. The Council has established the Community Climate Fund to enable community organisations to develop their own schemes to contribute to this goal.

For more information, please contact: climate@northumberland.gov.uk

We are offering financial support to help the following organisations in Northumberland make changes to become more sustainable:

- Voluntary and community groups
- Registered charities
- Constituted group or club
- Community interest company (CIC)
- Social enterprise
- Parish Councils
- Faith groups may also apply, provided their projects are inclusive

Beneficiaries must be domiciled in Northumberland.

This list is not exclusive, but the grant could be used to support activity for such as:

Through the Community Climate Change Fund, two opportunities are available. The list is not exclusive, but the grant could be used to support activities such as:

Small bid: up to £1,000:

- Event equipment
- Promotional materials
- One off hire cost
- Tree planting
- Energy audits/EPC ratings/retrofit assessments
- Community orchards or forests
- Larger events or series of events

Bigger bid: up to £5,000:

- Renewable energy/retrofitting
- Paid community positions
- Can be used to match fund larger projects, but cannot be used to match fund other Council funded projects

To apply, projects must be a new initiative, demonstrate longevity and show a commitment to engaging the wider community to encourage action on climate change.

Exclusions

- Projects or activities that do not have a climate-focus or do not align with the Council's [Climate Change Action Plan](#)
- Entertainment licenses, road closures, and traffic management
- Core organisational costs, such as transport and premises
- Goods and services already purchased
- Personal attire, such as sports kits and uniforms
- Tourism/visitors
- Social excursions
- Food and hospitality
- Loan repayments
- Fundraising
- Annual or repeat funding
- Consumables
- Parish allotments
- Religious or political activities
- Projects or events that would otherwise already be funded

The funding will be allocated within the financial year in two rounds, with a potential third round, until the budget is fully allocated.

Grant Details

- Small bid: up to £1,000
- Bigger bid: up to £5,000
- 100% intervention rate (no match funding required)
- Cannot be used to match other funding from the Council
- Delivered in at least 2 rounds throughout the year until the budget is fully allocated
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- Deadline 2 - **14 October 2022**

As an organisation, you are allowed to submit one application of your choice per round of funding. If your organization is successful in the first round, they can reapply in a subsequent round however the total grant to that organization will have a combined upper limit of £5,000.00.

EMBLETON QUARRY NATURE RESERVE

Who we are and what we're doing

Embleton Quarry Nature Reserve is a former whinstone quarry. It is designated as a Local Wildlife Site, owned and managed by the community of Embleton. The quarry is home to a huge variety of plants and animals, some of which are quite rare and linked to particular habitats. We are managing the site to protect and enhance these habitats.

Our other goals are to improve public access, protect historic interest and encourage environmental education. Whether walking the dog, bird watching or exploring history, the quarry offers a peaceful place for exercise, relaxation and connecting with nature. There is no charge to visit the site and it is open all day and evening.

Please note there is no toilet and no parking on site.

Accessibility – Embleton Community need your feedback!

We are working to improve accessibility to this wonderful place, but we need your feedback and advice so we know how to make it even better. The site is an old quarry so the ground can be difficult and uneven in places. Currently the Nature Reserve is wheelchair accessible (with care) along the yellow trail, shown on the plan. Please expect some dips in places. The route in from the Quakers Row entrance slopes down into the quarry. The gradient isn't large but returning up the slope may be a little difficult for those who are self propelling. With support or a powered chair this slope shouldn't be an issue.

How you can help us

We would like you to visit the site and let us know about your experience there. Are our paths as accessible as we think they are? What can we do to make your visit easier?

Please get in touch to tell us what you think. It's only by listening to you that our reserve will become even better. Just drop us an email embletonquarry@gmail.com

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR HELP!

Nearest parking: On the grass outside the Quakers Row entrance, in the centre of the village or beside the Whinstone View entrance.

Nearest public toilet: Parish Church Room, by the roadside at the bottom of the church footpath.

TOURIST SIGNS

The objective of brown & white signs is to meet the local and strategic needs of visitors and road users in general. Their implementation will be consistent with safe and efficient traffic management and with minimal impact on both the built and rural environment.

Applying on a minor (B) road

If you would like to make an application for tourism signs, the Northumberland County Council policy document and application form can be downloaded. In the event of signs being agreed, all costs related to the design and implementation of the signs **must** be met by the applicant.

Applying on a major (A) road

Should any of the tourist signs being requested be on a trunk road (A1, A19, A69), then applications must be assessed by National Highways.

- www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-brown-tourist-signs-on-roads-the-highways-agency-manage

Morpeth to Ellingham - A1

DUALLING OF THE A1 - Transport Secretary, Grant Shapps has delayed his decision on National Highways A1 upgrade in Northumberland for the second time.

Mr Shapps was due to rule on the planning application for the A1 upgrade between Morpeth and Ellingham in January, however he pushed his decision back to June for further consideration of environmental matters. However, he has now asked for more time to consider the application and will now not make a decision until December. This time, Mr Shapps has asked for more time in light of recommendations made by Sir Peter Hendy in the Union Connectivity Review. The £261M A1 Morpeth to Ellingham project was earmarked to start construction between July and September 2022, with Costain lined up as principal contractor. The project is expected to finish in 2024/25.

Recruitment drive for home-grown talent

[Apprenticeships available - apply now](#)

Northumberland County Council has vacancies for more than 60 apprenticeships, offering a range of career opportunities for people across the county.

The recruitment drive is part of the council's ongoing commitment to provide high-quality career pathways, with over 400 new recruits starting their career journeys via an apprenticeship in the last three years. Entry and higher-level roles are available across many different departments, from construction to social care from Level 2 to Level 6 Degree Apprenticeships.

Civil Engineering Apprentice Darcy Russell is using her apprenticeship to fulfil her ambition: "My apprenticeship is only the beginning; next I want to go onto a degree apprenticeship and in the future become a site manager.

"My apprenticeship has given me the confidence to reach for my goals, so if you're thinking about doing an apprenticeship, just go for it."

Over 100 apprentices have been recruited in the past year alone. Supporting home-grown talent, keeping skilled workers in the region and enabling learners to reach their full potential is what apprenticeships are all about.

Apprenticeships are open to everyone aged 16 and over not in full-time education. They can take between one to six years to complete, depending on the level chosen and whether candidates have any prior experience, all whilst earning a wage.

Whether you are looking for an apprenticeship now, or considering it in the future, don't miss out on this opportunity to join one of the region's largest employers. Apply for one of over 60 available roles: nland.uk/Apprenticeships

For information about apprenticeships with Northumberland County Council go to www.northumberland.gov.uk/apprenticeships, email: apprenticeshipenquiries@northumberland.gov.uk or texting 'APPLY' to 07929 746545.