

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF CRASTER PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022– 6.30pm in the Hall**

**Councillors present:**

**Chair:** Martin Smith

**Parish Council members:** Margaret Brooks, Michael Craster, Alan Gregory, Elizabeth Pearson and Rosie Robson.

**In attendance:** 3 members of the public and County Councillor Wendy Pattison.

**Clerk:** Adam Shanley

**1. Election of Chair**

Councillor M Smith was elected as Chair of the Parish Council. Nominated by Cllr M Craster and seconded by Cllr E Pearson.

**2. Election of Vice-Chair**

Councillor M Brooks was elected as Vice-Chair of the Parish Council. Nominated by Cllr M Craster and seconded by Cllr A Fettis.

**3. A one minute silence for Councillor Michael Doherty**

The Council held a one minute silence for the late Councillor Michael Doherty following his sad passing. The Chair paid tribute to Councillor Doherty for his work in the community and as a much-loved Member of the Council. The Council sent its love and prayers to Mrs Jennifer Doherty and her family at this sad time.

**4. Apologies for absence**

None received.

**5. Declarations of interest**

Councillors E Pearson, A Gregory and M Craster all declared an interest in application 22/01372/FUL and took no part in the discussion or vote on this application.

**6. Confirmation of the minutes for the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2022**

The minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2022 were unanimously agreed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

**7. Matters arising**

None received.

**8. Public participation**

None received.

**9. Report by County Councillor Wendy Pattison**

County Councillor Wendy Pattison reminded all present that a £150 Council tax rebate will be paid to all owners of properties in Council tax Bands A-D. Councillor Pattison advised that this is central Government funding which the Council must pay to residents in those tax bands. Cllr Pattison advised that the Council has until September 2022 to pay all eligible residents and this is being worked through alphabetically.

Councillor Pattison also advised that Northumberland County Council's Communities Together scheme is also able to provide additional financial support to any resident who is struggling with the cost of living at the moment and encouraged anyone in this situation to get in touch.

Councillor Pattison also advised that she was aware that Coastal Care is currently looking for volunteers and encouraged anyone able to give some of their time, to get involved.

**10. Report from Embleton Joint Burial Committee representative**

Councillor M Brooks advised Members that the Committee had not met since the last Parish Council meeting, however Councillor Brooks updated Members that the lime tree to the entrance of the cemetery must be removed as it is diseased and at risk of falling. Councillor

Brooks advised that the Council's Trees Officer had also visited the tree and confirmed this to be the case.

Councillor M Brooks also advised that the Committee is looking into the letter from planning enforcement regarding the installation of the fence and she hoped to provide an update to a future meeting on this matter.

#### **11. Report from Craster Community Trust representative**

Councillor M Craster advised that the Trust is currently looking at upgrading the lights in the Hall as well as looking at the sound system in the Hall.

Councillor M Craster also advised that the Trust is looking for grant funding – in conjunction with the Parish Council – to have solar panels and a back-up battery to the Hall too.

Councillor E Pearson remarked that the Hall is looking fantastic and thanked all Trustees for their hard work in achieving this.

#### **12. Progressing plans for the Platinum Jubilee celebration events**

The Clerk advised that he was having regular meetings with the Jubilee organising committee, made up of volunteer local residents, on a series of events for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations over the Bank Holiday weekend.

The Clerk reminded Members that £1,500 (incl. the £500 from NCC) has been agreed towards these events.

Councillor R Robson highlighted that funding would be needed for catering at the beacon lighting event in the harbour on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2022 and Members unanimously agreed this.

The Clerk also reminded Members that the Parish Council had agreed that all funds raised from the weekend would go towards the purchase of a Jubilee bench – replacing the blue bench by the RNLi lifeboat station.

#### **13. Follow-up correspondence with NCC regarding the Experimental Traffic scheme in Craster**

The Clerk advised that he was awaiting a response from NCC on the latest correspondence from the Parish Council on the Experimental Traffic scheme in Craster and he would be reporting back as soon as this is received.

#### **14. Progressing the mobile phone mast in Craster**

The Clerk advised that the Parish Council is expecting a planning application to come forward in July 2022 for the mobile phone mast in the quarry car park and advised that he was in continuing dialogue with the relevant officers at NCC on this.

The Clerk also took the opportunity to thank Sylvia Pringle (NCC iNorthumberland officer) for her excellent presentation at the parish meeting this week.

#### **15. Progressing the back-up power to Craster Village Hall**

The Clerk and Mrs Jackie Reeves advised that two quotations had now been received for the installation of solar panels and the battery to the Hall and that they are both looking at funding options. The Clerk advised that the Parish Council has now received approx. £3,000 from the holiday let appeal towards this project and work is ongoing on its delivery.

#### **16. The annual meeting of the parish in May 2022**

The Chair took the opportunity to thank all Members for their support for a very positive meeting of the parish. The Chair advised that this was an excellent opportunity to highlight to residents all the work the Parish Council is undertaking to make community life better.

#### **17. Planning Matters:**

**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 Council's response.

**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** to object to this application. The Clerk **agreed** to draft the Council's response.

**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** to maintain the Council's objection to this application.

**18. Items for next Agenda**

The Chair reminded Members to contact the Parish Clerk should they wish to have any items of business on the next Council Agenda.

**19. Date and time of next meeting**

16<sup>th</sup> June 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Smith', is written on the page.

**Chair of Craster Parish Council  
(16<sup>th</sup> June 2022)**