

MEETING OF CRASTER PARISH COUNCIL
Thursday 17th March 2022 – 6.30pm in the Hall

Agenda

Dear Councillor,

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1972, I hereby give you notice that a meeting of **Craster Parish Council** will be held in the **Craster Memorial Hall** on **Thursday 17th March 2022 at 6:30pm** to transact the following business:

- 1. Co-option of Ann Fettis to the Parish Council**
- 2. Apologies for absence**
- 3. Declarations of interest**
- 4. Discussion with Vodafone, Railsite and NCC regarding mobile phone coverage to the parish**
- 5. Discussion with Northumbria Police regarding parking enforcement arrangements for Craster village**
- 6. Confirmation of the minutes for the meeting held on 17th February 2022**
- 7. Matters arising**
- 8. Public participation**
- 9. Report by County Councillor Wendy Pattison – report included.**
- 10. Report from Embleton Joint Burial Committee representative**
- 11. Report from Craster Community Trust representative**
- 12. Report from Craster Community Projects Fundraising Committee**
- 13. Progressing plans for a Platinum Jubilee celebration event**
- 14. Planning Matters:**
 - 21/02775/FUL | Construction of 2no houses for rent with associated landscaping | Dunstan House C74 Dunstan Village Main Road Dunstan NE66 3SY**
- 15. Items for next Agenda**
- 16. Date and time of next meeting**

21st April 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 17th February 2022 – 6.30pm in the Hall

Councillors present:

Chair: Martin Smith

Parish Council members: Steven Bagley, Michael Craster, Michael Doherty, Alan Gregory, Elizabeth Pearson and Rosie Robson.

In attendance: 3 members of the public

Clerk: Adam Shanley

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs M Green and M Brooks as well as County Councillor W Pattison.

2. Declarations of interest

None received.

3. Confirmation of the minutes for the meeting held on 26th January 2022

The minutes of the meeting held on 26th January 2022 were unanimously agreed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

4. Matters arising

Cllr M Doherty reminded Members that he had raised the issue of compensation for residents impacted by the power cuts during Storm Arwen at the last meeting and confirmed that he had now been successful in securing £70 compensation from Northern Powergrid.

It was **agreed** that the Parish Clerk should investigate securing compensation for all residents of the parish.

5. Public participation

Marjory Taylor advised that she was not aware that Northern Powergrid are able to provide extra support to vulnerable residents and asked that residents be made aware of this. It was **agreed** that a flier be circulated around the village about this.

6. Report by County Councillor Wendy Pattison

The Chair highlighted Councillor Pattison's report included in the Agenda and asked all attendees to direct questions to Councillor Pattison via email in her absence.

7. Update following submission of the letter to NCC Highways on the Experimental TRO in Craster

The Clerk highlighted that the Parish Council has now received a response from NCC on the letter and consultant's report submitted by the Parish Council on the ETRO.

In their response, NCC advise that the scheme is having the desired impact of encouraging vehicles into the quarry car park and they would now like to progress moving this to become a permanent arrangement for the entrance to the village.

Members **agreed** that the clear missing link to the scheme is enforcement and the Clerk reported that he would invite the Police to the next meeting of the Parish Council in order that they can set out their parking enforcement arrangements presently in place.

8. Progressing alternative power sources for Craster Memorial Hall during power cuts and building community resilience

Members thanked the Parish Clerk and Jackie Reeves for their exceptional efforts in securing a generator for the Hall on a temporary basis from NPG in the event of a power cut during this week where storms were expected.

The Parish Clerk advised that he and Jackie would be liaising with NPG in order to establish a more permanent solution to provide alternative power to the hall as a warm hub for the community in the event of a power outage.

Jackie advised that the NPG engineer who attended the Hall had advised that a generator is not suitable as a long term solution and batteries were likely the best option.

The Clerk also highlighted that the bus shelter roof in Craster has come off during the storm. The Clerk advised that he had sought quotations for this from local contractors and had managed to secure an estimate of between £600-£800 for the roof repair and the contractor is able to carry out the works within a few weeks. The Council unanimously agreed with the proposal to commission the bus shelter's repair.

The Clerk advised that he is liaising with the insurers about getting the costs reclaimed.

9. Report from Embleton Joint Burial Committee (EJBC) representative

Cllrs M Brooks and E Pearson provided a report as EJBC representatives of the Parish Council. Cllr M Brooks advised that the Committee is looking at addressing an issue with a tree in the cemetery and is seeking advice and costs for this work to be undertaken.

Cllr E Pearson advised that she had received positive feedback about how beautiful the cemetery is kept.

Cllr M Brooks advised that the tenant remains in the cemetery house and the rent continues to be paid.

10. Report from Craster Community Trust (CCT) representative

Cllr M Craster provided a report as CCT representative of the Parish Council. Cllr M Craster advised that the Trust is looking into alternative power sources in the event of a power cut in order that the Hall may be offered as a warm hub to the community.

Cllr M Craster also advised that the pantomime has been booked for this year already and advised that he hoped to see as many from the community there as possible.

Cllr M Craster also advised that a Burns night will be happening next year.

11. Report from Craster Community Projects Fundraising Committee

The Clerk reported that £260.55 had now been collected from the fundraising box at the harbour. The Clerk took the opportunity to thank all those involved in the collection of the funds and especially to Helen Chamberlain who also deposited the funds at Alnwick Lloyds branch.

The possibility of this funding going towards new bike racks was discussed however a number of members were keen that the funding go towards projects which benefit the community and members expressed doubt that bike racks fitted this criterion.

It was **agreed** that the community fundraising committee should meet to discuss how the funds should be allocated and come forward with a recommendation to the Parish Council.

The Clerk took the opportunity again to stress that any local community organisation may be involved in this Committee.

12. Progressing plans for a Platinum Jubilee celebration event

The Clerk advised that he had now submitted the grant application for a Platinum Jubilee celebration event to NCC and expected to hear back soon on this.

The Clerk also reminded Members that a £1,000 fund had been agreed as part of the budget for 2022/23 for events in the parish.

The Council agreed that this should be a community-led initiative as opposed to a Parish Council event and the Clerk highlighted that a coffee morning for the community to meet and discuss ideas is being planned for 5th March 2022 and encouraged all attendees to attend this to hear ideas.

13. Planning Matters:

Update on 21/02775/FUL | Construction of 2no houses for rent with associated landscaping | Dunstan House C74 Dunstan Village Main Road Dunstan NE66 3SY. The Council considered the new highways information submitted in support of the application and **agreed** to maintain its objection to this application. The Clerk **agreed** to draft the follow up response to this application.

Update on 22/00024/FUL | Proposed second storey side extension and single storey front extension. | 6 South Acres Craster NE66 3TN. The Council considered the NCC highways response to this application and **agreed** to request that the officer noted this and act accordingly.

14. Update on the installation of disabled parking bays outside St. Peter's Church in Craster

The Clerk advised that the disabled car parking bay is being progressed and he hoped to have an update on this as soon as possible. The Clerk confirmed that one space had been requested, as per the previous Council agreement.

15. Items for next Agenda

The Chair reminded Members to contact the Clerk if they wished to have any items on the Agenda for the next meeting. Members **agreed** that mobile phone coverage for the parish should be a major item of discussion on the next Agenda.

16. Date and time of next meeting

17th March 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
(17th March 2022)**

CRASTER PARISH - COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT



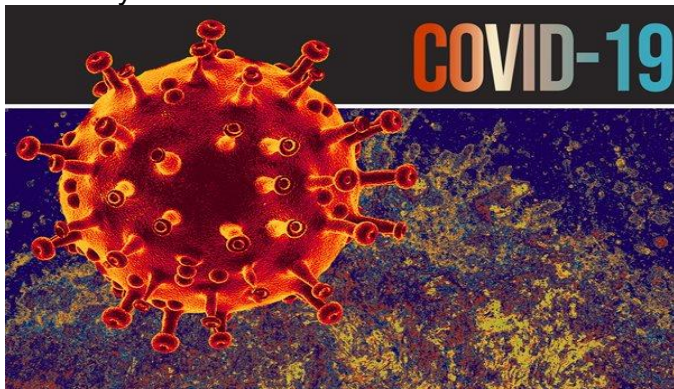
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– Cllr Wendy Pattison

CRASTER PARISH

The Government announced that all Covid-19 restrictions would end in England on Thursday 24th February.



The legal requirement to self-isolate after a positive test will be removed.

From April 1, free mass lateral flow testing will also be stopped.

While the law may be changing, the fact that these measures help to reduce infections, prevent illness, and help keep yourself and those around you safe has not changed.

The lifting of these requirements does not mean the pandemic is over. Covid-19 continues to spread and people of all ages remain susceptible to infection.

We would continue to ask you to be sensible and cautious in the weeks and months ahead as we all learn to live with Covid.

It's also not too late to get your jabs if you're yet to begin a course of vaccination. Every jab helps build levels of protection within our community. So whether you still need your first jab, or you need a 2nd or a booster dose, please come forward.

As with any other illness, if you are unwell then please stay at home and remove the risk of passing your illness on to others. If your children are sick, then similarly try to keep them home from school so others don't become ill as well. Other measures we have become used to, such as wearing a face covering in crowded indoor spaces, keeping a safe distance from others, washing hands regularly and ventilating rooms will also continue to be effective.

While the pandemic has had a significant impact upon us all, please be considerate of those who may be more vulnerable or nervous than you as restrictions and requirements are lifted. For some, this will be a daunting time if they are at greater risk of serious illness. Please, continue to be kind.

We are in a very different place to where we were when the pandemic began. We have a largely-vaccinated population offering a very good level of community protection, and we of course understand the need for people to get on with their lives and focus on their physical and mental well-being. Living with Covid is new to us all, but communities have stuck together through all we have faced so we are confident you will do the same again.

Working together as a region has got us this far in challenging and uncertain times, and that is exactly how we will continue through this next stage. We will do all we can to make sure we progress smoothly and protect our most vulnerable residents, limit the pressures on health services, keep children in school, and help our region recover from the effects of the pandemic.

THE QUEEN'S GREEN CANOPY

THE QUEEN'S GREEN CANOPY (QGC) is a unique tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 which invites people from across the United Kingdom to "**Plant a Tree for the Jubilee**".

Everyone from individuals to Scout and Girl guiding groups, villages, cities, counties, schools and corporates were encouraged to play their part to enhance our environment by planting trees during the official planting season between October 2021 to March 2022.

Tree planting will commence once again in October 2022, through to the end of the Jubilee year.

With a focus on planting sustainably, the QGC will encourage planting of trees to create a legacy in honour of The Queen's leadership of the Nation, which will benefit future generations.

As well as inviting the planting of new trees, THE QUEEN'S GREEN CANOPY will dedicate a network of 70 Ancient Woodlands across the United Kingdom and identify 70 Ancient Trees to celebrate Her Majesty's 70 years of service.

Everyone should be able to get involved in **Planting a Tree for the Platinum Jubilee** in celebration of The Queen's 70 years of Service to the Nation. Whether you are a seasoned gardener or a complete novice, the QGC will guide you through the process of planting trees so that they survive and flourish for years to come.

If you wish to plant a tree in your garden to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee, we recommend you order a tree/trees from a certified Plant Healthy nursery in your area. From October 2022, you can once again add your Jubilee tree to the **QGC map**.

You may also wish to mark the occasion with a commemorative plaque. The QGC is offering a **physical**, as well as a **virtual** commemorative plaque option, in keeping with an environmental initiative.

To celebrate the Jubilee, Northumberland County Council have linked up with residents, schools, community groups, towns and parishes across Northumberland to plant tree saplings this winter. Trees help capture harmful emissions in our atmosphere and convert them into the oxygen that we breathe on a daily basis. Planting more trees will help the county become carbon neutral and create an environment that our residents can enjoy for generations to come.

A message from Council Leader Glen Sanderson:

Planting more trees is just one of the many ways we're involving residents in helping achieve Northumberland's target to become carbon neutral by 2030.

Our fantastic Free Tree Giveaway scheme aimed to give every household in our county the opportunity to plant a tree over the next decade, with 15,000 tree saplings up for grabs each

winter.

Tree planting is more important than ever following the destruction caused by Storm Arwen in November, leading to the loss of thousands of mature trees across the region. If you weren't able to plant a tree this winter, please consider taking us up on the Free Tree Giveaway for next winter to help us replace the trees we have tragically lost. Applications for NCC free Tree Giveaway are currently closed.

Applications will reopen again in summer 2022.

The Woodland Creation Partnership



The Northumberland Woodland Creation Partnership is made up of 14 organisations. The partners include: DEFRA, Northumberland County Council, Forestry Commission, Natural England, the Woodland Trust, Northumberland National Park Authority, the Environment Agency, the Country Land and Business Association, Forestry England, the MOD, Confor, Northumberland CAN (Community Action Northumberland), the National Farmers' Union, and the Northumberland Wildlife Trust.

The Great Northumberland Forest is a plan to plant millions of trees, creating more wooded landscapes across the county by 2030. This will help tackle the big challenges facing society, such as climate change, biodiversity decline, promoting health and wellbeing, and supporting a thriving local economy.

The idea is inspired by our determination to leave a better, more diverse, and more productive natural environment for the benefit of future generations. By planting more trees, we will create new, natural environments that our children, communities, and businesses will benefit from for decades to come.

The new wooded areas will:

- Provide beautiful new and enhanced landscapes
- Absorb carbon and reduce climate change impacts, such as flooding
- Help grow our agriculture, forestry and wood processing businesses, creating jobs and prosperity
- Provide recreational areas to improve health and wellbeing, and offer new activities for visitors
- Improve and expand habitats for plants and wildlife
- Provide clean air and water
- Lead a green recovery in Northumberland as we emerge from the Covid 19 crisis

A variety of different woodland types and sizes will be created to suit local needs, from the planting of individual trees, orchards, and small community woodlands, to larger-scale schemes bringing together farming, forestry, biodiversity, and recreation. In some places there will be slow growing native woodlands providing habitats for treasured wildlife. In others, faster growing, highly productive woodlands will rapidly absorb carbon and produce timber.

New trees will be planted in places across our diverse county, from our rural and farming heartlands, to our stunning coastal communities, on the fringes of our traditional industrial towns, to remote upland locations. Together they will be known as the Great Northumberland Forest.

For farmers and businesses, this will mean new opportunities to earn income from the land, diversifying into woodland management and outdoors-based tourism, or building sustainable forestry and wood processing businesses, creating jobs and wealth along the way.

For local people and communities, it will mean more opportunities to enjoy nature, live healthy lifestyles, appreciate our beautiful landscapes, and play our part in protecting the environment, fulfilling Northumberland's commitment to become a 'net zero carbon' place by 2030.

In creating new woodland areas, we will take great care to safeguard our most precious open landscapes and wildlife habitats, including in our National Park and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs), as well as preserving our best land for sustainable local food production. We will work closely with farmers and land managers, encouraging them to plant trees for the benefit of their businesses and local communities. People, communities, and land managers are at the heart of planning and leading the growth in tree planting across the county.

The Great Northumberland Forest will be a very visible expression of our unique identity and our passion for landscapes, nature, and the environment. A legacy from our generation to the next - created for the benefit of all Northumbrians from all backgrounds and communities, strengthening the distinctive character of the county for many generations to come. Learn more about the Great Northumberland Forest's vision. (enquiries.forest@northumberland.gov.uk)

[Find out more about the Woodland Creation Planning Grant](#) on the gov.uk website

Support Music Partnership North

The arts have the power to shape a young person's future. Find out how you can help support music in Northumberland.



The arts are not simply 'nice to have', or an 'add-on' to education. They have the power to change and shape young lives. Music in-particular can create opportunities for children to express their ideas and form their values.

Funding is reducing every year and families are finding it harder to find the money to pay for music lessons for their children.

Music Partnership North are the Music Service for Northumberland County Council and work in partnership with Newcastle music service and Sage Gateshead.

£15 per month can sponsor a child's place in a county ensemble.

- £18 per month would provide free instrumental or vocal tuition for a child.
- £6 per month would provide free instrument hire for a child.
- A one off donation of £15 would buy a child's place on a workshop day.
- To find out more about this, please contact as below

Business Development Officer: Fiona Johnstone (01670 624039)
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ITEM 13: PROGRESSING PLANS FOR A PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATION EVENT

Members are reminded that the Parish Council has had a provisional agreement from NCC on its grant application of £500 towards a Jubilee event.

It was agreed that the celebrations should be a community-led initiative with financial support from the Parish Council and a community meeting took place on 5th March 2022 in order to progress ideas. Below are the notes taken at the first meeting to plan Craster's Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

In attendance: Viv Wilson, Hilary Punton, Simon Martin, Sybil Dawson, Michael Craster, Fiona Craster, Margaret Brooks, Helen Chamberlain, Heather Lee, Jackie Reeves [chair], Stephen Reeves, Michael Doherty, Jennifer Doherty, Kevin Brown, Ann Fettis, Marion Gallon{scribe}, Rosie Robson

Apologies from Pauline Parker.

This was an excellent session with some very good ideas being contributed. The chair Jackie explained that there was £1500 [£500 grant from NCC and £1000 from the Parish Council] available to spend on celebrations. There was a lot of discussion as to whether the activities should be limited to residents only and if they were where this would leave non - residents who play a vital role in village activities. It was decided that some activities would lend themselves to being open to the general public and some would be better being restricted to people with immediate village connections. The idea of having some form of ticket popped through the doors of residents was discussed. A useful website will be [How you can get involved – The Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022](#)

Plan	Place	Who	What needs to be done
Decorate the "Craster Kipper" Skiff Offer trips in the Jolly Fisherman Skiff	Harbour ongoing Fri/ Sat/ Sun.	The skiff Viv Wilson	Dougie to be approached for permission This will be tide dependent.
A flyer to be produced informing the villagers of what was on offer.	N.A.	TBC	Volunteer(s) will be needed to draft and deliver the leaflets.
Bonfire and fire pits in the harbour. Hot dog stand, bar. Lighting of beacon	Thursday evening 9.15	Rosie	Permission needed from Dougie, Bonfire to built etc bar organised etc
Some sort of event at the Cottage Inn	TBA	? the cottage	Michael Craster will approach Deb who has already expressed a willingness to be involved
Historical Project TBC. Maybe some sort of display in the hall of residents memories of the coronation. Audio visual display in the hall?	Hall.	Heather, Jackie, Marion, Kevin	Jackie to investigate the audio visual aspect, Marion to share what she has from WI members. Heather to see if History society will contribute. Kevin will investigate the burial of a time capsule. Transference of tapes to digital??.
Decoration of harbour	Harbour Maybe the lampposts could be	Kevin Brown et al	Kevin has the bunting. Purchase of Flags etc TBA

	decorated with emblems?		Details TBA
Presentation of Jubilee medals to lifeboat crew	TBC	Kevin Brown	
Photograph of Craster and Dunstan Residents	TBC	Kevin Brown	Kevin will ask Andy Cowan if he will take the photograph
Men versus women football match	TBC	Hilary Punton	TBC
Teas on Sunday afternoon	Village hall	WI c/o Marion Gallon	WI to sort out details
Singing celebration	Harbour	Newcastle choir	Marion Gallon to co-ordinate
Sand sculpture	Harbour	?	Is this feasible?

A working party was established consisting of Jackie, Marion, Rosie, Hilary, Margaret, Michael C. Viv and Anne. This will meet in a fortnight. Date and time TBC