

**MEETING OF CRASTER PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May 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 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 6:30pm** to transact the following business:

- 1. Election of Chair**
- 2. Election of Vice-Chair**
- 3. A one minute silence for Councillor Michael Doherty**
- 4. Apologies for absence**
- 5. Declarations of interest**
- 6. Confirmation of the minutes for the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> April 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. Progressing plans for the Platinum Jubilee celebration events**
- 13. Follow-up correspondence with NCC regarding the Experimental Traffic scheme in Craster**
- 14. Progressing the mobile phone mast in Craster**
- 15. Progressing the back-up power to Craster Village Hall** – including an update on the Parish Council's appeal to holiday lets.
- 16. Preparing for the annual meeting of the parish in May 2022**
- 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
  - 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
  - 21/02775/FUL** | Construction of 2no houses for rent with associated landscaping | Dunstan House C74 Dunstan Village Main Road Dunstan NE66 3SY
- 18. Items for next Agenda**
- 19. Date and time of next meeting**

16<sup>th</sup> June 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 21<sup>st</sup> April 2022– 6.30pm in the Hall**

**Councillors present:**

**Chair:** Margaret Brooks

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

**In attendance:** 4 members of the public and County Councillor Wendy Pattison.

**Clerk:** Adam Shanley

**1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs M Smith, M Green and A Fettis.

**2. Declarations of interest**

None received.

**3. Confirmation of the minutes for the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

The minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2022 were unanimously **agreed** as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

**4. Matters arising**

The Chair advised that she had received a response to the issue raised by Mrs Marjorie Taylor in relation to the EJBC and this has now been resolved.

**5. Public participation**

None received.

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

Cllr Wendy Pattison reminded residents that all properties in the Council tax bands A-D are entitled to a £150 rebate following the Chancellor's announcement of support towards the cost of living.

Cllr Wendy Pattison also commended the EJBC on an excellent job in maintaining the cemetery as she felt that the cemetery had a lovely feel about it and was very well-maintained.

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

Cllr M Brooks provided an update on the work of the EJBC as Parish Council representative.

Cllr M Brooks advised that there is an issue with lime tree next to the gates of the cemetery. Expert advice had been sought and the advice received is that the tree should be felled.

Cllr M Brooks also advised that Stephen Ternent had once again been awarded the contract to maintain the cemetery on behalf of the EJBC.

Cllr M also drew the Parish Council's attention to a letter from planning enforcement relating to the fence in the cemetery. Cllr M Brooks advised that the EJBC were looking into this and are hoping to address this.

**8. Report from Craster Community Trust representative**

Cllr M Craster provided an update on the work of the CCT as Parish Council representative.

Cllr M Craster advised that the big project being looked into at present is for some back-up power options to the Hall, following recent storms and power outages. Cllr M Craster

thanked Jackie Reeves and the Clerk for their work on this and advised that he looked forward to seeing how this progressed.

Cllr E Pearson remarked that it was wonderful to see the football posts back in situ and advised that she had seen children playing in the area every evening which is wonderful.

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

The Clerk, Jackie Reeves and Marion Gallon advised that work was continuing on planning a series of events to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee this year.

Jackie advised that there were a number of meetings taking place with stakeholders on planning these events and thanked everyone involved with this.

The Clerk highlighted that the Parish Council had been successful in its grant application to NCC for £500 towards events for the Jubilee and advised that one of the conditions of the grant is that at least 5 photos must be provided back to NCC to showcase all of these events.

Marion Gallon highlighted that a community photo was due to take place on 8<sup>th</sup> May and asked everyone to RSVP to her directly if they are able to attend the photo.

The Council thanked all those involved in planning for these events.

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

The Clerk advised Members that he had now submitted a letter to Robin McCartney at NCC in relation to the Experimental Traffic scheme in Craster. This letter had detailed the Parish Council's agreement to support the scheme, subject to the following amendments:

- NCC take over responsibility for enforcing the scheme instead of the Police.
- The barrels either be reduced in number or replaced with a more permanent solution (for which the Parish Council would expect to be consulted).
- The Quarry Car Park be renamed the "Village and Dunstanburgh Castle car park".
- All signage be removed to the entrance of the village and be replaced with two "No entry except for residents and services" signs and a sign for the car park.
- A sign be erected at the bottom of Tower Bank saying "All visitors please use the main car park".
- The Council fully supports the added charges on the car park but would like to request that the first 1 hour parking is free of charge at the front of the car park only.
- A residents permit parking scheme be trialled for a period of 12 months.

The Clerk advised that he is awaiting a response to this correspondence from Mr McCartney and hoped to have an update on this as soon as possible.

The Chair also advised that she is currently liaising with the Grays family in relation to the position on the overflow car park.

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

The Clerk advised that work was continuing behind the scenes on progressing the mobile phone mast in Craster. The Clerk advised that a planning application would hopefully be submitted later this year for this with funding coming from the Borderlands Deal. The Clerk advised that he is continuing to liaise with the relevant officer at NCC on this.

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

The Clerk updated Members that nearly £2,000 had been received to date from Craster and Dunstan holiday let owners as part of the Parish Council's appeal to establish the Hall as a warm shelter, providing power, heat and light to residents during storms and power outages.

The Clerk also advised that he and Jackie Reeves had met with two companies today to discuss options for a back-up battery and solar panels for the Hall and both were extremely impressive. The Clerk advised that there is now a need to seek quotations for this work to be carried out but highlighted that there is 8-12 months waiting time for Tesla batteries should this be the selected product for the Hall.

Jackie Reeves advised that she is also investigating grant funding for this project.

The Council thanked both the Clerk and Jackie Reeves for their work on this.

### **13. Preparing for the annual meeting of the parish in May 2022**

The Council **agreed** that the date of the annual meeting of the parish in May should be 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 18:00pm, with the following Agenda items included:

- An update on the traffic scheme
- An update on achieving mobile phone signal to the parish
- An update on the work of the Parish Council.

### **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. The Parish Council **agreed** to maintain its objection 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**

19<sup>th</sup> May 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  
(19<sup>th</sup> May 2022)**

# CRASTER PARISH - COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT



County Councillor Wendy Pattison

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– Cllr Wendy Pattison  
CRASTER PARISH

## Northumberland Coast Care



coast Care is a volunteer scheme designed to help people to conserve and manage the beautiful Northumbrian coastline. The area faces a number of challenges from coastal erosion, the impact of invasive species and increased pressure from human activities.

### **Make a difference in an area you care about.**

Volunteering with Coast Care you will have the opportunity to make a real difference to our historic, natural and cultural environment forever. We work with other conservation organisations up and down the coast - our reach is big! Our volunteers are so important to protecting the Northumbrian coastline. They are integral to everything we do. The conservation sector simply wouldn't run without the help of volunteers.

Some of our volunteers have recently moved to Northumberland and are looking to become a part of the local community. Others are lifelong Northumbrians who want to give back to the environment that has given them so much.

### **Learn something new.**

You don't have to be an expert! All training and equipment is provided - you just need enthusiasm and a willingness to learn. As a volunteer you'll have the opportunity to learn new skills or develop existing interests. Coast Care has a range of volunteering opportunities suitable for all abilities and backgrounds. Our volunteers have learned wildlife surveying techniques, practical skills like dry stone walling and tree planting and gained qualifications such as first aid and using brush cutters.

# Improve your wellbeing, protect your physical and mental health and reduce the impact of social isolation.

Volunteering is great for your physical and mental health. It's proven to make you happy, as levels of good hormones and brain activity spike during volunteering. Our activities are mostly active, so are fantastic for getting outside and keeping fit and healthy. Getting outdoors and connecting with nature is really important for our wellbeing.

Volunteering is also an excellent opportunity to socialise, meet like-minded people and make meaningful connections. You will become a valued member of our team while gaining confidence in your abilities and enjoying the satisfaction of a job well done. The majority of our volunteers are retired, and many of them tell us how important it has been for providing them with a sense of purpose and identity, and preventing them from becoming isolated and lonely. We take regular breaks for a chat, and the tea and biscuits are always on hand. It's also just fun to get involved with us!

With our societies growing consciousness about the climate crisis and problems facing our natural world, anxiety about the environment is very real. Many people are very worried, and rightly so - the stats make for glum reading. The most recent State of Nature Report assessed 8,431 species, 15% of which are threatened with extinction. Populations of 41% of our species have declined since 1970. We have 2,000 established invasive species in the country, and our total number of breeding birds have fallen by 44 million between 1967 and 2009. It's easy to feel overwhelmed faced with such a huge problem, and many people are unsure how they can help. Taking action is the best way to ease the anxiety we feel for our natural world. Volunteering with an environmental initiative is a great way to do your bit, and also reduces stress and combats depression.

## Gain career benefits.

For some, volunteering can be a great way to get back into employment or an invaluable way to build your experience as you look for your dream job. Volunteering with Coast Care, you will develop and gain new skills which can enhance your CV and improve your employment prospects.

We will support you to gain professional knowledge and experience and can also provide valuable employment references when required.

**Coast Care volunteers play an important role in the protection and management of the beautiful Northumbrian coastline. If you would like to submerge yourself in local history, get up close and personal with wildlife and help to conserve an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty then get in touch. We don't have any expectation of how much you will volunteer. There is no pressure to give a certain amount of time. You might volunteer for one activity, or maybe you'll become a core part of the team. Any time you donate is greatly appreciated, and will add to the impact we can have.**

**Coast Care will be in the process of taking new volunteers on very shortly, If you are interested in volunteering with Coast Care and have a passion for the Northumberland Coast AONB and would like to help out on various landscape, heritage, habitat and beautification projects, drop Mark an email at [mark@coast-care.co.uk](mailto:mark@coast-care.co.uk) or [info@coast-care.co.uk](mailto:info@coast-care.co.uk)  
Coast Care, The Hut, Stone Close,  
Seahouses, NE68 7YL, Tel. 07816 603953**

## DISABLED PARKING - AM I ELIGIBLE FOR A BLUE BADGE?

To check if you are eligible for a blue badge you can use the **online eligibility checker on the NCC Website.**

There are two types of eligibility criteria.

An individual's eligibility for a blue badge is considered in terms of being "Eligible Without Further Assessment" (previously known as automatic) or "Eligible Subject to Further Assessment" (previously known as discretionary).

Under the "**Eligible Without Further Assessment**" (automatic) criteria you may be issued with a badge without further assessment if you are more than two years old and fall within one or more of the following descriptions:

- You have a terminal illness and hold a DS1500 report from your GP or the MacMillan Nursing Trust.
- Receive the Higher Rate of the Mobility Component of the Disability Allowance (HMRCDLA)
- Receives 8 points or more under the "moving around" activity of the mobility component of Personal Independence Payment (PIP)
- Receives the mobility component of PIP and have obtained 10 points **specifically for Descriptor E** under the "planning and following journeys" activity, on the grounds that they are unable to undertake any journey because it would cause them overwhelming psychological distress – **no other Descriptor will automatically qualify**
- Is registered blind (severely sight impaired)
- Receives a War Pensioner's Mobility Supplement (WPMS)
- Has been awarded a lump sum benefit at tariffs 1–8 of the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme and certified as having an enduring and substantial disability which causes inability to walk or very considerable difficulty in walking

Armed Forces Independence Payment (AFIP) awards are not included in the automatic criteria.

Under the "**Eligible Subject to Further Assessment**" (discretionary) criteria you may be issued with a badge after further assessment if you are more than two years old and can be described as one or more of the following:

- A person who drives a vehicle regularly, has a severe disability in both arms and is unable to operate, or has considerable difficulty in operating, all or some types of parking meter
- A person who has been certified by an expert assessor as having an enduring and substantial disability which causes them, during the course of a journey, to:
  - Be unable to walk;
  - Experience very considerable difficulty whilst walking, which may include very psychological distress; or
  - Be at risk of serious harm when walking; or pose, when walking, a risk of serious harm to any other person.

Any of the above three types of difficulty whilst walking could be caused by a physical disability, or by a "non-physical" disability. In either case, the disability experienced by the applicant must have been endured for at least three years.

In addition, children under the age of three may be eligible for a blue badge if they fall within either or both of the following descriptions:

- A child who, on account of a condition, must always be accompanied by bulky medical equipment which cannot be carried around with the child without great difficulty;
- A child who, on account of a condition, must always be kept near a motor vehicle so that, if necessary, treatment for that condition can be given in the vehicle or the child can be taken quickly in the vehicle to a place where treatment can be given.

First you need to apply and send us your supporting evidence, to show you're eligible for a badge.

## HOW TO APPLY FOR A BLUE BADGE

- You can [apply online on the NCC website](#), which is the quickest way for your badge to be processed
- You can download an [application form](#) and [guidance notes](#) by clicking the links, and email your application to [bluebadges@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:bluebadges@northumberland.gov.uk) with your supporting evidence and photograph.
- Post your application and supporting evidence to The Blue Badge Team, Northumberland County Council, Wansbeck Square, Ashington, NE63 9XL.

[More information is available on the scheme on the GOV.UK website.](#)

The badge costs £10. If your application is successful, a member of the Blue Badge Team will telephone you to advise that your application is successful and to request payment. The quickest way to make payment, and to ensure we get your Blue Badge to you as soon as possible, is to make payment through Call Secure. To pay via Call Secure our Blue Badge Team member will advise you that they will send you a secure link to the email address and mobile phone number that you provided on your application form to enable you to make the £10.00 payment. PLEASE NOTE this call will be from a withheld number.

**If you wish to pay this way, please only open the link when you are ready to make the payment otherwise the link may not work.**

Once payment has been made, we will receive a confirmation email and your Blue Badge will be ordered.

Alternatively, you can call our Customer Service Team to make the £10 payment. Please call 0345 600 6400, choose Option 4 all other enquiries, then Option 3 for Blue Badges.

## Adopted Local Plan

The Northumberland Local Plan 2016 to 2036 was adopted by Northumberland County Council on 31 March 2022. The Local Plan is now part of the development plan for Northumberland and forms the basis of decision making on planning applications across Northumberland (excluding the areas covered by the Northumberland National Park) alongside the made Neighbourhood Plans.

The policies in the Northumberland Local Plan **replace** all those that were set out in the previous District, Borough, and County Council plans listed below:

- The Core Strategies of the former Local Authorities of Alnwick (2007), Blyth Valley (2007), and Tynedale (2007), and the Blyth Valley Development Control Policies Development Plan Document (2007);
- The saved Local Plan policies (under the Secretary of State's Direction) of the Northumberland Minerals Local Plan (2000), Northumberland Waste Local Plan (2001), Alnwick District Wide Local Plan (1997), Berwick upon Tweed Local Plan (1999), Blyth Valley District Local Plan (1999), Castle Morpeth District Local Plan (2003), Tynedale District Local Plan (2000), and Wansbeck District Local Plan (2007); and
- Saved Policy S5 of the Northumberland County and National Park Joint Structure Plan Alteration (February 2005)