

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF CRASTER PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022– 6.30pm in the Hall**

**Councillors present:**

**Chair:** Martin Smith

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

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

**Clerk:** Adam Shanley

**1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs R Robson and M Green.

**2. Declarations of interest**

None received.

**3. Confirmation of the minutes for the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

The minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> June 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**

Cllr W Pattison highlighted that NCC is making two pots of funding available through its Community Climate Change Fund. One scheme for £1,000 per bid and another for £5,000 per bid. Cllr Pattison advised that the scheme for £5,000 is for projects which involved: renewable energy/retrofitting, paid community positions and can be used to match fund larger projects, but cannot be used to match fund other Council funded projects.

Cllr Pattison advised that the projects must be a new initiative, demonstrate longevity and show a commitment to engaging the wider community to encourage action on climate change.

Cllr Pattison also advised that the Communities Together Initiative is there to support the most vulnerable residents and encouraged anyone who needed additional support to get in touch on either the dedicated telephone number/ e-mail address.

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

Cllrs M Brooks and E Pearson provided a report to Members as EJBC representatives on the Parish Council.

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 reminded the Council 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**

Cllr M Craster provided a report to Members as Trust representative on the Parish Council.

Cllr M Craster reminded Members of the excellent renovation works which had taken place in the Hall recently, including improvements to the walls, floor and speaker systems. Cllr M Craster also advised that the Trust is looking to have the lights to the Hall improved and possibly changed to LED lights.

Cllr M Craster advised that the Trust is also continuing to book out the Hall, including for film nights and thanked those who attend these events for their support.

Cllr M Craster highlighted that the major project being undertaken by the Trust is the back-up power project being led by Jackie Reeves who is working with the Parish Clerk on this.

### **9. Update on the mobile phone mast for Craster village**

The Clerk advised that he expected the application for the new mobile phone mast to be submitted by October 2022 and advised that NCC hoped to host a public meeting as and when this is submitted.

The Clerk advised that Sylvia Pringle (lead officer at NCC on this project) is currently consulting with colleagues and Railsite on some remaining matters and hoped to have an update on this project soon.

### **10. Update on the traffic management scheme to the entrance of Craster village**

The Clerk reminded Members that the Parish Council has requested a permanent chicane as part of the scheme to the entrance of the village as part of its Local Transport Plan submission for 2023/24. The Clerk advised that he was awaiting feedback on this submission.

Cllr M Brooks also advised that she is working on the flower tubs again this year but highlighted that access to water to be able to water the plants was an issue. The Clerk advised that he would take this matter up once again with Paul Jones in the hopes that a tap can be added to the exterior of the public toilets.

### **11. Progressing the back-up power to Craster village Hall**

Jackie Reeves and the Clerk advised that they had now met with Northern Powergrid in order to discuss a grant funding bid to the newly formed NPG Foundation in order to provide funding for solar panels and a Tesla battery to the Hall in order to a) reduce the running costs for the Hall and b) provide much needed back-up power to the Hall during incidents of power outages.

Jackie and the Clerk advised that they were awaiting the forms to be able to submit such a funding bid but had received positive feedback from NPG colleagues to date on the proposed project.

The Council thanked Jackie and the Clerk for their continued work on this issue. It was also highlighted that NCC's Community Climate Change fund may also be a funding option as well as the submission to the NPG Foundation.

### **12. Update on collection boxes in Craster village**

The Clerk advised that the collection boxes continued to prove successful in gaining funds for Craster from local visitors. The Clerk advised that £100 of the funding had been allocated towards plants to the barrels at the entrance of the village and thanked Cllr M Brooks for purchasing these on behalf of the Council.

The Clerk advised that the Council's Fundraising Committee would meet to discuss other allocations of this funding in the near future and expected a report to the next Full Council meeting.

### **13. Proposal to fund table tennis in Craster village hall**

The Chair advised that this matter had been raised by Cllr M Green as a possible project for the village hall.

The Council agreed that this matter should be referred to the Trustees in order to ascertain if they would be happy for this to be installed at the Hall.

The Council highlighted that the storage of such a table may prove to be an issue. Cllr M Craster also highlighted that some tables could be purchased which are multi-use e.g. could be turned into a pool table, etc.

#### **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. It was **agreed** that the Council should maintain its objection to this application.

**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. The Council noted that this application was yet to be determined and the Council had **agreed** to withdraw its objection to this application so long as various conditions were met.

**Amendments to 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 Council should maintain its objection to this application.

**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. It was **agreed** that the Council should maintain its objection to this application.

**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. It was **agreed** to note this application.

#### **15. Items for next Agenda**

The Chair reminded Members to contact the Parish Clerk should they wish to have any items on the Agenda for the September Full Council meeting.

#### **16. Date and time of next meeting**

15<sup>th</sup> September 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  
(20<sup>th</sup> October 2022)**