

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)**