

MINUTES OF MEETING OF CRASTER PARISH COUNCIL
Wednesday 15th February 2023 – 7.00pm in Craster Memorial Hall

Councillors present:

Chair: Martin Smith

Parish Council members: Elizabeth Pearson, Alan Gregory and Rosie Robson

In attendance: 8 members of the public and County Councillor Wendy Pattison

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors M Brooks, A Fettis, M Craster, M Green and Parish Clerk Adam Shanley.

2. Declarations of interest

None received.

3. Confirmation of the minutes for the meeting held on 19th January 2023

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th January 2023 were unanimously agreed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

4. Matters arising

None received.

5. Public participation

Mrs Marion Gallon expressed concern over the planning application 21/02775/FUL at Dunstan House involving the development of 2 holiday lets. Marion expressed that she felt that a more robust opposition was needed. Councillor R Robson explained the Parish Council's policy of following all the available steps to opposition on this matter but ultimately the community is relying on the County Council's jurisdiction as public and press interference had historically jeopardised past planning opposition.

Mrs Helen Chamberlain asked that the Parish Council addresses the issue of the trees on Charlie's Bank, those that had been cut and those that needed cut.

Mrs Marion Gallon put forward information on residential notices that might address the parking problems on Dunstanburgh Road.

Mrs Marjorie Taylor brought to the Council's attention the barrels at the entrance to the village and their shabby look.

6. Report by County Councillor Wendy Pattison

There is a £500 grant available for Coronation celebration. The WI don't need it as they are self-funding a tea party in the Hall and possible with the church. The Community Trust are OK for funds too.

Councillor Pattison expressed her concern around Ward changes. 67 Northumberland Wards would be looked at to assess the number of residents each councillor represented. For the present time, Councillor Pattison has had the Denwick Ward added to her constituency. This is still in the hands of the Boundary Commission and may change in the future. The question of the changes to the village entrance was brought up and addressed by the Chairman. Both Councillor Robson and the Chairman are dealing with the new plans and await more contact with the County Council team of designers.

A stopping smoking campaign is being actioned by NCC.

People must now present ID to cast a vote at elections. The types of acceptable ID would be published at election times.

The County Council is supporting a 'Safe Haven' mental health programme. Suicide is a risk across all groups but male suicides have consistently accounted for approximately three-

quarters of all suicides in the UK since the mid-1990s. 6,507 people died by suicide in 2018, significantly more than in 2017. Your community is meeting to discuss the setting up of a Men's Shed Group on Feb. 19th with Steve Latimer. Councillor Robson will provide a list of contactable mental health support groups locally.

7. Report from Embleton Joint Burial Committee representative

Councillor E Pearson provided an update on the work of the EJBC as Parish Council representative. Councillor E Pearson advised that the ongoing fence problem had now been addressed with soft planting.

Councillor E Pearson also reported that a fence between the cemetery and the farm had also required urgent attention.

8. Report from Craster Community Trust representative

The Community Trust requested that the pot holes in the parish be filled as soon as possible. The Community Trust also provided information on a Coronation Afternoon Tea over the Coronation weekend (6th – 8th May 2023).

9. Planning Matters:

22/04343/FUL | Proposed alterations and refurbishment of existing garage structure to provide garden store and the addition of a sunroom. | Waters Edge Haven Hill Craster Northumberland NE66 3TR. It was **agreed** to note this application.

Update on 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 Parish Council's objection to this application.

10. Items for next Agenda

The Chair reminded Members to contact the Parish Clerk if they wished to have any items added to the next Full Council Agenda for discussion.

11. Date and time of next meeting

16th March 2023 – 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
(16th March 2023)**