

MEETING OF CRASTER PARISH COUNCIL
Wednesday 15th February 2023 – 7:00pm in the Hall

Agenda

Dear Councillor,

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1972, I hereby give you notice that the meeting of **Craster Parish Council** will be held **in Craster Memorial Hall** on Wednesday **15th February 2023 at 7:00pm** to transact the following business:

- 1. Welcome and apologies for absence**
- 2. Declarations of interest**
- 3. Confirmation of the minutes for the meeting held on 19th January 2023**
- 4. Matters arising**
- 5. Public participation**
- 6. Report by County Councillor Wendy Pattison** – report included.
- 7. Report from Embleton Joint Burial Committee representative**
- 8. Report from Craster Community Trust representative**
- 9. Update on the planning application for the mobile phone mast in Craster quarry car park**
- 10. Planning for the Coronation weekend celebrations (6th – 8th May 2023)**
- 11. Update on the traffic calming scheme to the entrance of Craster village**
- 12. 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
 - Update on 21/02775/FUL** | Construction of 2no houses for rent with associated landscaping | Dunstan House C74 Dunstan Village Main Road Dunstan NE66 3SY
- 13. Items for next Agenda**
- 14. Date and time of next meeting**

16th March 2023 – 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 19th January 2023 – 6.30pm via Zoom

Councillors present:

Chair: Martin Smith

Parish Council members: Margaret Brooks, Mark Green, Ann Fettis and Rosie Robson

In attendance: 8 members of the public

Clerk: Adam Shanley

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors M Craster, E Pearson and A Gregory as well as County Councillor Wendy Pattison.

2. Declarations of interest

None received.

3. Confirmation of the minutes for the meeting held on 17th November 2022

The minutes of the meeting held on 17th November 2022 were unanimously agreed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

4. Matters arising

None received.

5. Public participation

Jackie Reeves asked if NCC could be asked to clear drains coming down Smithy Bank. The Clerk advised that he would look into this.

The Chair and Vice-Chair also highlighted that there were two potholes in Craster causing a particular issue – one coming out of the overflow car park and one at the crossroads. The Clerk advised that he would look into this.

Marion Gallon advised that there were approximately 5 skips in Craster at the moment and litter was blowing around the village. Marion asked if developers could be asked to introduce nets to the skips to avoid this from happening. The Clerk advised that he would write to developers.

Marion Gallon advised that Middlerigg was causing an issue again as vehicles associated with the property are parking on the footpath. The Clerk advised that this property has been an issue since 2019 when the Council approved a Certificate of Lawful development application and effectively removed one in-curtilage parking space. The Clerk highlighted that former Councillor Michael Doherty used to report vehicles parked on the footpath to the Police and the Council was made aware that the Police had issued a fine to those responsible. The Clerk also agreed to write to Mr Sykes about this.

Fyona Robson advised that a tree has fallen into the road coming into the village. Fyona also advised that there were trees overgrown on the path near to Park Burn. The Clerk advised that he would look into getting the tree which has fallen taken away and the trees cut back.

6. Report by County Councillor Wendy Pattison

The Chair reminded everyone that Councillor Wendy Pattison has circulated her latest report and asked attendees to direct any questions to Councillor Pattison in her absence.

7. Report from Embleton Joint Burial Committee representative

The Clerk highlighted that the three Parish Councils which form part of the EJBC had received a letter requesting a contribution from the precept for the Burial Committee. The Clerk advised that the total request was £1,000 and the split between the Parish Councils is as follows:

Craster Parish Council £215

Embleton Parish Council £628

Newton by the Sea Parish Council £157

The Clerk advised that the letter from EJBC advises that this is required as a contingency to cover any potential shortfall in funds during the year because of potential lack of income from

interments. Hopefully it will not be required during the year and if not called for drawdown can be retained by the three Parish Council's and discounted from their County Council precept in the subsequent financial year.

Members unanimously **approved** the contribution of £215 from Craster Parish Council to the EJBC.

8. Report from Craster Community Trust representative

In Councillor M Craster's absence, Helen Chamberlain – Chair of the CCT – provided a report to the Parish Council.

Helen advised that the solar panels and Tesla battery had now been installed but the CCT was awaiting the battery to be finally commissioned. Helen advised that there had been some slight technical issue when the engineers originally attempted this but they were resolving this and hoped to have this commissioned soon.

The Council took the opportunity to thank Jackie Reeves and the Clerk for their work on this project.

Jackie advised that the CCT is hoping to trial the battery by turning the power off to the Hall and use the battery power on a particular day. The Clerk also suggested that the community may wish to undertake a trial "drill" as if a power outage had occurred and there were procedures in place so that people were aware that the Hall can offer power, heat and light during an outage.

The Clerk also reported that a retrospective contribution of £300 had been made to the Council by a holiday let owner who has requested the funding be put to this project. The Council **agreed** that the £300 should be transferred to the CCT towards the deposit paid for the works. This would be done in the next financial year.

9. Update on the defibrillator in Craster village

The Chair reported that Mr Alan Punton had indicated that he no longer felt able to continue managing the defibrillator in the village. The Council took the opportunity to thank Mr Punton for all of his work on this and it was **agreed** that Mrs Jennifer Smith should be invited to take over responsibility of this. The Council thanked Mrs Smith for her kind offer.

10. Parish Council budget 2023/24

The Clerk reminded Members that the Parish Council is required to submit a precept request for the financial year 2023-24 to the County Council by the end of January 2023.

In order to assist Members in deciding an appropriate precept level, the Clerk advised that it was also necessary for the Council to agree a budget for the forthcoming financial year.

The Clerk reminded Members that it was expected that the Parish Council will finish the current financial year with approximately £6,500 remaining in the bank account.

Of the remaining £6,500 from this current financial year, £3,000 needs to be retained for general reserves.

Members unanimously **agreed** the expenditure for the forthcoming financial year as follows:

Item of expenditure	Expected expenditure
Staffing costs (including on costs)	£7,200.00
Insurance	£180.00
Wifi and telephone to the Hall	£400.00
RBL Appeal	£20.00
Christmas tree	£150.00
Cutting of grass verges	£500.00
NALC subscription and website	£170.00
Stationery and printing	£300.00
Hall hire	£288.00
Planting and blooming up the parish	£1,000.00
EJBC request for precept	£215.00
Total	£10,423.00

11. Parish Council precept request 2023/24

Members unanimously **agreed** to freeze the current precept charge at £65.63 for the forthcoming financial year of 2023/24.

12. Update on the planning application for the mobile phone mast in Craster quarry car park

The Clerk advised that the Parish Council had hosted a roundtable meeting with representatives from the relevant NCC departments in relation to the mobile phone mast. The Clerk advised that this appears to have moved this forward and the Parish Council felt reassured that this project was still set to be delivered. The Clerk cautioned Members that this would probably not be delivered until another 12 months had passed once procurement, legal and planning was sorted. The Clerk advised that he would continue to work with officers on this with a view to having this delivered within that timescale. The Council thanked the Clerk for his ongoing efforts on this project.

13. Update on the traffic calming scheme to the entrance of Craster village

The Clerk advised that NCC will shortly be presenting plans for the traffic calming scheme to the entrance of Craster village to the Parish Council and he would continue to liaise with Robin McCartney on this issue.

14. Planning Matters:

22/04208/FUL | Proposed replacement glazing to front extension with french doors | 26 Heugh Road Craster Northumberland NE66 3TJ. It was **agreed** to note this application.

Update on 21/01785/FUL | Proposed conversion of existing garage to one residential dwelling | Land North Of Waters Edge Haven Hill Craster Northumberland. The Clerk advised that this application had not yet been determined and he was chasing officers on this. The Council **agreed** to maintain its objection to 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. The Clerk advised that the Parish Council expected this application to be heard at the North Northumberland Local Area Council Planning Committee meeting in February. The Council **agreed** to maintain its objection to this application.

15. Items for next Agenda

The Chair asked Members to contact the Clerk if they wished to have an item on the Full Council Agenda for February 2023.

16. Date and time of next meeting

16th February 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
(15th February 2023)**

CRASTER PARISH - COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT



County Councillor Wendy Pattison

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– Cllr Wendy Pattison

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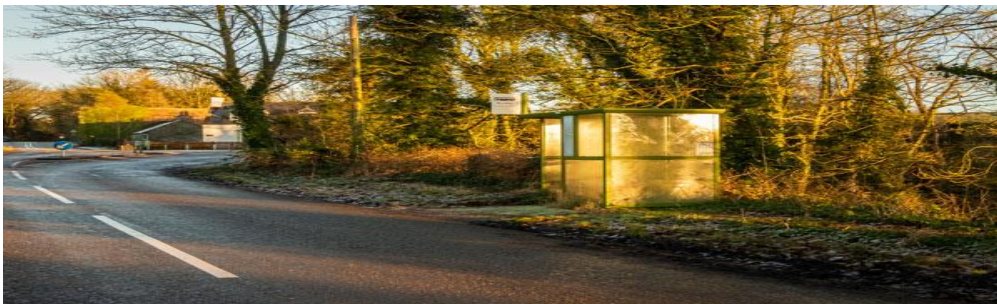
FOUR WAY JUNCTION AT STAMFORD

The four way junction at Stamford has always been a concern due to indecision by drivers especially in the Summer months as tourists are not familiar with the road and who should go first.

Work to ensure the crossing is made safer for everyone will commence at the end of February 2023.

Scores of new buses and EV chargers coming to region

The council has welcomed news that a scores of new electric buses are coming to the region.



The vehicles are on the way alongside nearly 100 more charging points after the North East successfully secured £19.5m of investment through the Levelling Up Fund for a Transport Decarbonisation package.

The multi-million-pound investment will greatly enhance zero carbon options for local people, delivering up to 52 new high-quality electric buses which will travel on some of the region's most heavily congested routes, alongside 92 new Electric Vehicle (EV) chargers – many at key destinations such as Park and Ride sites – to encourage multimodal journeys.

It is hoped expanded EV charging infrastructure will encourage more people to consider switching to a zero-emission vehicle where possible.

Cllr Martin Gannon, Chair, North East Joint Transport Committee, said: "I'm delighted to welcome this £19.5m investment which will enable us to deliver our Transport Decarbonisation package of new electric buses and electric vehicle charge-points.

"This funding will greatly boost the availability of zero carbon transport options for local people – enabling cleaner, greener journeys to work and education, improving air quality, and reducing our carbon emissions from transport.

Stagecoach North East Managing Director, Steve Walker, said: “On behalf of North East Bus Operators Association, my colleagues and I are delighted with the announcement of this £19.5m investment in our region’s transport network.

“This major funding builds on existing investment in greener buses across the North East, as we continue to work towards Net Zero bus fleets by 2035 and continue to demonstrate our collaborative approach and absolute commitment to ensuring the future prosperity of local communities.

“Buses are the solution to the UK’s biggest challenges: major congestion and declining air quality, and securing this investment makes a significant contribution to enhancing our region’s public transport offer with the introduction of greener, modern and accessible buses, which connect our people and provide critical links to employment, education, health and leisure facilities.”

New Northumberland Stop Smoking Website Launches

A new website has been launched to help Northumberland’s smokers quit.

Supporting people to stop smoking is a priority for Northumberland County Council and the new website www.stopsmokingnorthumberland.co.uk unlocks help and advice for people on their journey to quitting.

More than 80% of people in Northumberland are non-smokers, yet smoking is still the main cause of preventable illness and death in the county.

The new website will allow people to access lots of help, information and encouragement to stop smoking for good from the Northumberland Stop Smoking Service - a friendly, experienced team of advisers and specialists.

With expert help from the stop smoking service, people are three times more likely to succeed than those who try to quit without support.

Wendy Pattison, Cabinet Member for Adult Wellbeing at Northumberland County Council, said: “Smoking is a leading cause of health inequalities and is responsible for much of the difference in life expectancy between the rich and poor.

“We want to give our residents all the support we possibly can in their journey to stopping smoking. The new website will allow them to access information, get top tips and have access to specialist advice.

“We know not everyone can access websites easily, so we also want to remind our residents that help and advice from the Northumberland Stop Smoking Service is available by calling 01670 813135.”

Still time to have your say on a new political map for the council

A new pattern of electoral divisions is being developed for Northumberland County Council.

The Local Government Boundary Commission has decided that the number of councillors in Northumberland should be 67, the same as now.

The council has formally asked the Commission to carry out a single member division review. This

means that the Commission will aim to draw up a pattern of electoral divisions where each division is represented by one county councillor.

The Local Government Boundary Commission wants to hear what residents and organisations think about their local area. A 10-week consultation inviting proposals will run until Monday, 30 January 2023.

The Commission is the independent body that draws these boundaries. It is reviewing Northumberland to make sure councillors represent about the same number of electors, and that electoral division arrangements help the council work effectively. It wants to be sure that its proposals reflect community ties and identities.

The Commission is interested in views on which communities should be part of the same division. What facilities do people share, such as parks, leisure centres or schools and shopping areas? What issues do neighbouring communities face that they have in common, such as high numbers of visitors or heavy traffic? Have there been new housing or commercial developments that have changed the focus of communities? And are there roads, rivers, railways or other features that people believe form strong boundaries between neighbourhoods?

The Commission will use local views to help it draw up proposals for new division boundaries. There will be a further round of consultation once the Commission has drawn up those proposals.

Launching the consultation Professor Colin Mellors, Chair of the Commission, said: "We want people in Northumberland to help us.

"We are starting to draw up new divisions for Northumberland. We want our proposals for new electoral arrangements to reflect communities. We also want them to be easy to understand and convenient for local people.

"Residents and local organisations can help us understand community ties and identities at this early stage of the process.

"It's easy to get involved. Go to our website. Or you can e-mail or write to us.

"Just tell us what you think and give us some details why you think that. It's really simple, so do get involved."

The Commission has a dedicated section on its website where people can give their views: www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk/node/38227.

People can also give their views by e-mail at reviews@lgbce.org.uk, and by post:

Review Officer (Northumberland)
LGBCE
PO Box 133
Blyth
NE24 9FE

NEW Elections Voter ID requirement

From 4 May 2023, voters in England will need to show photo ID to vote at polling stations in some elections.

This will apply to:

- Local elections

- Police and Crime Commissioner elections
- UK parliamentary by-elections
- Recall petitions

From October 2023 it will also apply to UK General elections.

If you don't have accepted photo ID, you can apply for a free voter ID document, which is known as a Voter Authority Certificate.

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Accepted forms of photo ID

You can use any of the following accepted forms of photo ID when voting at a polling station.

International travel

- Passport issued by the UK, any of the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, a British Overseas Territory, an EEA state or a Commonwealth country

Driving and Parking

- Driving licence issued by the UK, any of the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, or an EEA state (this includes a provisional driving licence)
- A Blue Badge

Local travel

- Older Person's Bus Pass
- Disabled Person's Bus Pass
- Oyster 60+ Card
- Freedom Pass
- Scottish National Entitlement Card
- 60 and Over Welsh Concessionary Travel Card
- Disabled Person's Welsh Concessionary Travel Card
- Senior SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland
- Registered Blind SmartPass or Blind Person's SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland
- War Disablement SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland
- 60+ SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland
- Half Fare SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland

Proof of age

- Identity card bearing the Proof of Age Standards Scheme hologram (a PASS card)

Other government issued documents

- Biometric immigration document
- Ministry of Defence Form 90 (Defence Identity Card)
- National identity card issued by an EEA state
- Electoral Identity Card issued in Northern Ireland
- [Voter Authority Certificate](#)

- [Anonymous Elector's Document](#)

You will only need to show one form of photo ID. It needs to be the original version and not a photocopy.

Out of date photo ID

You can still use your photo ID if it's out of date, as long as it looks like you.

The name on your ID should be the same name you used to register to vote.