

ANNUAL MEETING OF CRASTER PARISH COUNCIL
Thursday 15th June 2023 – 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 Craster Memorial Hall on Thursday 15th June 2023 at 6:30pm** 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 18th May 2023**
- 4. Matters arising**
- 5. Presentation by Jackie Reeves on solar panel/ sustainability project for the Hall**
- 6. Public participation**
- 7. Report by County Councillor Wendy Pattison – report included.**
- 8. Report from Embleton Joint Burial Committee representative**
- 9. Report from Craster Community Trust representative**
- 10. Annual Governance and Accountability Return for 2022/23**
 - (i) to agree the internal audit report 2022-23
 - (ii) to approve the annual governance statement 2022-23
 - (iii) to approve the draft annual accounts for 2022-23
 - (iv) to approve the accounting statement and explanation of variances 2022-23
 - (v) to approve the certificate of exemption form 2022-23
- 11. Progressing the mobile phone mast in Craster quarry car park – consideration of pre-consultation letter.**
- 12. Update on the purchase of a defibrillator to Dunstan village**
- 13. Proposed consultation event with residents of Dunstan**
- 14. Items for next Agenda**
- 15. Date and time of next meeting**

20th July 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 18th May 2023 – 6:30pm in Craster Memorial Hall

Councillors present:

Chair: Martin Smith

Parish Council members: Margaret Brooks, Elizabeth Pearson, Mark Green, Alan Gregory and Rosie Robson

In attendance: 6 members of the public and County Councillor Wendy Pattison.

1. Election of Chair of the Parish Council

Councillor M Smith was unanimously elected as Chair of the Parish Council. Proposed by Councillor E Pearson and seconded by Councillor M Brooks.

2. Election of Vice-Chair of the Parish Council

Councillor M Brooks was unanimously elected as Chair of the Parish Council. Proposed by Councillor M Smith and seconded by Councillor A Fettis.

3. Welcome and apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillor M Craster.

4. Declarations of interest

None received.

5. Confirmation of the minutes for the meeting held on 20th April 2023

The minutes of the meeting held on 20th April 2023 were unanimously agreed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

6. Matters arising

None received.

7. Public participation

Mrs Helen Chamberlain raised the issue about coaches parking in the village and she felt that this had become a significant issue for the village now. The issue was raised that there are now no formal parking spaces for coaches dropping off tourists.

It was agreed that the Clerk should contact Visit Northumberland to ask for contact details of all the major coach operators in the area to ask that they do not park in the village. The Chair also remarked that he hoped that the work being carried out to have a mobile phone mast to the area may help resolve this issue as coaches may drop off and then park up at Howick and be contacted when pick-up needs to happen.

8. Report by County Councillor Wendy Pattison

County Councillor Wendy Pattison took the opportunity to thank Craster for a wonderful Coronation event and remarked how terrific it is to see so much support for the monarchy.

Councillor Pattison highlighted that Anne-Marie Trevelyan had recently visited Craster and was most impressed by the proposals for a mobile phone mast as well as the solar panels/ Tesla battery in Craster village Hall. Councillor Pattison thanked the Trust for their work on this and for facilitating the visit by the MP.

Councillor Pattison also advised that the mental health sanctuary she had been working, through her NCC Cabinet portfolio, to establish in Northumberland is now up and running in Ashington.

Councillor Pattison also advised that her portfolio is now being shared with another County Councillor and that she would be focusing more on the Adult Social Care aspect of the portfolio.

9. Report from Embleton Joint Burial Committee representative

Councillors E Pearson and M Brooks advised that the Burial Committee had not yet met since the last meeting of Craster Parish Council and therefore there was very little to update the Council on.

Councillor M Brooks confirmed that a new Clerk – Sarah – had been appointed by the Burial Committee and the Council took the opportunity to thank Geoff for all his hard work and dedication in this role.

10. Report from Craster Community Trust representative

Mrs Helen Chamberlain provided an update to the Council in the absence of Councillor M Craster.

Helen began by thanking the Parish Council and others for their terrific support during the Coronation for the event held in the church gardens. Helen advised that a large number of residents had attended and it was great to see so much support for this.

Helen also took the opportunity to highlight the different decorations around the Hall and thanked all those involved in producing this.

Helen also advised that the Trustees were delighted to welcome local MP Anne-Marie Trevelyan to the Hall to look at the project and see how successful this has been.

The Chair thanked Helen for her update and the Trust for their continued work in the community.

11. Progressing the mobile phone mast in Craster quarry car park

The Clerk advised that he had undertaken a site visit with Mark Shaw at the Atlas Group as well as the Highways Section Manager for the area in order to discuss the proposals for the mast in more detail.

The Clerk confirmed that NCC representatives seemed content with the plans as they were proposed to them.

The Clerk advised that he would be liaising with the AONB to seek their support for the new mast and hoped that they would also support this proposal at planning stage.

12. Update on the traffic calming scheme to the entrance of Craster village following meeting with NCC officers

Members agreed to support the proposals by NCC for a permanent traffic calming scheme to the entrance of Craster village, pending a further discussion at the annual meeting of the parish.

The Clerk reported that relevant NCC officers would be in attendance to present the plans to the community and he hoped this would answer any questions from residents.

The Clerk reported that he was aware of concerns regarding pedestrian movements to and from the car park as well as the introduction of additional street lighting.

13. Update on the request for a voluntary contribution to the Parish Council precept.

The Clerk reported that the letter to all holiday let owners had now been distributed and that over £1,000 had been received to date for the appeal. The Clerk highlighted that the Council has specifically identified the Dunstan sign and a defibrillator in Dunstan as possible projects for this funding. The Council **agreed** to move forward with the proposal of purchasing a defibrillator for the Cottage Inn pub in Dunstan.

Members also **agreed** that further consultation work is needed with the residents of Dunstan on proposals for an artistic sign (similar to that in Craster) for Dunstan.

14. Planning Matters:

The Clerk advised that the recent planning application for Dunstan House had recently highlighted that there is a need for more protection to certain parts of the parish area as well as a need for the Neighbourhood Plan to be reviewed.

The Clerk advised that he felt that this should be done by a Working Group, as opposed to him and Jo-Anne personally.

The Clerk advised that he would be liaising with relevant NCC colleagues on this matter and would report back at a future meeting.

The Council agreed again that further consultation work is needed with the residents of Dunstan on any new proposals.

15. Items for next Agenda

The Chair reminded Members to contact the Parish Clerk if they would like to have an Agenda item discussed at one of the future meetings of the Council.

16. Date and time of next meeting

15th June 2023 – 6:30pm in Craster Memorial Hall.

There being no further business, the Chair thanked all attendees for their contributions and closed the meeting.

Signed,

**Chair of Craster Parish Council
(15th June 2023)**

CRASTER PARISH - COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT



County Councillor Wendy Pattison

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– Cllr Wendy Pattison

CRASTER PARISH

New system launched for reporting street repairs

A new online service for people to report problems on the county's streets has gone live.



Using FixMyStreet Pro, people can now photograph, locate and highlight an issue all by using their mobile phone.

Issues can be reported simply by going to nland.cc/fix on a mobile phone, computer, tablet or the council's website.

All reports go straight into the council's digital systems where they can be assessed, allocated for any necessary actions and if the user sets up an account they can be informed of progress and completion.

The system will significantly improve communication with residents, help reduce duplicate reports on the same issue and even speed up responses by giving staff a precise location of where the problem is.

FixMyStreet Pro can be used to report a range of issues from potholes and faulty street lights to abandoned vehicles and incidents of flytipping.

This new online tool is the most direct way to report anything to us that needs fixing, cleaning or clearing across the county.

In a short few clicks, people can easily alert the council to an issue and receive an update once it's been resolved."

The council is also looking for user feedback on the new system as part of its drive to improve value for money through continuous service improvement. People can leave their views at <https://fix.northumberland.gov.uk/>

Sparks set to fly at new Northumberland Welding and Fabrication training centre

[Find out more and apply today by emailing learn@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:learn@northumberland.gov.uk) or [visit www.northumberlandskills.co.uk/welding](http://www.northumberlandskills.co.uk/welding)

Sparks are set to fly at Northumberland's first specialist welding and fabrication training centre as it launches a recruitment drive to train the next generation of engineers.

Applications are now open for courses starting in September 2023 at the Northumberland Skills Welding and Fabrication Technical Training Centre.

Based in the heart of the Port of Blyth, the centre, which opens later this month, will equip students leaving school with the skills they need to kickstart their career in advanced manufacturing, engineering, construction, marine and clean energy sectors.

Welding short courses for adults will also be available along with bespoke packages for employers looking to upskill their workforce and a variety of apprenticeship training programmes.

The centre, which stands alongside the flagship Energy Central Learning Hub due to open in 2024 and a host of global companies, is funded by a £1.38m investment from Northumberland County Council and the courses delivered by experienced lecturers from Northumberland Skills, the council's post-16 education provider.

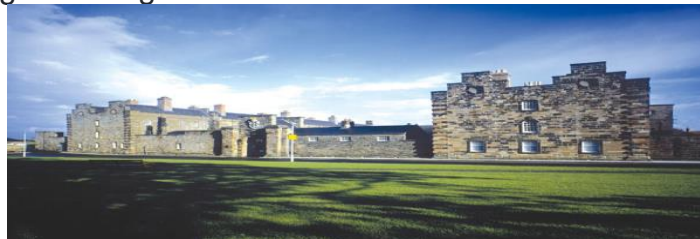
With 20 welding bays, a dedicated fabrication training area and state-of-the-art equipment including CNC and robotic technology, the centre is primed to boost local skills and the economy.

Employers have told us that there is a high demand for people with specialist welding and fabrication skills and this new training centre will plug that gap and equip students of all ages with the skills they need to advance their careers. We will continue to work closely with our partners in the port, and beyond, so we can support them by investing in the workforce of the future and together we can bring more skilled jobs and rewarding careers to Northumberland.

[Find out more and apply today by emailing learn@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:learn@northumberland.gov.uk) or [visit www.northumberlandskills.co.uk/welding](http://www.northumberlandskills.co.uk/welding)

Berwick cinema move given green light

Planning permission for a temporary cinema in Berwick while the town's current theatre is transformed have been given the go-ahead.



North Northumberland Local Area Council approved plans for the temporary conversion of the Mob Store at Berwick Barracks to provide a 96-seat cinema facility.

Berwick Barracks are Grade I Listed buildings and are amongst the first purpose-built barracks to be built in England, completed in 1721. The Mob Store dates from the early 20th century and was used to store military equipment.

Members were told that while works are carried out on the new multi-million-pound Maltings theatre, there is a requirement to rehouse key components of the Maltings to provide continuity of facilities for visitors and the community.

The new cinema will be designed in such a way that the Mob Store can then be adapted into an archive facility when the New Maltings is completed and the Mob Store cinema is no longer required.

Scott Sherrard, Chair of Trustees, Maltings (Berwick) Trust, said: 'The Maltings redevelopment will galvanise Berwick's cultural and economic regeneration, spearheading a series of projects with Lottery, local and national government backing.'

“Creating the temporary Mob Store Cinema is the first in a carefully planned sequence of interlinked steps. It will maintain an essential entertainment service for the town and provide vital income for The Maltings while the Eastern Lane venue is closed. It will equip the Mob Store to become the Berwick Archive’s permanent base when The Maltings moves back home – making efficient use of public funding and securing the Archive’s future in Berwick. And with work also planned on upgrading the Gymnasium Gallery, it launches the long-awaited revitalisation of the Barracks as a flagship visitor attraction for the town.”

“We appreciate that these developments will bring some unavoidable upheaval in the short term. But together they will create new opportunities for Berwick, bringing fresh energy and vitality to the town centre. Throughout the process, The Maltings will find new ways to showcase and celebrate the creative talents and interests of all our local communities because it’s our passionate belief that shared entertainment makes lives better.”

Council’s event to discuss climate change

An opportunity to play a key role in Northumberland County Council’s next Climate Change Action Plan is coming up.

The council’s climate change team is inviting people in the North Northumberland area to have their say about making Northumberland carbon neutral by 2030 and wants to hear public views on climate-related issues in the county.

On Wednesday 14 June, an event will be held between 5:45pm and 7:30pm at The Maltings, Berwick upon Tweed, to gather public perspectives on climate change, which will be used to shape the Council’s Climate Change Action Plan for the next three years.

The evening event will begin with refreshments and welcome, which will be followed by a short presentation from the climate change team. This will then be followed by three separate breakout discussions which include renewables, energy efficiency and fuel poverty, reducing transport emissions or natural resources and land management. Attendees can choose which discussion they would like to take part in on the day.

Cllr Glen Sanderson, council leader and portfolio holder for climate change will be introducing the event. Cllr Sanderson said: “Climate change is one of the greatest threats of our time.

We know the importance of acting on climate change in our county and have already made good progress to help mitigate its effects.

“But we cannot do this alone and need everyone to do their bit, however small. This event is an opportunity for us to go out and speak to our local communities and find out about their challenges on the ground and explore ways we can work together to overcome these.

“I hope to see as many faces there as possible and seeing what solutions we can come up with together.”

For more information and to register for the free event, please go

to: <https://nland.cc/ClimateBerwick>

Northumberland Holiday Provision

School holidays can be tough, long, and expensive for many families and we are pleased to say we have a fantastic free programme of activities being delivered right across the County for families and young people in Northumberland.

The holiday provision takes place during Easter, Summer and Winter school holidays.

If you have a child aged between 5 and 18, there are many holiday day camps you can access where there is great quality provision of activities including sport, art, music and more. All day camps offer a hot lunch too so what’s not to love? These are delivered by our fantastic delivery partners and are free to attend!

As well as the holiday camps, we have a range of activities and trips out for families, including,

trekking with Alpaca's, Deer Safari, Northumberland Zoo, Woodhorn Colliery and also passes for local leisure centres.

On all the offers, you will be able to pick up some lunch whether it be via a place where you visit or a café nearby.

To find out more and to book activities or take part in the holiday programme or for further information please email, admin@leadinglink.co.uk. Leading Link are managing the Holiday Activity Provision on behalf of Northumberland County Council.