

MINUTES OF MEETING OF CRASTER PARISH COUNCIL
Thursday 21st September 2023 – 7:30pm in Craster Memorial Hall

Councillors present:

Chair: Martin Smith

Parish Council members: Ann Fettis, Elizabeth Pearson, Alan Gregory and Margaret Brooks.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Rosie Robson, Mark Green, Michael Craster and County Councillor Wendy Pattison as well as Parish Clerk Adam Shanley.

2. Declarations of interest

None received.

3. Confirmation of the minutes for the meeting held on 20th July 2023

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

4. Matters arising

None received.

5. Public participation

None received.

6. Discussion with the AONB on their work across the AONB area

The Chair welcomed Ian from the AONB partnership to the meeting. Ian advised that the Highways Design Guide can now be accessed online. There is an ongoing issue of 'urban clutter' creeping in. There will be training for Parish Councils on this (probably online) but there is no confirmed date for this as yet.

The Coastal Summit focused on how to decrease the number of cars coming in to AONB areas.

The England Coastal Path is now fully opened, new signs are in and new surface in place. Ian raised a question around if Craster should have a Conservation Area. Stated they are looking for accessibility projects and have £180,000 to spend in this patch.

The Chair thanked Ian for his presentation. At this point, Ian thanked Members for their time and left the meeting.

7. Discussion regarding the issue of motor/campervan/vehicles restricting parking in Craster village

Discussion initiated by members of the public about the ongoing parking issues in the village. It was stated there was a promise from NCC to trial resident permits for a period immediately after the traffic calming trial. It was **agreed** that this should be an item for discussion for the October Full Council meeting.

An issue was also raised about Dunstan parking during peak holiday times when the overflow parking from holiday homes causes congestion opposite the bus stop. Police Officers present at the meeting said they would look and assess the situation and potentially hold a resident's consultation on the issue.

8. Report by County Councillor Wendy Pattison

In Councillor Pattison's absence, the Chair referred Members to Wendy's latest report and invited anyone with any queries or NCC-related issues to contact Wendy directly.

9. Report from Embleton Joint Burial Committee representative

Councillors Margaret Brooks and Elizabeth Pearson advised that there had not been a meeting of the EJBC since the last meeting and that there was therefore nothing to report to the meeting. The next meeting of the EJBC would take place in October.

10. Report from Craster Community Trust representative

No report was provided in Councillor Michael Craster's absence and it was reported that there has not been a meeting of the Trust since June 2023.

11. Proposal to consider how to improve external communications as a Council

It was **agreed** to defer this item to until the next Full Council meeting in October.

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

It was noted that the planning permission has now been granted for the mast and that work is expected to commence on site in November 2023. It was reported that Atlas and NCC are engaging with various network providers to ensure that customers can make use of the mast locally.

13. Update on the Parish Council's Community Fundraising Committee

It was **agreed** to defer this item to until the next Full Council meeting in October.

14. Progressing the consultation event with residents of Dunstan

It was **agreed** to defer this item to until the next Full Council meeting in October.

15. Items for next Agenda

Community Fund Raising Group
External Comms
Craster village parking issue
Drop kerb, west end near phone box.

16. Date and time of next meeting

19th October 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
(19th October 2023)**