

MEETING OF CRASTER PARISH COUNCIL
Tuesday 23rd July 2024 – 6:30pm 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 Tuesday 23rd July 2024 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 20th June 2024**
- 4. Matters arising**
- 5. Public participation**
- 6. Report by County Councillor Wendy Pattison**
- 7. Report from Embleton Joint Burial Committee representative**
- 8. Report from Craster Community Trust representative**
- 9. Update on the future of the Craster TIC**
- 10. Update on the Conservation Area Character Appraisal report by the AONB**
- 11. Update on the works on the construction of the mobile phone mast**
- 12. Planning matters:**
 - Update on 24/00121/FUL** | Construction of two holiday lets (Sui Generis) with associated landscaping | Land North And East Of Dunstan House Dunstan Northumberland
- 13. Items for next Agenda**
- 14. Date and time of next meeting**
 - 19th September 2024 – 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 THE MEETING OF CRASTER PARISH COUNCIL
Thursday 20th June 2024 – 6:30pm in the Craster village Hall

Councillors present:

Chair: Martin Smith

Parish Council members: Margaret Brooks, Michael Craster, Mark Green, Allan Gregory and Nick Ringrose.

Also present: Adam Shanley (Parish Clerk), County Councillor Wendy Pattison and 4 members of the public.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Ann Fettis.

2. Declarations of interest

None received.

3. Confirmation of the minutes for the meeting held on 16th May 2024

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th May 2024 were unanimously **agreed** as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

4. Matters arising

None received.

5. Public participation

A local resident raised the issue of waste being left by the side of the road following works by NCC and Alncom recently in the parish area. The Clerk advised that he would raise this directly with those involved in these works to ask that this could be cleared up.

A resident raised the issue of overgrown footpaths and roadside grass verges in the parish area and asked the Parish Council to look into this. The Clerk advised that he would speak to the Council's contractor about this and the Council confirmed that they would also like to see the section of land to the entrance of the village cut back too.

6. Report by County Councillor Wendy Pattison

Councillor Wendy Pattison advised that she was delighted to receive such a positive report on how the mobile phone mast is progressing and thanked the Parish Council for all their hard work in making this happen.

Councillor Pattison also advised that she continues to work to address the issue of potholes around the area and she was pleased to see that a number of these had been completed.

Councillor Pattison also highlighted that it was National Carers Week and she was delighted to lead on the delivery of this through her Cabinet role at NCC.

Councillor M Brooks took the opportunity to thank Councillor Pattison for her swift action in getting the weeds running along one side of the road removed completely on the approach into Craster.

7. Report from Embleton Joint Burial Committee representative

Councillor M Brooks advised that the EJBC would be meeting next week and that she would have a report from this meeting to the next July Full Council meeting. In the meantime, Councillor M Brooks advised that the tenant in the house continues to reside happily there with no issues.

Moreover, Members considered their ongoing representation on the EJBC as a Council and took the opportunity to thank Councillor E Pearson for her many years of dedicated work as the

Parish Council's representative on this Committee. Members also agreed that Councillor M Brooks and Councillor N Ringrose should be selected to represent Craster Parish Council going forward on this Committee.

8. Report from Craster Community Trust representative

Mrs Helen Chamberlain highlighted the recent works to the lights in the Hall and advised that the Trust were delighted to continue their work in maintaining this excellent community facility. Helen also advised that the Trust were hoping to host another Meet and Eat event as the previous events had been a real success with members of the community attending and having a wonderful time.

The Clerk and Chair thanked the Trust for their work in maintaining such a brilliant community facility as the Hall.

9. Report by Councillor M Brooks on village signage

Councillor M Brooks advised that she was aware of a recent request by Alncom to install signage in the village promoting their services. Councillor M Brooks expressed the view that this signage can be rather intrusive and she felt that the Parish Council should consider the most appropriate location for this.

Councillor M Brooks advised that she was aware that the Clerk had suggested on the side of either the Church or the Hall but felt that this might not be the most visible location for this and didn't feel that this would be best located in the village itself.

Colleagues from the Craster Community Trust advised that they would be happy to have information leaflets located in the Hall and Members asked the Parish Clerk to pursue the option of having the banner at the side of the TIC building where visitors could see this.

10. Update on the future of the Craster TIC

Members noted the decision of the Parish Council at the last Full Council meeting on the matter of the Parish Council pursuing a project with the TIC. In accordance with this decision, the Clerk also advised that he had now received confirmation from Michael Gilroy from NCC's Estates team for a joint meeting with NCC on this issue.

Councillor M Green advised that he would not wish to be part of this meeting between the Parish Council and NCC regarding the TIC. Councillor M Green advised that he noted the decision by the Parish Council from the last meeting but felt that there is still an excellent opportunity to pursue a project with the TIC building for a community/ social benefit and would therefore be progressing with establishing his own Community Interest Company to take the lead on bidding for the lease for the TIC.

Councillor M Green advised that he did not feel that such a project through a Community Interest Company would be a conflict of interest in his role as a Parish Councillor.

The Chair thanked Councillor M Green for providing the Council with this information and asked Members how they wished to progress with this matter. Members unanimously **agreed** that it would be a good opportunity to still meet with NCC to get a clearer picture of their plans for the site and it was **agreed** that Councillors N Ringrose and M Brooks should meet with Michael Gilroy on Monday 24th June and report back on this meeting at the next Full Council meeting.

11. Update on the Conservation Area Character Appraisal report by the AONB

The Clerk advised that he was aware that the Built Heritage and Design Officer at NCC and National Landscape (formerly AONB) Officer met yesterday to finalise their comments on changes they wish to see within the draft Conservation Area Character Appraisal document and they would be sending this to their consultant this week. The Clerk advised that the consultant is then expected to complete this work in the next 2-3 weeks.

Thereafter, the Clerk advised that the AONB would be looking to carry out a public information drop-in session on this matter and would be seeking the Parish Council's support with this project.

The Clerk reminded Members that the Parish Council had not yet taken a formal position on this issue. The Clerk also highlighted that he had received a query of clarification from the National Landscape Officer as to whether the Harbour was built from limestone or whinstone. A member of the public asked that the Parish Council avoids the holiday season for the public drop-in sessions on this issue and instead held this later in the year.

12. Update on the works on the construction of the mobile phone mast

The Clerk advised that the construction of the mast had been delayed by some weeks following poor weather. The Clerk advised that the team were still hoping to have the mast constructed and in place for July 2024 and confirmed that he would keep Members updated on how this project progressed.

Members praised the team working on this project as disruption had been kept to a minimum and no complaints had been received.

13. Planning matters:

24/01719/FUL | Demolition of existing sunroom & replacement with new sunroom within existing footprint. Remedial work & extension to rear garden terrace & balustrade. Alterations to garden to include new barrier protection & garden stair. | 1 Norwell Brow Craster Northumberland NE66 3TX. It was **agreed** to note this application.

Update on 24/00121/FUL | Construction of two holiday lets (Sui Generis) with associated landscaping | Land North And East Of Dunstan House Dunstan Northumberland. Members considered the latest updates on this planning proposal following a complaint in relation to Highways' response and **agreed** to maintain the Parish Council's objection to this proposal.

14. 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.

15. Date and time of next meeting

18th July 2024 – 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
(Tuesday 23rd July 2024)**

CRASTER PARISH - COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT



County Councillor Wendy Pattison

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– Cllr Wendy Pattison
CRASTER PARISH

Caring for a family member or friend in Northumberland?

If you provide or intend to provide care or support for a family member, partner or friend who needs help because of their age, physical or mental illness or disability Mobilise are here to support you in your caring role.

Mobilise work with [Northumberland County Council](#) to provide a range of free online services to support you, in addition to what is already on offer.

Mobilise is a free service available to Northumberland residents, run by carers for carers. They offer:

- Regular e-support packages with information, practical advice, and entertainment
- Virtual cuppas for anybody needing some social contact
- One-to-one coaching support for anybody with a knotty problem they'd like to work out.

Who can access the Mobilise service?

Any unpaid carer in Northumberland.

Do I have to pay for Mobilise?

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visit: <https://support.mobiliseonline.co.uk/Northumberland>

Phone: 01670 536 400

Benefits information for carers

What benefits can I receive as a carer?

There are a range of benefits, tax credits and other financial support you may be able to receive as a carer. To [find out which benefits you could be eligible for as a carer, visit Gov.uk](#) or talk to us on 01670 536 400 You can also ask the care manager of the person you care for or ring [Carers Northumberland](#) on 01670 320 025.

What is a Carer's Allowance?

Carer's Allowance is a benefit that may be paid to carers of working age who provide more than 35 hours of care a week. Entitlement is linked to the benefits paid to the person being cared for. However, you don't have to be related to, or live with, the person you care for.

For full details of individual entitlement, visit <https://www.gov.uk/carers-allowance/eligibility>

Appeal for dog walkers to 'respect the lead'

Northumberland County Council is backing a national campaign to avoid tension between dog walkers by promoting good lead etiquette.

The authority is promoting the 'Respect the lead' campaign which aims to educate people about the issues which can arise when walking dogs on leads and focuses on ensuring a safe and happy environment for all dogs and walkers.

A spokesperson for the council's Animal Welfare Team said:

"Not every dog wants to play. Lots of dogs are timid and they may have confidence issues.

"When a dog is on a lead, being approached by a confident or excited dog can make it feel vulnerable and trapped and cause even the friendliest dog to lash out. This can be dangerous for both dogs and owners and can result in injury. As responsible dog owners we must always respect an unknown dog's state of mind."

The campaign is helping to spread the word about how dogs interact with others and raises awareness about the variety of reasons why dogs are often kept on a lead. They could be reactive to other dogs or people, they may be young and undergoing training, or may be elderly or frail.

Your dog may be happy to interact with others but remember that this is not the case for everyone. If you see another dog on a lead, then respect that they may need some space.

Don't allow your dog to approach another dog on the lead, without first asking permission from its owner. Remember to use the '3 second rule', allow your dog to introduce themselves and take a sniff, but then pull them away after 3 seconds, maintaining a very brief meeting. If you are walking your dog in a popular dog walking area, keep it on a lead unless you have a good recall.

Taking your dog for a walk should be an enjoyable experience for both owner and dog, and by remembering to 'respect the lead' we can ensure a safe and happy environment for everyone.

Referendum date set for Eglington Neighbourhood Plan

Local referendums for the Eglington Neighbourhood Plans will take place later this summer and all residents in the Parish who are registered to vote will be able to have a say on the Plans.

The Eglington referendum is due to take place on Thursday 18 July.

The Planning referendums are being held to get residents' views on whether they wish to support the Neighbourhood Plan which address issues local people have identified as important in their areas.

If a majority of residents who vote at the referendum are in favour of the Plan, it will be used by County Council Officers to make decisions on planning applications in the Parish.

The referendum will run in the same way as a local election, with all those eligible to vote receiving a polling card, and the options of postal and proxy voting being available to those who are registered.

The polls will take place from 7am until 10pm on Thursday 18 July and people will find details of which polling station to attend on their polling card.

This year, under new government legislation, voters will need to show appropriate photographic ID if voting in person at the polling station. This new legislation does not apply to electors who vote

by post.

Accepted forms of ID include: a photocard driving licence (full or provisional), passport, concessionary travel pass, such as an older person's bus pass, or blue badge. Voters will be able to use expired photo ID, as long as it remains a good enough likeness for the polling station staff to be able to identify the voter. The photo ID should be the original version and not a copy.

Anyone who does not have one of the accepted forms of ID will be able to apply for a free Voter Authority Certificate either online or by completing a paper application.

The full list of accepted ID is available on the Electoral Commission website, along with more information about the new requirement and details of how to apply for free voter ID, at electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID

For Eglington, new applications to register to vote must be received by Thursday 2 July and new applications for postal voting must be received in the Elections Office by 5pm on Wednesday 3 July.

Residents should contact the elections team as soon as possible on 01670 624844 if they want to register to vote or register for postal voting.

The Eglington Neighbourhood Plan and accompanying documents can be viewed on the County Council's Neighbourhood Planning website at: www.northumberland.gov.uk/ourplan

Celebrating our Shared Lives carers

The Council is celebrating the contribution of our Shared Lives carers as part of Shared Lives Week 2024.

Shared Lives Northumberland provides support in a family home for adults who are unable to live alone because of their age or disability.

Sean Brennan, senior manager of the council's in-house provider services for adults said: "Our Shared Lives carers give people amazing opportunities to try new experiences, develop new skills to enhance their independence, and be fully involved in their local communities.

"Having an adult who needs support living with you is a big commitment and requires someone who is understanding, caring and has a big heart.

"We really hope that more people will consider becoming Shared Lives carers and make a positive difference in someone's life."

Shared Lives Northumberland was set up in 2000 and there are now more than 40 people who are Shared Lives carers in Northumberland. Some of whom have been carers for more than 20 years.

Shared Lives carer Martin Lamb and his husband, Don, share their home with Joe from Shared Lives. Joe says Martin and Don have given him so much joyfulness in everything beyond his wildest dreams.

Martin said: "Shared Lives not only makes a difference to the person you care for it changes your life for the better."

Shared Lives arrangements can be short or long-term depending on people's circumstances and preferences.

Carers receive regular training and are paid an allowance for each adult supported in their home.

[Find out more about Shared Lives Northumberland contracts@northumberland.gov.uk](https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/contracts@northumberland.gov.uk)