

MEETING OF CRASTER PARISH COUNCIL
Thursday 19th February 2026– 6:30pm in Craster

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 **Thursday 19th February 2026 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 Thursday 15th January 2026**
- 4. Matters arising**
- 5. Public participation**
- 6. Correspondence received to the Parish Council** – concern around potholes and coastal erosion.
- 7. Update on National Landscapes project replacing the signage around the village**
- 8. Update on Craster pumping station project being carried out by Northumbrian Water**
- 9. Report on blocked footpaths across the parish due to overgrown hedges**
- 10. Report on appeal to holiday let owners for a financial contribution towards projects within the parish.**
- 11. Report by County Councillor Wendy Pattison**
- 12. Report from Embleton Joint Burial Committee representatives** – to include discussion on cemetery house.
- 13. Report from Craster Community Trust representative**
- 14. Planning matters:**
 - Update on 25/03196/COU** | Change of use from former Tourist Information Office (Sui Generis) to a retail shop (Class E) selling food, gifts, alcohol etc during the day, and a bistro in the evening | Craster Quarry Car Park, Craster Tourist Information Centre West End Craster Northumberland NE66 3TW
 - Update on 24/04252/FUL** | Change of use of existing agricultural building from grain store to livestock building. (additional information received 13.03.2025) | Land North West of Dunstan Steads Farm Embleton Northumberland
- 15. Items for next Agenda**
- 16. Date and time of next meeting**

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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 15th January 2026 – 6:30pm in the Hall

Councillors present:

Chair: Martin Smith

Parish Council members: Michael Robson, Marjory Taylor, Robert Cornall, Iain Brown, Sophie Heslop, Ann Fettis, Allan Gregory and Derek Moss

Also present: Adam Shanley (Parish Clerk) and 6 members of the public.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

Apologies were received from County Councillor Wendy Pattison.

2. Declarations of interest

Councillor I Brown declared an interest in application 24/04252/FUL and left the room as and when this application was being discussed.

3. Co-option of a Parish Councillor on to Craster Parish Council – application from Mr John Young

The Chair introduced the co-option item, explaining that following the recent vacancy on the Council, the Parish Council had followed the required process and had reached the stage where co-option could take place.

The Clerk confirmed that Mr John Young's application had been circulated to members in advance. The Chair offered Mr Young the opportunity to address the meeting; Mr Young thanked the Council for the invitation and indicated he was content to proceed. Members then completed a formal vote. The Clerk clarified the voting requirement, stating that an outright majority was necessary for co-option, and confirmed that the required threshold was met.

The Chair announced that Mr Young was duly co-opted and welcomed him as a full Member of Craster Parish Council. Councillor Young signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

4. Confirmation of the minutes for the annual meeting held on Thursday 20th November 2025

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 20th November 2025 were unanimously agreed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

5. Matters arising

The Chair raised one principal matter arising relating to correspondence received over the holiday period from the National Landscapes team regarding coastal path improvements. Members were advised that the broader coastal path ambitions remained a longer-term project due to land ownership constraints; however, National Landscapes had identified potential funding for a more immediate improvement to the footpath adjacent to the play park, which the Parish Council owns. The Chair sought members' views and recorded overall support for progressing this opportunity, with a specific caveat that the scope should not inadvertently create or exacerbate complications connected to land ownership near Heugh Road.

A detailed discussion followed about the most appropriate configuration of improvements, including whether the proposal related solely to additional drop kerbs or to a more substantial new footpath surface and links between access points. It was noted that the existing entrances

near the play park/picnic area already provide access, and one member queried the value of investing in additional access points where onward routes are limited; it was suggested that priority should be given to addressing standing water and improving the usability/safety of the current muddy/wet section.

The Chair confirmed an intention to seek further feedback once the relevant contact returned (after 21 January) and noted the funding timetable requirement to spend monies by the end of March.

6. Public participation

The Chair reminded attendees of the public participation protocol and invited residents to raise matters either at this point or, if more appropriate, to flag items to be brought into later agenda discussion. Two principal public points were raised.

First, residents highlighted concerns about grit bins not being properly identified within the County Council's reporting system, which creates difficulty when attempting to report empty bins or issues through the standard online process; examples were cited of bins in Dunstan and at Smithy Bank not appearing on the database. The Chair acknowledged the concern and indicated this would be addressed under the later Chair's report on highways discussions and grit bins.

Second, a resident raised an issue regarding lighting timers and the timing of the Christmas/tree lighting display, indicating the lights did not activate as expected and appeared to come on only later in the day than intended. It was noted that the tree had already been removed, and the Chair thanked the residents who had acted promptly. The Chair also formally recorded thanks to Linda and David for donating the Christmas tree, noting that the donation had been very well received and had enhanced the village display.

7. Correspondence received to the Parish Council

The Clerk advised that he had received significant correspondence concerning dangerous icy conditions at Tower Bank and the long-standing challenges in securing consistent gritting. The Chair described repeated follow-up with the relevant highways contact and explained that the issue reached a critical point following a report of a vehicle accident, after which Northumberland County Council implemented a practical mitigation using a 4x4 vehicle and manual dispersal of grit by an operative. The Chair stated that, while not ideal, this approach may be necessary in future given the continuing constraints cited by the Highways Authority. A discussion followed on additional risk mitigation, including the potential placement of a temporary warning sign (e.g., "Bank too dangerous"), with residents offering support to place signage if the Council could source an appropriate sign or re-purpose an existing frame.

The Chair also noted that "new road layout" signs had remained in place longer than intended and were impeding pedestrian movement; steps were discussed to remove them while retaining one frame if useful for an interim hazard sign during forecast icy conditions.

Members debated the merits of temporary versus permanent signage, noting local sensitivities about signage proliferation, and agreed the matter required proportionate action given the seasonal nature of the hazard. The Chair recorded thanks to residents who had assisted directly with gritting in the interim, recognising the expectation that residents should not have to undertake such tasks themselves.

The Chair then addressed a reported broken light outside the Church, noting this had now been fixed. Finally, the Chair reported an issue relating to an ongoing development at Whin

Hill where builders had not adhered to planning conditions, specifically obstructing a public right of way adjacent to the site. The Chair confirmed contact had been made with enforcement and the planning agent, and commended the property owner for responding promptly, apologising and ensuring the obstruction was removed.

A further concern was raised regarding the condition of the verge/grass area disturbed during the works; the Chair confirmed an intention to contact the developer regarding reinstatement and to keep the matter under review. Residents were again reminded that the FixMyStreet platform remains the quickest channel for reporting issues such as lighting faults.

8. Consultation on proposed overnight stay levy for the North East of England

The Chair introduced the live regional consultation on a proposed “overnight stay levy” (referred to in media coverage as a tourism tax) and explained that the local press had requested comment from the parish.

The Chair outlined the consultation’s core proposal: accommodation providers (including holiday lets) would be responsible for collecting the levy from visitors and remitting it to the relevant authority, with proceeds intended to support economic growth and the visitor economy, including potential infrastructure investment.

Members discussed that the consultation does not prescribe a single collection mechanism and is seeking views on whether the levy should be charged per person per night, as a flat fee per stay, or as a percentage of accommodation cost. The Chair referenced the headline proposal being advanced publicly of a £2 per night flat charge and the indicative estimate that it could raise approximately £20 million per annum across the wider LA7 area, while noting uncertainty about how funds would be allocated between local authorities and whether proceeds would be meaningfully targeted to the communities experiencing the greatest tourism pressures.

Members expressed broad support in principle for a levy that could help address local infrastructure impacts, but raised strong concerns that money may not be retained locally and could be directed elsewhere. The discussion highlighted the parish’s high proportion of holiday lets (a figure of 58% of homes was cited), the risk that the parish would bear costs without receiving reinvestment, and the importance of ring-fencing or ensuring access to funding through bids for local projects.

It was also noted that a levy could interact with (and potentially reduce) voluntary contributions historically sought from holiday let owners for specific projects (examples cited included funding for a defibrillator and contributions towards solar panels and a battery), and members discussed the challenge of sustaining local fundraising if visitors are already paying a compulsory charge.

Practical implementation challenges were explored, including the absence (at present) of a national holiday let register and the difficulty of identifying all relevant properties, and members debated whether residents of the region should pay the levy when staying within their own county.

The Clerk also provided an update that government was understood to be considering a new use class (referred to as “C5”) in relation to holiday lets, which members viewed as potentially positive in the broader context of managing holiday-let impacts.

The Council's emerging position was that, given the levy was likely to proceed in some form, it was important to influence the detail early by advocating for local reinvestment and/or local access to funds, particularly for infrastructure priorities.

9. Report from the Chair following site meeting with NCC Cabinet Member re: signage coming into Craster village and Craster public toilets

The Chair provided a detailed report following a site meeting with Northumberland County Council representatives, including the Cabinet Member with responsibility for relevant highways and community infrastructure. In relation to the public toilets, the Chair reported that NCC's position remained that the facilities do not require full replacement but instead periodic repair; however, it was acknowledged that despite scheduled repairs, failures can recur quickly.

The Chair stated that the Cabinet Member would revisit the issue and consider whether Craster could be moved forward in the programme for refurbishment, while also making clear that NCC's ability to undertake refurbishment is constrained by a lack of available funding at present. The Council discussed the ongoing operational and reputational impact of the toilets being in poor condition, particularly for disabled users, and members explored whether the parish could take any practical steps; the conversation recognised the significant liability and governance implications if the parish were to assume responsibility directly and acknowledged the constraints of operating on county-owned land.

On access and safety improvements, the Chair discussed the issue of drop kerbs, including concerns about the configuration near the phone box and the risk posed to wheelchair users and others with mobility difficulties; the Chair undertook to raise with NCC the need for completion/rectification in this location. The Chair also reported that NCC is conducting a review of grit bins and has acknowledged that current records are incomplete; residents were encouraged to report missing, damaged or empty bins with clear location data (including What3Words), and it was noted that NCC should still respond even where bins are not yet correctly mapped. This directly addressed earlier public concerns about the reporting system's limitations and the inability to report assets not recorded on adopted highways or properly plotted.

In relation to signage and traffic management, the Chair reported continued concerns about pedestrian safety on the narrow footway at the village entrance and the request to remove a fence to increase usable space; NCC's current response remained that removal would not be permitted. The Chair noted, however, that NCC agreed to install/position a camera to gather evidence on pedestrian behaviour and movement patterns, as the site meeting itself had demonstrated people walking on the carriageway, verge and footway in response to the constrained space. It was agreed that monitoring should be undertaken over at least a two-week period, with a suggested window around Easter.

The Chair also reported that NCC would consider additional signage such as "No public parking ahead," while acknowledging the legal reality that, on the public highway, parking rights apply equally to residents and non-residents. The Chair further noted specific issues around people entering the village, turning, and exiting again—behaviour relevant to the monitoring exercise. Overall, the Chair concluded that, while NCC engagement was constructive, lack of funding remained a recurrent constraint, and the Council would need to continue pressing for evidence-led improvements and practical mitigations.

10. Report by County Councillor Wendy Pattison

The Chair referred attendees of the meeting to Councillor Pattison's report in her absence.

11. Report from Embleton Joint Burial Committee representative

The Council received a substantial report and discussion from Councillors A Fettis and D Moss who had recently attended the Embleton Joint Burial Committee, focusing in particular on the cemetery house. Councillors A Fettis and D Moss reported that numerous questions were asked to understand the current position on the property.

A number of significant issues were raised in terms of the management of the property as well as the financial implications for each of the 3 parish councils involved in the project.

Members noted that the Parish Council had been asked for a contribution of £1,200 towards the Committee's costs in relation to the property. Members expressed a desire to further analyse the benefits of maintaining one affordable-rent tenancy when compared with the risks and ongoing costs borne by 3 parish councils.

It was clarified that ownership/contribution shares were apportioned by population across the three parishes (with percentages for each parish cited in the meeting). The Council **agreed** that the issue required a structured follow-up and that it would be inappropriate to make significant financial commitments without a full, transparent picture. It was therefore agreed to convene a focused meeting involving relevant representatives, with a set of drafted questions circulated in advance to enable informed responses. =

12. Budget proposal for financial year 2026/27

The Clerk reminded Members that the Parish Council is required to submit a precept request for the financial year 2026-27 to the County Council by the end of January 2026. In order to assist Members in deciding an appropriate precept level, it is also necessary for the Council to agree a budget for the forthcoming financial year.

The Clerk advised that it is expected that the Parish Council will finish the current financial year with approximately £5,500 remaining in the bank account and it was also recommended that £5,000 still be retained as a general reserve.

Members carefully considered the Parish Council's budget for 2026/27 and **agreed** the following expenditure for the forthcoming financial year:

Item of expenditure	Expected expenditure
Staffing costs (including on-costs following changes to employer NI contributions (previously exempt))	£9,600.00
Insurance	£250.00
Wifi and telephone to the Hall	£516.00
RBL Appeal	£25.00
Cutting of grass verges – incl. Tower Bank and Dunstan. Entrance to the village and 50% contribution to playpark	£1,800.00
NALC subscription	£120.00
Website and .gov.uk email account	£180.00
Hall hire	£288.00
Community events	£250.00
EJBC request for precept	£1,278.00
Greening/ planting budget	£500.00
Stationary	£100.00

Total:	£14,407.00
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13. Precept request for financial year 2026/27

The Clerk advised that the 2026/27 Tax Base is 197.49. The 2025/26 Craster Parish Council Tax Base was calculated at 196.09. the Parish Council’s Tax Base has therefore increased by 1.40. The Clerk reminded Members that the precept request must be submitted to Northumberland County Council by the end of January 2026.

The Parish Council’s current precept charge for Band D currently sits at £76.50 and generated a total income of £15,000 for the Parish Council in 2025/26. The Band D charge in Craster parish area remains one of the lowest in Northumberland County.

Members **agreed** (by 6 votes in favour and 3 votes against) to raise the precept in line with inflation. As at November 2025, the UK's inflation rate was 3.2% and Members noted that this will equate to a Band D charge of £78.95 and generate a total income of £15,591.84

14. Report from Craster Community Trust representative

A report was received from the Craster Community Trust (CCT) representative. Members were updated on matters relating to the Community Hall, including that proposed works (referenced as sound boards) were not currently feasible without significant ceiling replacement and that certain materials might present fire safety concerns; the CCT was therefore exploring alternative solutions.

The Council also received an update on fundraising activity, including a forthcoming bingo event intended to support the playground, and Jackie Reeves thanked those who had donated prizes. The Council also recorded thanks to Councillor Wendy Pattison for support to the Community Trust and its work, including assistance relating to the playground.

15. Planning matters:

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16. Items for next Agenda

The Chair reminded Members to contact the Parish Clerk should they wish to have an item of business included on the next Agenda in February.

17. Date and time of next meeting

Members noted the next scheduled ordinary meeting as Thursday 19 February 2026 at 6:30pm in Craster Memorial Hall. However, following the discussion around the burial house/property issues, the Council **agreed** to convene an additional, focused meeting earlier in February with the two other Parish Councils involved in the EJBC. Members **agreed** to hold an extraordinary/additional meeting on 5th February at 6:00pm in the Memorial Hall (subject to hall availability).

There being no further business, the Chair thanked Members for their attendance and closed the meeting.

Signed,

**Chair of Craster Parish Council
(19th February 2026)**

CRASTER PARISH COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT



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CRASTER PARISH

Teams are out in force tackling road repairs



Highways teams are working across the county carrying out repairs in response to this recent rise in road defects – caused by the prolonged spell of poor weather. Road temperatures have fallen to as low as minus 10 degrees in recent weeks, and these extreme conditions have accelerated deterioration of the road surface, resulting in an increase in potholes across some parts of the network.

Inspectors are travelling the county's 5,000kms of roads to identify issues, prioritise the most serious problems and ensure repair works are targeted where they are most needed.

Latest figures show around 1,100 potholes reported in January compared to a monthly average of 365 reports last year.

Despite the weather, teams are completing around 500 pothole repairs per week.

Councillor Mark Mather, Cabinet member for Roads and Highways, explained: “Whilst we have continued to prioritise investment in preventative road maintenance in recent years to improve overall road conditions, the more severe weather over winter always results in additional maintenance issues for us to deal with – and I want to thank residents for their patience.

“Weather conditions over the past month have been extremely tough on roads, the combination of sub-zero temperatures, rain, ice and snow and freezing and thawing speeds up deterioration.

“To help manage the increased demand, additional resources have been deployed in the areas most affected, with staff working overtime and at weekends. This will support teams in completing repairs as quickly and safely as possible, while maintaining essential access for road users.

“It looks like the poor weather is set to continue but residents and road users can be reassured our dedicated teams are doing all they can to tackle the issues and where possible we are applying more permanent repair techniques to reduce the likelihood of further problems.

“Where conditions have prevented us from doing more permanent repairs at this stage we will be re-visiting these sites once the weather improves.”

Residents are encouraged to report any highway issues they encounter via FixMyStreet at nland.cc/fix which helps teams quickly identify problems and respond effectively.

Northumberland dog walkers limited to six dogs at a time

Dog walkers in Northumberland are being limited to walking six dogs at a time in public areas, under a new ruling introduced by Northumberland County Council to improve safety. The new ruling which comes into force on January 31st, is designed to improve public safety and dog control, following concerns about large, uncontrollable groups of dogs in public spaces.

Limiting the number of dogs that can be walked at any one time is a move backed by the RSPCA, The Dogs Trust, and other industry groups. Similar measures have been introduced by other local authorities across the country.



The restrictions are termed Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs), formerly called Dog Control Orders (DCOs) and operate across designated locations throughout England and Wales.

Dog PSPOs give the police and council powers to issue fixed penalty notices to anyone responsible for a dog that breaches it. Failure to comply with a PSPO can result in Fixed Penalty Notices of £100, or up to £1000 if taken to court.

We want everyone to be able to enjoy our open spaces, parks and play areas, whether they have a dog or not.

Our move is consistent with new ruling brought in by other local authorities. Some are restricting the number of dogs walked to four, but we have taken a more measured approach and have limited the number to six to balance the needs of professional and responsible dog walkers in the county.

Whilst it is the responsibility of the dog walker to assess the temperament of each dog that is included in a walking pack, we also know when multiple dogs are off the lead, they act like a pack and this can feel threatening and can be dangerous.

We also know that dog walkers are bringing big groups of dogs to run on our beaches and with the best will in the world they cannot keep an eye on where they are all fouling to pick up after them. This means we have cases of dogs fouling in the dunes where children play and we are not prepared to put up with this.

Other PSPOs for Northumberland relating to dogs include:

- Persons in charge of a dog must immediately remove dog faeces from public land.**
- Dogs are banned from certain areas, such as enclosed children's play areas, and specific, signed sections of beaches at Newbiggin and Blyth (from May 1 to September 30).**
- Dogs are required to be on a lead in designated areas, such as cemeteries, memorial gardens, and on 'A' and 'B' class roads/adjoining verges.**
- Authorised officers can direct that a dog be put on a lead if it is causing a nuisance or danger.**

Alnwick bus station investment plans submitted

Planning approval is now being sought for the first phase of the transformation of Alnwick Bus Station into a welcoming, safe and accessible transport hub for the town.

The project is set to be delivered in two phases, subject to planning and funder approvals with the planning application submitted relating to the first phase.

This project was received positively as part of a community event in 2025 with 84% of respondents backing the proposed improvements to the town.

This project is set to begin later this year focused on the exterior areas of the bus station. The package of works includes improvements to layout, safety, accessibility and the quality of the public area at Alnwick bus station and Morrisons service area.

Works include the repair and replacement of hardstanding, reconfiguration of bus parking, improved pedestrian routes, new paving, hardstanding and seating and landscaping.

The scheme involves the introduction of a significant increase in trees, greenery and biodiversity in the town centre with a total of 25 trees featuring in the new scheme which includes rain garden, ornamental planting and tree planting to enhance and increase the overall greenery and welcoming feel of the area.

Three existing trees need to be removed to increase the safety and accessibility of the area as they conflict with pedestrian crossing points and the turning circles planned which will improve the way the site operates for the public. All the trees removed will be replaced as part of the overall 25 trees being added to the site. The scheme will include using the relaying of some reclaimed cobbles from Alnwick cobbles project as improvements are made in that part of town ensuring that materials can be used sustainably and continue to be a feature in the town centre.

This phase is set to be supported with funding from North East Mayor Kim McGuinness as part of her plans to create a world-class local transport network for the region, through the North East Combined Authority's Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP). Subject to forthcoming approvals and works are planned to begin this Summer 2026.

A second phase is planned and currently being designed with funding support from the County Council to then transform and update the Bus Station building itself. This work will follow the exterior works set out in the planning application.

The proposals to revitalise Alnwick Bus Station are part of the wider Borderlands Place Programme for Alnwick, part of a planned multi-million pound investment package backed by the County Council and other funders to regenerate Alnwick town centre also including the Bailiffgate Museum and Gallery project at Northumberland Hall, complimentary investment in the Cobbles funded by the County Council and potential other improvements in the longer term.

Subject to planning and funder approvals there will be more news on all the planned works in the town centre later this year including engagement with local businesses and residents in the area well in advance of work getting underway.

Councillor Richard Wearmouth, Cabinet member for Regeneration and Chair of Alnwick Place Partnership Group said: "This is just one element of a multi-million pound investment package to regenerate Alnwick town centre.

The town already has great assets including major tourism attractions and businesses, and we want to make it easier and more attractive to visit the town on public transport.

We know how important the bus station is and have been working closely with partners in the town including the Town Council, Morrisons and Arriva. It's the first thing many visitors see when they come to the town and together with local County and Town Councillors and other key partners we have been pushing for improvements for many years so it's great to see plans being submitted.

The proposals are being supported and funded through the North East Combined Authority and the Northumberland Borderlands Place Programme and subject to all the necessary planning and funding approvals we look forward to delivery beginning later this year."

North East fostering crisis sparks urgent call for new carers



Northumberland County Council is issuing an urgent call for anyone considering fostering to contact them, as a growing shortage leaves children in need of safe, loving homes.

Over the past five years, the number of approved foster carers across the UK has steadily declined, yet the number of children needing care has increased, creating a widening gap between need and availability.

According to the latest data, 81,770 children are currently in the care of their local authorities; however, there are only 69,825 approved fostering places. The North East remains the national hotspot, with councils under pressure to find suitable foster homes for local children. In Northumberland, Blyth and Ashington have the highest numbers of children entering the care system, making these communities particularly vulnerable to the impact of the foster carer shortage.

In response, Northumberland County Council has partnered with Foster with North East and is calling for people from all walks of life to consider fostering.

At the heart of the campaign are the voices of those who know firsthand just how impactful fostering can be.

20-year-old Kelsey was just 10 when she went into care, and says: “Meeting my foster family truly changed my life. They’ve given me opportunities I never imagined possible, and their support inspired me to believe in myself - to go to college, aim high, and work towards a future I’m proud of.

“Fostering is about guiding people through the hardest times of their lives and making sure they get the chance to know what love is. Please consider sharing your home to help shape their futures.” Based in Blyth Valley, Kath has been a foster carer for over 20 years, and says it's the best decision she's ever made: “Children often come to you with so much uncertainty. What they need most is a home where they are shown care and consistency, and can begin to build trust.

“When you become a foster carer, you are given all the training and tools you need to succeed. So many homes have an abundance of love to give, so I encourage anyone interested to reach out and enquire about how fostering could work for them.”

Northumberland County Council is committed to ensuring carers receive extensive training, financial support and ongoing guidance, enabling them to thrive in their new roles.

If anyone could provide a home to a child in the North East, whether for temporary, short stay or long-term stays, we'd ask them to get in touch.

To find out more about fostering and how you could make a life-changing difference, visit: [Foster with Northumberland | Northumberland County Council](#)