

**Cresswell Parish Council
Meeting Wednesday 20th February 2019**

Cresswell Village Hall 7PM

Minutes of the Meeting

18.52 Present

Councillors: M. Wright (Chair), L. Wright, D Laing

In attendance:

I. Robson (Clerk)

and three members of the public

18.53. Apologies:

Cllr G. Phillips, Cllr T Steele, Cllr C Tyrie, Cllr S Haywood

18.54. Declaration of Interests, and grant of any dispensations

Cllr M Wright – Declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 12: Village Hall and Item 13: Pele Tower

Cllr L Wright – Declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 12: Village Hall

18.55. Questions from the public

18.55.1 - A member of the public asked whether the Parish Council were liable for the historic landfill waste that is arriving on Lynemouth foreshore due to erosion. The Chair responded that the Parish Council have no liability as the land is owned by NCC. A general discussion ensued and it was agreed that the Clerk should write NCC to ascertain whether they had a plan to deal with the waste as it emerges from the coastal slope.

Resolved: The clerk write to NCC about emerging landfill waste on Lynemouth Foreshore

18.56. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 13th November 2018 were agreed as a true and accurate record and were signed and dated by the Chair.

18.57. Matters Arising from the Minutes

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Initials

18.57.01 (18.40.01) Village Green. No progress on the cutting plan for NCC.

Action: Cllr M Wright and Mr Mead to prepare a plan for the clerk to submit to NCC

18.57.02 – (18.47) Public Toilets. Cllr Laing reported that the public toilets were now open daily and Christopher Batey has been appointed as the new cleaner. Cllr Laing indicated that there would be an increase in the annual operating cost due to more consumables needed for the prolonged opening dates. Mr Batey will require a contract of employment.

Cllr M Wright reported that he had written to both caravan parks to request a contribution towards the operation of the toilets and is awaiting a response.

Action: Cllr M Wright to pursue a contribution for the toilets with the caravan parks

Action: The Clerk to prepare a contract of employment and grievance procedure.

18.58 Financial Report

The Clerk tabled the financial report for the period up to 20th February - Noted

Cllr M Wright said that the replanting of the boat had been done by NCC so could be removed from the budget.

18.59 Revised 2019/20 Budget

It was noted that the 2019/20 budget would need to be revised to reflect the increased operating costs of the toilets.

Resolved: Cllr Laing to review consumable budget and the Clerk to revise the budget accordingly.

18.60. Annual review of Standing Orders

The amendments to the Standing Orders were reviewed and agreed.

Resolved: Standing Orders agreed and Clerk to put on website

18.61 Annual review of Asset Register

Cllrs M. Wright and Laing had checked the assets which were the same as 2018.

A discussion ensued about the condition of the litter bins. Cllrs M. Wright and Laing to make minor repairs and the Clerk to ask NCC about bin provision.

Resolved: Asset register agreed

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Initials

18.62 Correspondence

18.62.1 – NCC - Local Plan consultation. Noted and agreed that any Councillor who had comments to make on the local plan should pass them to the clerk one week before the deadline for comments.

18.62.2 – CPRE News – Noted

18.62.3 – NCC– Car Parking Charges - NCC had written to the Parish Council to say that they were no longer intending to charge for car parking in Cresswell - Noted.

18.63 Planning

There were no applications to discuss

18.64. Highways Issues

18.64.01 - St. Bartholomews Close

It was noted that the road surface in St. Bartholomews Close had badly deteriorated.

Resolved: The Clerk write to the Highways Programme Manager at NCC to ask that the scheme be considered as a priority.

18.65. Vulnerable Persons Policy

Clr M. Wright reported that the Community Foundation had required that the Parish Council have a Vulnerable Persons Policy to enable a grant application. Clr Wright had circulated a draft by email and this was agreed

Resolved: To adopt the Vulnerable Persons Policy

18.66. Village Hall Update

No update

18.67 Pele Tower Update

The Chair asked Mr Mead to provide an update. Mr Mead said that three small funding bids were to be submitted for interpretation and other infrastructure and for the walled garden.

18.68. Date of next meetings

8th May

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Initials

14th August
13th November

The Annual Parish meeting will be held on 22nd May.

The meeting closed at 19:57

Signed..... Cllr Michael Wright (Chair) **Date**.....

