

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

**Cresswell Village Hall 7PM**

**Minutes of the Meeting**

**19.29. Present**

**Councillors:** M. Wright (Chair), D Laing, C Tyrie, S Haywood

**In attendance:**

I. Robson (Clerk)

PC Teasdale - Northumbria Police

Lesley Silvera - Groundwork

and four members of the public

**19.30. Apologies for absence**

Cllrs G Phillips and L Wright

**19.31. Declaration of Interests, and grant of any dispensations**

Cllr M Wright – Declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 11: Village Hall and Item 12: Pele Tower

**19.32. Policing update - PC Andrea Teasdale**

PC Andrea Teasdale said that she had replaced PC Dent as the neighbourhood officer for Cresswell Parish. PC Teasdale said that it had been generally quiet in terms of crime and there had been no big issues at the caravan parks or the garden plots.

A member of the public reported a theft of scaffolding from the compound at the Pele Tower but he didn't think it had been reported to the police. PC Teasdale was unaware of this and encouraged local residents to report all crimes no matter how small.

The Chair thanks PC Teasdale for her update.

**19.33. CELL Path Project - Groundwork**

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Initials

Lesley Silvera from Groundwork gave a short presentation about the proposed circular walking trail linking the villages of Cresswell, Ellington, Linton and Lynemouth. Funding was to survey and promote the route but not for maintenance of the public rights of way as this was a statutory function of NCC. There will be a tree planting event soon.

The Chair thanked Lesley for her presentation

#### **19.34. Questions from the public**

19.34.1 Parking of cars on footways was reported, particularly north of Cresswell Ices and that overhanging vegetation was an issue here and between the entrance to Cresswell Towers and North Lodge.

**Action:** The Clerk to write to NCC about vegetation overhanging footways

#### **19.35. Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the annual meeting on 14th August 2019 were agreed as a true and accurate record and were signed and dated by the Chair.

#### **19.36. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

19.36.01 (19.23) - Parking matters

Cllr Wright informed that NCC hadn't been able to purchase land for a new car park. Cllr Tyrie said that she had spoken to Paul Jones at NCC who said that they were looking at extending the existing NCC Car Park at the boat compound. All agreed that this would require a good quality path to link it to the village.

**Action:** The Clerk to write to NCC to ask about progress

#### **19.37. Financial Matters**

19.37.01 Financial Report

The Clerk tabled the financial report for the period up to 18th November - Noted

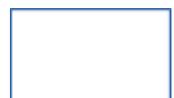
19.37.02 Asset Register

Cllrs M. Wright and Laing had undertaken the Parish walkaround and had found an additional bench. The Asset register was tabled and agreed.

19.37.03 2020/21 Budget

The Chair outlined the current budget and suggested some amendments for 2020/21:

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Initials

Cleaner Salary - The Chair proposed increasing the salary for the cleaner by £400p.a from April 2020. This was **agreed** unanimously

Clerk Salary - The Chair suggested increasing the Clerks salary by £300 p.a. from April 2020. This was **agreed** unanimously

It was agreed that NCC are unlikely to increase support for the public toilets and that provision must be made in next year's budget for 12 months opening which has proved to be a great success this year.

It was **agreed** to budget £250 for toilet cleaning materials and consumables

Cllr Laing noted Cresswell Ices had covered some of the cleaning & consumable costs for this year. The chair thanked them for their support.

The Chair noted he had received a contribution of £500 from both Golden Sands & Parkdean caravan sites recently to support the 12 month opening, he had thanked them for their support & hoped they would sustain this in the future.

**Agreed:** That the Clerk prepare and circulate a budget to be agreed by email

19.37.04 2020/21 Precept

NCC require the parish precept request by January 2020 for the 2020/21 financial year.

**Agreed:** That the precept be circulated and agreed by email once the 2020/21 Budget had been agreed.

### **19.38. Meeting Reports**

19.38.01 Town and Parish Councils conference

Cllr Tyrie had attended the Parish and Town Councils conference at County Hall and reported that it had been useful and highlighted the following points:

Lynemouth Bay Waste - NCC recognised the scale of the problem and are exploring options in the meantime weekly checks would be made.

NCC are considering re-introducing weekly kerbside glass collections

Fly-tipping, particularly rubble and building waste was an increasing issue

NCC would be organising training courses about planning issues for Parish Councillors

Many Parishes were developing neighbourhood plans

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Initials

Cllr Tyrie tabled the Town and Parish Council Charter.

The Chair thanked Cllr Tyrie for attending and for her report.

### **19.39 Correspondence**

19.39.01 Nowhere to Go - Public toilet guidance - **Noted**

19.39.02 CPRE Autumn Newsletter - **Noted**

19.39.03 NCC - PSPOs for dogs - **No comments to make**

19.39.04 Citizens Advice - AGM Invite - **Noted**

19.39.05 Citizens Advice - Request for funding.

This was discussed & because of the valuable work they do, Cllr Laing proposed a donation of £100 which was seconded by Cllr Tyrie. **Agreed:** To donate £100 to Citizen's Advice

19.39.06 FoE - Actions for Parish Councils - **Noted**

### **19.40 Planning**

19.40.01 No planning applications had been received.

19.40.02 Crow's Nest. A member of the public enquired whether a planning application had been received for works to the rear of the Crow's Nest. As no application had been received it was agreed that the clerk should write to NCC to ascertain whether the development required planning permission.

**Action:** Clerk to write to NCC Planning about the development at Crow's Nest.

### **19.41. Village Hall Update**

Cllr Wright reported that the new toilet floors had been laid with grant aid from NCC community chest.

### **19.42. Pele Tower Update**

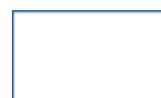
Cllr Wright gave an update. Works had now started and scaffolding was in place. Under-pinning of the bothy would begin next week and the expected completion date was the end of the June 2020.

### **19.43 Christmas Tree**

Cllr Laing had requested support from CELL towards the cost of providing a tree - he had sourced a 15' tree for £130.

Carols will be sung around the tree on 21st December and it was suggested that the Parish Council should purchase some refreshments.

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Initials

**Agreed:** To pay up to £100 for refreshments for the carol service which the Village Hall Committee will organise.

**19.44 Date of next meetings**

February 19th

April 29th (to be proceeded by the Parish meeting which will begin at 18:30. The Parish Council will begin at 7pm or upon conclusion of the Parish meeting whichever is sooner)

August 12th

The meeting closed at 20:40

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

