

**Cresswell Parish Council
Meeting Wednesday 17th November 2021**

Village Hall 7PM

Minutes of the Meeting

21.10 Present

Councillors: C Tyrie, S Haywood, A Stoodley, E Rooney, D Laing

In attendance:

M Burn (Clerk)

8 Members of the public

21.11 Apologies for absence

Cllr S Tyrie

21.12 Declaration of interests, grant of any dispensations

None.

21.13 Public questions

(21.13.01)A member of the public asked a question regarding the ongoing search for ownership of the garden plots. Investigations will continue.

(21.13.02)A member requested information regarding the use of herbicides throughout the parish. Cllr Laing explained that NCC have been approached and will confirm with them a desire to stop the use.

21.14 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting on 4th August 2021 were agreed as a true and accurate record and were signed and dated by the Chairman.

21.15 Matters Arising from the Minutes (unless separately on the agenda)

None

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21.16 Financial matters

(21.16.01) The clerk explained non-payment of invoices x3 to payroll was due to earlier months when no access was available to accounts while awaiting Barclays bank PLC to complete administration and adopting new members of the council as signatories. A further 2 payments were necessary to payroll as two invoices from Jan & Feb were unpaid. The reconciliation of accounts (now issued monthly) will show variances to account for this.

(21.16.02) Budget forecast was presented by the clerk and was adopted by council. No change to the precept. The increase to the cleaner of 2.5% was agreed as immediate.

(21.16.03) Cllr Tyrie presented the updated asset register which was discussed and accepted by council.

21.17 Correspondence

(21.17.01) M Wright & B Mead had requested access to the village green for ongoing pele tower works, this was agreed.

(21.17.02) The clerk is to write to Crown estates regarding lack of progress to necessary dry stone wall repairs on Southside.

(21.17.03) Discussion took place regarding enquiry from Mr Spain regarding the garden plots and information relating to ownership. Clerk to liaise with Mr Elcock to improve information held by council.

(21.17.04) Request for a waste bin received for entrance verge at Cresswell home farm, both Paul Lowes at NCC & Cllr Laing are aware and considering cost of bins available. Discussion took place regarding bins throughout the parish.

(21.17.05) Discussion took place regarding the 'narrow bridge' completed on Albion Tce over the river Lyne. Cllr Tyrie agreed to investigate the fixing of reflectors upon the bollards already in position on the bridge. Cllr Stoodley pointed out that larger vehicles have been discouraged from using the road. A short discussion took place regarding vehicles coming into the village because of the narrow bridge works.

21.18 Planning

(21.18.01) Discussion took place regarding the implementation of the local plan. It was agreed to work towards implementation following a review by a sub group. Cllr Tyrie, Cllr Laing & Cllr Stoodley to action.

21.19 Highways Issues

(21.19.01) Cllr Laing explained to council the solar speed panel was under investigation, however the cost of installation was more expensive than anticipated at 2,600GBP. He will discuss with the NCC and report back to the

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21.21 Garden Plots

(21.21.01)It was clarified by Cllr Tyrie & clerk that no reply had been received from any of the 7 letters sent out to proposed owners of the plots. Discussion took place regarding the plots and the recent identification of possible owners.Clerk to collate new ownership information following investigations.

21.22 Communications

(21.22.01) Cllr Stoodley introduced the full results of the recent parish survey. 39 people had responded and responses were expressed as largely positive and suggestions varied in nature.It was noted that the communications strategy of the council was appreciated with positive feedback to council for efforts made.Discussion took place regarding the effective use of the information harvested and Cllrs agreed to investigate implementing issues and including these into a proposed local plan for Cresswell parish.

21.23 Adoption of Parish Council policies and procedures

(21.23.01)The clerk has previously circulated four draft policies to councillors and informed the meeting that no feedback was forthcoming. Adoption of policies has been deferred to the next meeting of the council.

21.24 Date of next meeting

February 9th 2022 7pm Village Hall Cresswell

The meeting closed at 20:00

Signed..... Cllr Christine Tyrie (Chairman)

Date.....

