



**Cresswell Parish Council
Meeting Wednesday 15th November 2022**

Cresswell Village Hall 7:30PM

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

21.91 Present

Councillors: C Tyrie(Chair) D Laing(Vice chair)A Stoodley,S Haywood,S Tyrie,

In attendance:

M Burn (Clerk)

Members of the public x6

21.92 Apologies for absence

None

21.93 Declaration of Interests, and grant of any dispensations

None

21.94 Public questions

A member of the public asked a question regarding the possibility of the caravan parks potentially used to give temporary shelter to asylum seekers. Cllr DL responded that CPC is unaware of this suggestion. Discussion took place regarding the use of the parks, it was suggested by a member of the public that asylum seekers would in fact be made welcome to Cresswell, should such a scheme be proposed.

21.95 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting on 10th August 2022 were agreed as a true and accurate record and were signed and dated by the Chair.

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

21.97 Financial matters

21.97.01 The Clerk presented the council with the budget proposal for the 23/24 financial year. An increase of 5% to the precept was discussed and agreed by council. This will be submitted to NCC as appropriate by the Clerk.

21.97.02 Confirmation of financial support from Parkdean with receipt of funds for this year, with thanks to Parkdean.

21.97.03 Confirmation Council have received finances from NCC towards public convenience in the centre of the village.

21.97.04 Confirmation of supporting funds received from Golden Sands Holiday Park with appreciation for their continued support.

21.97.05 Tesco supermarket has supported Council with a grant paid via Groundworks Ltd towards consultancy costs - Local Plan for Cresswell Parish.

21.97.06 The Clerk confirmed receipt of precept payment from NCC.

21.97.07 Clerk informed the council that the NJC pay settlement had been agreed for this financial year and was within budget forecast estimates.

21.98 Correspondence

(21.98.01) The Clerk explained the delays in repairing the dry stone walls at Fisher field was due to a potential road closure notice required by the contractor. They have confirmed in writing this work will be undertaken asap upon receipt of the notice.

(21.98.02) Clerk confirmed forthcoming closure of the CELL community land trust. Council will therefore not be supporting this organisation as agreed at point (21.82.06).

(21.98.03) Confirmation was received to show safeguarding training had been completed by Cllr C Tyrie, Clerk confirmed council policy documents were now updated.

(21.98.04) Formal notice of the planning application acceptance for the Bewick Drift site was received. Clerk to investigate again, why planning information is not always forthcoming or on time?

(21.98.05) Council was notified that there had been an official Freedom of Information request from the public directed to NCC regarding the height barriers installation to coastal car parks. This was a formality to inform the CPC with no action required.

21.99 Notice of Member Vacancy

(21.99.01) The vacancy was confirmed by Cllr CT (Chair) with the Clerk confirming the publication remains open until the end of 17th November. Any applicant would then be contacted accordingly following acknowledgment of

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the elections office at NCC. A formal acknowledgment and thank you was given by Cllr C Tyrie for commitment and dedication made by Cllr Rooney who is no longer serving the council.

22.00 Highways Issues

(22.00.01) Cllr D Laing explained to the council the survey results from the 'Speed ropes' which has monitored traffic flow throughout the parish. An average or 'mean' speed was 25/26 MPH, thus exceeding the limit of 20MPH. The speed ropes will again be used next year to evaluate the effectiveness of the solar speed awareness panels.

(22.00.02) Cllr Laing confirmed to the meeting that the work to install the posts for the speed sensors would begin before Christmas. Discussion took place regarding the exact location of the posts and the reason they were sited at those locations to allow correct speed assessment on a straight line.

22.01 Planning

(22.01.01) The Chair informed Council that the draft of the Local Plan was available upon the website. The Council will continue to develop the local plan in conjunction with the planning consultant and will report back to Council in due course.

(22.01.02) Council discussed the retrospective planning permission request 20/03251/FUL (Drift Cafe) and letter received by a parishioner expressing concerns. Members of the public were asked to offer an opinion. Cllr DL expressed concerns that the site at the Cafe was 'not in keeping with the village'. It was agreed CPC would lodge an objection to the application (Chair).

22.02 Communications

(22.02.01) Cllr Stoodley reported to the council the continued success & growth of the parish Facebook site. The new wildflower beds were a particular favourite with favourable responses. Clerk agreed to review before posting the forthcoming electronic versions of the parish newsletter. Cllr AS repeated the earlier expression of thanks to former colleague Liz Rooney for her help with the parish communications.

22.03 Lynemouth Bay Regeneration

(22.03.01) The Chair updated the meeting regarding the continued delays to this regeneration scheme by NCC. On a positive note the 2nd of two permits is now in the hands of NCC, however continued delays to the project are likely due to the winter weather. It is anticipated the council will be updated before spring 2023.

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22.04 Climate Change Working Group

(22.04.01) Cllr Tyrie (Chair) has invited parishioners to participate in a steering group to discuss how CPC may best initiate a climate change response. Unfortunately, to date there has been no response from the public. The subject will be approached using the parish newsletter due in December.

22.05. AOB

(22.05.01) Cllr DL will investigate a request for a dedicated park bench to be sited at Broadsands car park. Clerk to forward the details.

(22.05.02) Cllr DL expressed concern over the lack of police response to anti social behaviour issues in the parish. Discussion took place regarding repeated incidents noted by Cllrs & parishioners alike. Chair is to write directly to the police commissioner for a response to our concerns and to invite the commissioner to our meeting to explain a way forward.

(22.05.03) Discussion took place regarding a parishioner's Christmas 'get together' to take place at the Pele Tower with a suggested date of Friday 16th December 7 - 9pm.

22.06 Date of next meeting

Wednesday 11th January 2023 19:00 Village Hall Cresswell:

The meeting closed at 8:30pm

Signed..... C Tyrie (Chairman)

Date.....

