PARISH COUNCIL OF CRESSWELL

Chair: Cllr C Tyrie
Clerk:B Watson

Parish Council Meeting
Cresswell Village Hall
Wednesday 28th January 2026
7.00 pm

Meeting Minutes

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Attendance: Councillors C Tyrie (Chair), D Laing (Vice Chair), C Haworth, N Thompson, D Thompson, M Burn, B Watson (Clerk) & 3x MOP.

1: Apologies for absence: No Apologies.

2: Declarations of Interest: No Declarations with regards to the agenda.

3: Public Questions: 1 question from the public this is covered in 5.1 - see below.

4: Minutes: (Chair) To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19th November 2025: Approved and Signed.

5: Matters Arising from the Minutes: (unless separately on the agenda):
5.1 Church Parking: (Vice Chair/Chair): MOP Keith Richardson asked various questions regarding the value for money, design and the finished work by NCC. These questions were answered within the meeting with a view to wait until later in the year to see the finished effect. Allocation

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of received payments discussed and this will be reviewed prior to the end of the financial year.
5.2 Car Park Maintenance: (Cllr Burn): This is an ongoing issue - updates on this will be given at each meeting until completed. Cllr Burn still working with NCC. Litter bin discussed - further review required.
5.3 Clerk pay increase: April 2025 increase happened but not actioned - this has been rectified, back money issued and payroll informed.

6: Financial Matters including bank reconciliation: (Clerk): Current balance in account £14,785.23. At the start of 2026 it was £15,054.03 including the donation of £3000 from Ellington and Linton PC for the car parking outside the church.
6.1 Flower Festival Donation: Discussed and will allocate £100 to this. Clerk to contact to arrange donation.

7: Planning Applications: (Clerk): 2 applications discussed within the meeting. No objections. Discussion required to see if possible to alleviate ground being torn up for access to vehicles. Cllrs D Thompson & N Thompson to bring updates to the next meeting following the conversation.

8: Report of Ward County Councillor: (Chair): This was covered fully within the meeting. Review this **HERE**

9. Communications /Correspondence:
9.1 Social media stats: (Chair). Facebook 80 followers, 550 views over the past 28 days.
9.2 Website - Hugo Fox Sign Off (Clerk): This was discussed and all agreed to move forward with this for the production of the website, training for the clerk and the .gov email address for the clerk only. If further email addresses are needed, the council will address at a later date.

10: NALC Awards - Standing Agenda Item (Chair): Training completed by both Cllr Tyrie and Cllr D Thompson which will be added to this. ILCA to be started and further training to be completed by Clerk to go towards this also. Funding for all agreed. Many criteria already met but ongoing training of all on council needs to be addressed. Sub Group discussed and both Cllr Haworth and D Thompson, agreed to be leads.

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11: Speeding in the Village/Community Speedwatch (Chair/Cllr Haworth): These items were discussed within the meeting. Speeding in the village was addressed previously - further deterrents within the village were discussed with NCC but asked to wait until spring when traffic increases. Cllr Haworth completed a speedwatch course but it is not recognised by the Northumbria Police. Will update further in the next meeting.

12: Flooding near the bridge between Cresswell and Lynemouth (Cllr D Thompson/Clerk): This was discussed within the meeting and will be discussed in the Lynemouth PC meeting next week - any updates will be given in the next PC meeting.

13: NCC Networking events: Town and Parish Forum/Community Resilience Forum (Chair): Both discussed - Town and Parish Forum Cllr Laing and Cllr Haworth will attend. Resilience Forum no interest.

14. Antisocial behaviour/Graffitti (Cllr Burn): All addressed outside the meeting - Crown estates approached re-fixing gates - promised to do so but were still waiting. The Rural Enforcement Team visited. Fly tipping reported at Snab Point car park also in the layby opposite Home Farm. Graffiti on the bus shelter closest to Golden Sands discussed - alternative measures for cleanup to be sourced. Update at next meeting.

15. Further issues not on agenda: Memorial bench at Snab point requested to go in place of the other that was there initially. This has been agreed but not for flowers etc just a plaque to state reason there. Finally congratulations to Barry Mead for receiving an MBE for his services to the community.

16: Date of next meeting: Wednesday 18th March 2026 at 7pm, Cresswell Village Hall.

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