

**Cresswell Parish Council
Meeting Wednesday 8th August 2018**

Cresswell Village Hall 7PM

Draft Minutes of the Meeting

18.19. Present

Councillors: M. Wright (Chair), C. Tyrie, T. Steele, L. Wright, D Laing, G Phillips

In attendance:

I. Robson (Clerk)

and five members of the public

18.20. Apologies:

Cllr S. Haywood

18.21. Declaration of Interests, and grant of any dispensations

Cllr M Wright – Village Hall and Pele Tower (Item 11 and 12)

Cllr L Wright – Village Hall (Item 11)

18.22. Questions from the public

There were no questions from the public.

18.23 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 9th May 2018 were agreed as a true and accurate record and were signed and dated by the Chair.

18.24. Matters Arising from the Minutes

18.24.01 (18.03) Garden Plots – Cllr M. Wright had received comments from a local resident and had referred this to Cllr Dickinson. Cllr M. Wright is talking to officers at NCC about the issue - **Noted**



18.24.02 (18.07.1) Village Green. The clerk had written to NCC about the strimming of the plants along the edge of the green. NCC requested a plan of areas that the Parish Council wanted left uncut.

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

18.24.03 – (18.17) Beach Cleaning – Cllr Tyrie reported that she was preparing bids to fund the purchase of litter-clearing equipment for voluntary beach clean-ups.

Resolved: that the Parish Council would pay for the purchase of this equipment and that Cllr Tyrie should purchase what was required and the PC would reimburse her. Cllr Tyrie said that the first beach clean would be on Saturday 15th September as part of the International Coastal Clean-up.

18.24.04 – (18.17) New Noticeboard. The clerk has sought prices for a range of new noticeboards. A local resident had enquired about a memorial bench, as there are an adequate number of benches on the green it was suggested that the noticeboard would be a fitting memorial.

Resolved: The Clerk to seek a full quote for A1 magnetic noticeboard from Robin Watson Signs.

Resolved: The Clerk to write Mrs Thompson suggesting that the noticeboard be dedicated and agree a suitable contribution

Resolved: Cllr Laing to remove the noticeboards by the toilet block and at the entrance to Cresswell Towers.

18.25 Financial Report

The Chair tabled the financial report for the first quarter - Noted

18.26 Banking Arrangements

The Chair outlined the frustrations with the Parish Council's current bank – TSB and proposed that an e-banking account, with dual signatories, be set up with Barclays.

Resolved: That the Parish Council's banking arrangements be moved to Barclays and that an e-banking account be set up with the Clerk, Cllr M. Wright and Cllr Laing as signatories.

18.27 Correspondence

18.27.1 – NCC LTP Priorities (Item 8 on agenda)

18.27.2 – A Thompson – Memorial Bench – discussed under item 5.4 (minute 18.24.04)

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18.27.3 – CPRE News (Spring) – Noted

18.27.4 - CPRE News (Summer) – Noted

18.27.5 – NCC-Consultation on street naming for new dwellings at Sea Lodge.

Discussed and agreed that 'Ocean View' - as proposed by NCC was not suitable as the North Sea isn't an ocean.

It was proposed that 'Sea Lodge Cottages' or similar be used.

Resolved: The Clerk to respond to NCC with the Parish Council suggestion

18.28. LTP Priorities

NCC have written to the Parish Council asking for their priorities for the next round of Local Transport Plan spending. It was agreed that the top priorities were:

- Additional car parking in Cresswell Village
- Construction of new path between the 'Boat Club car park' and the village (following preliminary work last year)
- New 'gateway' signage for Cresswell and the Northumberland Coast Path.

Resolved: The Clerk to write to NCC with the Parish Council's priorities for the LTP.

18.29. Local Post Office situation

Cllr Tyrie outlined the lack of Post Office facilities near to Cresswell with the closure of both Ellington and Lynemouth Post Offices.

Cllr M. Wright had discussed the issue with Cllr Liz Dunn (County Councillor for Lynemouth Ward) who would pursue with the PO.

18.30. Planning

No applications had been received

18.31 NCC Local Plan

The Clerk had circulated details of the consultation on the draft NCC Local Plan which is due to close on 15th August.

Resolved: Cllrs to let the Clerk have any comments by 13th August.

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18.32 Village Hall Update

Cllr M. Wright confirmed that improvement works were nearly complete and that grants were being sought for additional items. The claim to LEADER had been submitted and the inspection had gone well.

Noted

18.33. Pele Tower Update

Mr Mead reported that the Trust had now become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and that banking arrangements and other responsibilities for the Pele Tower project now sat with the CIO.

18.34. Dates of next meetings

7th November

6th February

The meeting closed at 20:40

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