

Cresswell Parish Council

Meeting Wednesday 6th September

Cresswell Village Hall 7PM

Draft Minutes of the Meeting

17.14. Present

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

In Attendance

I. Robson (clerk) and nine members of the public

17.15. Declaration of Interests, and grant of any dispensations

CLlr M Wright – Village Hall and Pele Tower

CLlr L Wright – Village Hall

17.16. Public Questions

17.16.1 Garden Plots – report of ongoing issue with anti-social behaviour

Resolved: Chair to discuss with County Councillor Dickinson at his next surgery.

Resolved: The clerk to write to NCC to ask them to clarify the legal situation with regard to both planning and licencing.

17.16.2 Parish Council meetings – A member of the public suggested that four PC meetings per year was inadequate.

17.16.3 Attendance of County Councillor - Queried why the County Councillor did not attend Pariah Council meetings – Chair responded that CLlr Dickinson preferred to hold public surgery sessions than to attend PC meetings.

Noted: CLlr Dickinson would be holding a surgery on 30th September

17.16.4 Coastal Erosion – A resident reported that an NCC survey in 2016 had identified issues behind South Side and Cresswell Ices.

Resolved: Clerk to write to NCC Coastal Flood and Coastal Management Team to remind them that damage to property had occurred and find out when remedial work will be undertaken.

17.17. Minutes

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Initials

The minutes of the meeting on 11th January were approved.

17.18 Matters Arising from the Minutes

17. - Grant to Lynemouth Day Centre was never claimed

17.19 Financial Report

Clr Wright gave a financial report – A new distribution board was purchased for the Village Hall at a cost of £2515.20 The distribution board is donated to the Village Hall,

17.20 Correspondence

17.20.1 – NCC – LTP Priorities. NCC have requested the Parish Councils three priorities for the LTP.

Noted: the proposed 20mph speed limit was included in the current programme and a report will be given at the November meeting.

Resolved: The top three priorities were:

1. Path to link Boat Club car park with village
2. Interactive speed signs on Cresswell Road and South Side
3. Re-establish original width of Cresswell Road between West View and the Village

The clerk would write to NCC to advise them thus.

A plan had been received showing options for the new path between the village and the boat club car park.

Resolved: Clerk to write to NCC Highways suggesting a site meeting to review the options.

17.20.2 – NCC – Joint meeting with the Parishes

Agreed: that Clr Tyrie and Haywood should attend

17.20.3 – NCC – Town and Parish Council Conference

Agreed: that Clr Laing should attend

17.21 Planning

17.21.1 - 17/02633/FUL - Extension and internal alteration to existing entertainment venue, Cresswell Towers Holiday Park.

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Initials

It was noted that the Parish Council had submitted a neutral response

17.2.2 Protocol for Responses

To assist the Clerk it was agreed to have a standard protocol to responses to planning applications.

Resolved to adopt the following protocol

1. Clerk to circulate details of application as they are received by email
2. Cllrs to respond to clerk with responses within seven days
3. Chair/Vice Chair to undertake site visit if required
4. Chair to agree PC response with Clerk
5. Clerk to upload PC response onto public access system

17.22 Village Hall update

Cllr Wright informed that new electrical distribution was required and had been installed and that an application had been submitted to LEADER Coast and Lowlands by B. Mead for the renovations to the village hall.

17.23 Pele Tower update

Cllr Wright referred to B. Mead to provide an update.

- Excavations and field walking complete which had been very successful and had included the discovery of a bronze age burial site
- Bid submitted for £700K delivery phase of HLF project – hopefully a decision in December.
- Work for bats, excavations and a structural survey were to complete.
- Website set up – www.cresswellpeltower.org.uk
- Lease – Meeting with HLF to discuss long-term lease with Park Dean on 27th September.

Cllr Wright expressed his thanks to Mr Mead and recognised the tremendous work of all of the volunteers.

17.24 Website

Cllr Wright and the Clerk had met with Stephen Rickett at NALC and had agreed to take up the offer of a portal website hosted by NALC. The Clerk informed that work would continue to populate the website with more information.

17.25 Transparency Fund

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Initials

The Clerk informed that a bid to the national Transparency Fund for smaller councils was in preparation which if successful, would allow the PC to purchase a laptop computer, scanner and software.

17.26 Any other business

17.26.1 - Cllr Tyrie asked about progress with the village Christmas tree.

Resolved: Cllr Laing to investigate power supply for the tree from the toilet block

17.26.2 – Neighbourhood Planning - at the annual meeting it was suggested that NCC should be approached to discuss the potential of Neighbourhood Plan. The Clerk had pursued this but no further action had been taken.

Resolved: The Clerk to ask the appropriate planning officer at NCC to speak to Cllrs Wright and Laing about the options for a Neighbourhood Plan.

17.26.3 – Anti-social behaviour.

A member of the public reported an increase in anti-social behaviour and petty crime in the village.

Resolved: To ask PC Paul Dent to attend the next meeting of the PC so that these issues could be discussed.

17.26.4 – Power cuts

It was reported that there were ongoing issues with short power cuts. Mr B. Mead offered to supply a contact name at Northern Powergrid.

Resolved: The Clerk write to Northern Powergrid to ascertain the latest position.

17.27 Dates of next meetings

Wednesday 8th November

Wednesday 7th February

Wednesday 9th May

The meeting closed at 20:45

