

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

Via Zoom 7PM

Minutes of the Meeting

20.43 Present

Councillors: M. Wright (Chair), D Laing, S Haywood, C Tyrie, L Wright

In attendance:

I.Robson (Clerk)

and two members of the public

20.44 Apologies for absence

Cllr G Phillips

20.45 Declaration of Interests, and grant of any dispensations

Cllr M Wright – Declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 11 - Pele Tower

20.46 Questions from the public

There was one question from the public regarding progress on a parking area at St. Bartholomew's Church. Cllr M. Wright responded saying that this had been included as one of the Parish Council's three submissions to NCC to be considered for LTP funding.

20.47 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting on 25th November 2020 were agreed as a true and accurate record and were signed and dated by the Chair.

20.48 Matters Arising from the Minutes

20.48.01 (20.38.01) Bin at Home Farm - The Clerk had taken the matter up with NCC who agreed that a bin at this location would likely create a worse litter problem.

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20.48.02 (20.38.02) Graffiti in bus shelters - Cllr M Wright reported that he had removed as much of the graffiti as was possible.

20.49 Recruitment of Clerk

The Chair informed Cllrs that the Clerk, Iain Robson, had given notice of his intention to resign. It was noted that Mr Robson was willing to continue to serve as Clerk until a replacement could be found.

The Clerk tabled a paper outlining options for recruitment and remuneration of the replacement Clerk and a draft job description. Councillors **agreed** the following:

- **To recruit a replacement Clerk as soon as possible**
- **To form a recruitment sub-committee of Cllrs Laing and Tyrie to agree the job description, advert text, sift applications and interview applicants.**
- **To advertise the role via NALC and social media initially**
- **To move to a fixed hourly-rate of £13 per hour rather than a fixed monthly salary and that the replacement Clerk would be required to submit monthly timesheets.**

Councillors thanked Mr. Robson for his work and contribution to the Council.

20.50 Financial Matters

20.50.01 Financial Report

The Clerk tabled the financial report for the period up to 13th January 2021-
Noted

20.50.02 Accounts to pay

Environmental Pest Management (mole control) £240.00 - **Agreed.**

20.51 Planning

20.51.01 20/00303/FUL Land South East of the Drift Cafe - Approved (committee)

20.51.02 20/04162/FUL land North East of garden Cottage - Objected - no decision

20.51.03 20/03841/FUL Crows Nest - Approved

20.52 Correspondence

20.52.01 - NCC Coastal Summit (Druridge Bay). Cllrs M. Wright and Laing agreed to represent Cresswell Parish Council.

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20.53 Lynemouth Bay Waste

The Chair reported that preparatory works which were outside of the planning application had taken place and that work was complete. Cllr raised the issue of wagon movements and speed which had been rectified by NCC. It was noted that if the works take place to remove the waste, it will leave the site via Lynemouth and not Cresswell.

20.54 Pele Tower

The Chair reported that the site had been closed-down due to an outbreak of COVID-19 in the workforce but work would restart soon. 95% of the work was now complete and remained on schedule to be complete by March 31st.

20.55 Garden Plots

Cllr Laing reported no further success with the Land Registry to find the identity of the outstanding owner of Plot 4. Cllr M. Wright had made no progress with NCC and would take the issue to the Leader of the Council.

20.56 Highways Issues

No further progress with NCC Highways was reported with flooding on the C110 and further flooding incidents had been reported on Cresswell Road and outside the Manor House.

Agreed: The Clerk to write to Mr King at NCC to ascertain progress.

20.57 Public Toilets

Cllr Laing reported that he was waiting for a quote for repainting as soon as the weather allowed for this.

20.58 Date of next meeting

May 19th (to be preceded by the Parish meeting which will begin at 18:50. The Parish Council will begin at 7pm or upon conclusion of the Parish meeting whichever is sooner). This will be the Annual Meeting following the Parish Council Election.

The meeting closed at 20:15

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

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