



## **Cresswell Parish Council**

### **Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting Held Wednesday 24th May 2023**

**Cresswell Village Hall 7:00PM**

#### **Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting**

##### **23.01 Present**

**Councillors:** C Tyrie(Chairman) D Laing(Vice chairman)A Stoodley,S Tyrie,P Wilson,C Wilson

##### **In attendance:**

M Burn (Clerk)  
Cllr S Dickinson MBE & Cllr Liz Dunn

Members of the public attending x9  
Introductions were made by all those present at the meeting

##### **23.02 Apologies for absence received**

Cllr S Haywood

##### **23.03 Election of Chairperson to the Parish Council**

(23.03.01) Proposed by Cllr Laing & second by Cllr Stoodley  
Cllr Doctor Christine Tyrie was elected as Chairman of the Parish Council

##### **23.04 Election of Vice Chairperson to the Parish Council**

(23.04.01) Proposed by Cllr C Tyrie & second by Cllr C Wilson  
Cllr D Laing was elected as Vice Chairman of the Parish Council

##### **23.05 Declaration of Interests, and grant of any dispensations**

None

##### **23.06 Cllr Scott Dickinson MBE**

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(23.06.01) Cllr Dickinson was welcomed and thanked the parish for the invite to attend the meeting. Cllr Liz Dunn was also welcomed. Confirmation of regular 'drop in' session in Cresswell every other month at the village hall - next session 12pm in the village hall May 27th.

(23.06.02) (Chair) raised concerns that historic planning objections by CPC had been ignored. Cllr Dickinson recognised the issue and problems associated with retrospective planning applications often passed in applicants favour. Particular instances were highlighted by the Chair of the council and discussion took place. Cllr Dickinson recognised the frustration of CPC however changing planning retrospective legislation would be difficult.

(23.06.03) Discussion took place regarding the delays to reclamation of Lynemouth bay. Cllr Dunn stated delays are frustrating and staff issues at NCC had contributed to this. It was not possible to prevent public access to the bay though signage was in place not to remove items. Cllr C Tyrie pointed out the need for 'joined up team working' and an issue of poor communications & lack of updates from NCC.

(23.06.04) A public question was raised regarding traffic using the narrow bridge at Lynemouth and traffic flow to the Bewick drift caravan development. Discussion took place regarding the traffic management plan & bridge. The perceived need for a replacement of the bridge requires substantial funding by NCC. Cllr Dickinson stated funding from local business taxes is not allocated locally and suggested future use of traffic monitoring 'speed strips' to evaluate traffic through the parish.

### **23.07 Public Questions Received in Advance of the meeting**

None

### **23.08 Minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting on 29th March 2023 were agreed as correct and signed by the Chairman.

### **23.09 Matters Arising from the Minutes (unless separately on the agenda)**

(23.09.01) (Cllr Laing) updated the meeting regarding the tree planting on the village green (22.30.01). Trees are to be relocated 26th May by NCC. A member of the public was concerned the trees would be, in time, too large. (Chair) responded that the issue had been discussed at length over a period of time and CPC had done what it could to accommodate all objections & issues raised.

(23.09.02) (Chair) thanked all who organised & took part in the coronation event. In particular the council recognised & gave thanks to D Cooke for her valuable contribution in ensuring the day was a great success. (22.34.01)

(23.09.02) The walled garden project update was provided by B Mead confirming closure for 16 weeks with a compound sited on the village green for use by contractors. (22.28.05)

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(23.09.03) A member of the public stated there may be issues with the solar speed panels not showing a correct speed or warning message. Cllr DL & Cllr CW to investigate. (22.27.03)

### **23.10 Correspondence (Clerk)**

(23.10.01) Clerk informed the meeting that all correspondence is now digital. Information items were circulated to Cllrs including from NALC, Rural services, Powergrid Ltd and NCC Local Transport Planning & others.

(23.10.02) The request for closure of the monitoring grant from the Community Foundation was submitted on 27th April in return & the grant is now closed.

(23.10.03) Invitation from the Rivers Trust to identify invasive plants was circulated without response. No public contributions were added.

(23.10.04) A public request for metal detecting permission highlighted a lack of council policy which is now drafted. NALC were consulted. Thank you to Mr B Mead for professional contribution to the policy draft to be circulated to Cllr's for comment in due course.

### **23.11 Financial Matters (Chair & Clerk)**

(23.11.01) Clerk confirmed the internal audit report was submitted to the CPC web page. Thanks to Mr J Dodds for his support to the council.

(23.11.02) The Annual Governance statement 2022/23 was approved.

(23.11.03) The Accounting Statement was Approved.

(23.11.04) Certificate of Exemption was Confirmed & Approved

(23.11.05) Notice of exercise of public rights confirmed published 12/06 until 21/07.

(23.11.06) Invoices paid over & above 100GBP were declared by the clerk as 1020.00GBP / 152.96GBP / 7488.60GBP.

(23.11.07) Reconciliation variances to bank charges explained by the clerk and reconciliation dated 31st March 2023 distributed & published.

(23.11.08) Insurance policy due 1st June 2023 Zurich increase of 19.74GBP to previous year.

(23.11.09) Clerk requesting wayleave payment from Powergrid to cover 30 yrs to replace annual cheque. Awaiting confirmation.

### **23.12 Planning**

None

### **23.13 Communications**

(23.13.01) Cllr Stoodley updated CPC regarding communications by digital Newsletter which was distributed at the end of March - 1 hard copy was requested & supplied. Council notice board also displayed the information. Next newsletter will be at the end of June.

(23.13.02) The CPC Facebook page has 141 Likes & 157 Followers.



### **23.14 Sewage Discharge & Mouth of River Lyne**

(23.14.01) Chair informed the meeting of an issue noted from last year when the river Lyne stopped flowing the effluent into the river and remained to 'pool' and caused a stench. Cllr C Tyrie has written to Northumbrian water, environment agency & British Coal and is awaiting a response. Both Cllr's Dickinson & Dunn confirmed the issue is a national problem and profits are not proportionate to the service provided by the water companies. Cllr Dunn agreed to supply contact information for various agencies to CPC to assist progress.

(23.14.02) Clerk confirmed officer D Green (regeneration project Lynemouth Bay) at NCC was now aware of the issue.

### **23.15 Removal of Ivy coast road footpath - Crown Estates**

(23.15.01) Clerk confirmed the work was completed by Crown estates however a small portion of the stone wall is now awaiting repairs due to damage caused by removing the ivy. Clerk to follow up.

### **23.16 Electoral Review**

(23.16.01) Discussion took place regarding the boundary changes as proposed & detailed upon the information webpage at NCC and notes provided. Those attending were encouraged to put forward their views using the link to the webpage at NCC and also to liaise with the chair so that a CPC response can be logged.

**<https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/northumberland>**

### **23.17 Request for Public bench with plaque dedication - Snab Point**

(23.17.01) (Cllr D Laing) Discussion took place regarding public benches. It was agreed snap point only has one bench at the present time. The request was granted if the member of the public is purchasing and fitting the plastic bench (similar to that already in place) without cost to the council. A dedication plaque is allowed.

### **23:18 AOB**

(23.18.01) **Illegal camping at Home Farm Roadside** was discussed following a complaint from a member of the public. Chair confirmed the issue had been raised to NCC. Following confusion over land ownership NCC officers had taken action. It is expected to be resolved without undue delay.

(23.18.02) **Local Transport Plan** - Discussion took place to agree the 3 priorities for CPC to submit to the NCC. It was agreed that these would be a public footpath from the boatyard to the village, repair / replacement of the Lyne bridge and grass crete & tarmac verge replacement at the roadsides adjacent to the church.

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The meeting closed at 8:35pm

**23:19 Date of Next meeting:  
Wednesday 19th July 7pm**

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**Signed**..... C Tyrie (Chairman)

**Date**.....



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