

**Cresswell Parish Council  
Meeting Wednesday 19th February 2021**

**Village Hall 7PM**

**Minutes of the Meeting**

**20.59 Present**

**Councillors:** C Tyrie, S Tyrie, S Haywood, A Stoodley, E Rooney, D Laing

**In attendance:**

M Burn (Clerk)

and six members of the public

**20.60 Apologies for absence**

None.

**20.61 Acceptance of office and disclosure forms**

Councillors signed acceptance of office and disclosure forms.

**20.62 Election of chair**

Invitation was made to accept the office of chair, Councillor D Laing nominated Councillor C Tyrie seconded by Councillor S Tyrie. Councillor C Tyrie accepted the nomination.

**20.63 Election of vice chair**

Invitation was made to office for vice chair, Councillor E Rooney nominated Councillor D Laing, seconded by Councillor C Tyrie. Cllr. D Laing accepted the nomination.

**20.64 Declaration of Interests, and grant of any dispensations**

None.

**20.65 Questions from the public**

None.

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## **20.66 Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting on 17th February 2021 were agreed as a true and accurate record and were signed and dated by the Chair.

## **20.67 Matters Arising from the Minutes**

20.67.01 (20.55.01) Garden Plots, Cllr. D Laing identified an issue of excavation works proceeding believed to be levelling work and possible installation of septic tank? Councillor D Laing to investigate and report to council.

## **20.68 Financial matters**

20.68.01 The bank reconciliation was distributed to councillors.

Councillor D Laing explained the relevant cost(s) to the Council and public present.

20.68.02 Annual Governance and Accountability Return 20/21 CT to work with clerk and return to agree at next meeting 16th June.

## **20.69 Planning**

20.69.01 21/01305FUL 5 St Bartholomews Close - neutral response Agreed

## **20.70 Correspondence**

20.70.01 - North Steads Wind Farm community fund, Councillor Stoodley explained funding was available with applications required within the July - August window 2021. Councillor Laing suggested this could find solar road traffic speed signs placed in 3 locations in Cresswell. Cllr. A Stoodley to investigate further, Cllr.D Laing to seek estimate cost(s) for speeding signs.

20.70.02 - Possible funding for tree planting from ring fenced budget provided by NCC Tree Scape Fund. Funding available up to 31 May 2021. Discussion took place where to plant trees in Cresswell. Councillor Tyrie to explore the possibility of funding.

20.70.03 - Discussion regarding CPC Christmas tree with proposal from Cllr. Laing not to provide a tree but to illuminate the Pele Tower using the tower to allow social function at Christmas. Cllr. D Laing to discuss with Mr B Mead of Pele tower restoration group.

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## **20.71 Replacement of parish clerk**

The chair welcomed Mr Burn and thanked Iain Robon for his dedication to the post, Mr Burn thanked the outgoing clerk Iain Robson for his continued support during handover.

## **20.72 Highways Issues**

No further progress with NCC Highways was reported with flooding on the C110. Councillor D Laing explained NCC had not held meetings onsite due to covid 19 protocols. Cllr.D Laing to follow up and report.

## **20.73 Public Toilets**

Cllr. Laing reported that he was waiting for further quotes for repainting as soon as possible, only one estimate to date was received.

## **20.74 Pele Tower Update**

Mr B Mead gave an extensive update as to the near completion of the project and future opening to the public which is anticipated for a formal opening on 18th July 2021. It is expected to make appropriate charges to organised groups to tour the site generating a source of revenue.

## **20.75 Communications**

20.75.01 Cllr. Stoodley suggested the possible use of Facebook as a communication medium to the parish council.Cllr Stoodley to investigate further.

20.75.02 Members of the public expressed an interest in delivering flyers or update letters within the parish, discussion took place regarding the production of a parish newsletter with Councillor C Tyrie confirming printing was available. Cllr. Stoodley to lead and action.

## **20.76 Date of next meeting**

June 16th at 7pm Village Hall Cresswell

The meeting closed at 19:50

**Signed**..... Cllr Christine Tyrie (Chair)

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