PARISH COUNCIL OF CRESSWELL

Chair: Cllr A Liang
Clerk: B Watson

Parish Council Meeting at **Cresswell Village Hall on Wednesday 21st May 2025 at 7.00 pm**

(Remains Draft until Signed)

In attendance: Cllr Laing (Chair), Bonnie Watson (Clerk), Cllr Thompson, Cllr Thompson, Cllr Haworth
MOP : 9

Meeting Minutes

1: Apologies for absence
Notifications from Councillors who are absent - Cllr C Tyrie (attended via speakerphone)

2. Election of Chair/Vice Chair
2.1 Elections of Chair / Vice Chair documented. Cllr Tyrie voted to remain Chair - unable to accept due to not being in attendance will be confirmed at next council meeting. Cllr Liang voted to remain Vice Chair.
2.2 Acceptance of office - All welcome and new Councillor welcomed: Cllr David Thompson
2.3 Declarations of Interest
Declarations by Councillors of any interests in matters on the agenda - N/A

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Declarations by councillors of any interests in matters on the agenda.
NON RELATED

4: Public Questions
This is the point at which members of the public who have arranged to ask a question can do so.

a: Gate locked at nearby Blake Moor farm with chain - this is a public walkway and owner Will Clark Ellington Farms has been approached previously to remove and replace with stile/kissing gate. This has yet to be completed - owner to be approached by Drew again to prompt.
b. M Burn asked if the council would be interested in hosting a Christmas lunch event for the village within the hall. Interest will need to be garnered - message put in next newsletter to see about this. Suggested for this to be ticketed if this goes ahead.

5: Minutes (Chair)
To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on **26th March 2025**. Minutes agreed and signed.

6: Matters Arising from the Minutes (unless separately on the agenda)
6.1 Moles (Cllr Laing) All sorted - to be removed.
6.2 VE/VJ Day Celebrations (Chair) this has been a success, there was a fantastic turn out at the walled garden event.
6.3 NE field of remembrance - sign 3' x 2' or 3' diameter to be delivered on 31st october 2025 - Final designs to be completed by Fleur and Cllr Tyrie to deliver on the day.
6.4 Fencing repaired by northumbrian water - completed.
6.5 beach signs - there has been a positive impact from this - further matter of dog excrement to be looked into and see if further bins to be erected for this purpose. NCC to be contacted regarding this.

7: Financial Matters (Chair/ Clerk)
7.1 End of year financial report.
7.2 AGAR to be agreed and signed off - still with the auditor - further date of additional meeting to be agreed and arranged to get this signed off completely once finalised.

8: Planning Applications (Chair) N/A

9.Communications /Correspondence
9.1 Social media stats (Chair) 211 likes and 244 followers on Facebook.
9.2 Website - photographs still required.
9.3 Email list now at 51% of all dwellings

10: Asset Register (Chair)
10.1 New prices obtained for items for 25/26 - Cllr Haworth updated.
10.2 to discuss replacement/repair of various items.

11: Church Parking (Chair)

Further contact to highways and CC to cost. Further discussions to be completed.

12: Recent ASB on green by Pele Tower (Chair)
Police identified 3x individuals in the incident and are looking to prosecute.
Incidents with electric scooters on an increase again.
Parking on village green also discussed - new signs to be ordered and erected.

12: Wheelchair Access to beach:
full discussion within the meeting regarding this.
Caroline Corfield attended the meeting to represent Beach Access NE. Full discussion regarding the access, storage and location of access took place within the meeting. There has been access over buried railway sleepers at the side of the house next door to Cresswell Ices. Discussions around the type of wheelchairs that are good to use also took place. More discussions around this is required.
Discussion around if there can be a power supply added - this is to be discussed further. Queries regarding solar powered chairs were also discussed.
Cllr Laing contacted Danny Goodall to discuss the.Village fishing boat access and if the parish council would be allowed to complete some ground works on the track to make this more accessible as this is currently too steep to use. NCC is to install a short section of boardwalk and is expected to be in place by the end of June. Once this has been completed the groundworks can start.

13: Training
Rob Naples from NCC has stated if anyone would like direct training on the neighbourhood plan he will be able to deliver this. To express interest contact CPC.

14: Date of next meeting (s)
A further meeting regarding signing of AGAR will be required upon completion - Date to be arranged.
Next Cresswell Parish Council meeting will be held on 16th July 2025 @ 7pm, Cresswell Village Hall.

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(Date) 16th July 2025