PARISH COUNCIL OF CRESSWELL

Chair: Cllr C Tyrie
Clerk:B Watson

Parish Council Meeting
Cresswell Village Hall
Wednesday 20th May 2026 @ 7.00 pm
(This was preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting @ 6.30pm)

Meeting Minutes

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Attendance: Councillors: C Tyrie (Chair), D Laing (Vice Chair), N Thompson, D Thompson, C Haworth, M Burn + B Watson (Clerk), 6x MOP & County Councillor Liz Dunn.

1: Apologies for absence:
Notifications from Councillors who are absent.

- N/A

2: Declarations of Interest:
Declarations by Councillors of any interests in matters on the agenda.

- New forms were signed during the meeting and will be sent to NCC by the clerk.

3. Election of Chair/Vice Chair:

- Cllr Drew Laing proposed Cllr Christine Tyrie as Chair and seconded by Cllr Nigel Thompson
- Cllr Nigel Thompson proposed Cllr D Laing as vice chair and seconded by Cllr Chris Haworth.

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

- None received prior to the meeting.

5: Minutes: (Chair)
To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18th March 2026.

6: Matters Arising from the Minutes: (unless separately on the agenda).

6.1. Policy and procedures update: Assertion 10/IT: (Cllr Burn/Clerk)

- This has been updated following the meeting and changes will be shared and confirmed in the next meeting.

6.2. Car Park Maintenance: Update: (Cllr Burn).

- Quarry path awaiting repairs or closure by NCC.
- Moving to inspect drift parking and boundary car park north. Will report to the council.
- Snab point complete.
- Broadsands closed 1st of June for approx 7 weeks. This will be used by NCC as depot storage during shoreline works.

New Agenda Items:

7.1. Asset Register update 2026: (Chair)

- This has been updated for the coming year - discussed during the meeting to see if a lid can be sought for the bin that is missing one. Cllr D Thompson assigned this task. The boat needs repainting and repairing, and Cllr. Haworth has been assigned this task - update to follow.

7.2. Northumberland Astro Funding Support: (Cllr Haworth)

- This is to be moved to the July 2026 Agenda due to an update unavailable.

7.3. Grass Cutting: (Cllr Haworth)

- Query regarding later than normal grass cutting - update with regards to the main contact retiring within NCC - this has had knock on effect and caused lateness of initial cut. This has now been brought up to date, assured no cuts have been missed, just a

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slight delay. Queried earlier cut if possible - due to budget cuts this won't be possible.

7.4. Dunes Ownership: (Cllr Haworth)

- Letter to be written to request permission to report to the owner of the land any camping / fires on the property and also make aware that the parish council will restore the soil mounds on the boundaries that were originally there. Land ownership sourced following the meeting and to be followed up on.

7.5. Akzo Nobel painting support: (Cllr Haworth)

- Toilets, Railings outside toilets and parts of the village hall to be updated with painting - this will be completed and update given at next meeting if available. Cllr Haworth & Cllr Laing to work on a budget for any repairs that need to be completed.

7.6. Filming of Civility and Respect involvement update: (Cllr Haworth)

- This has now been completed and was filmed within the walled garden at the Pele Tower. Clerk requested screening of finished performance once this is available - update to follow.

7.7. Speed Sensor Report: (Vice Chair)

- This was shared prior to the meeting and discussed within. Top speed through the village - East 72.7mph, West 69.9mph. Cllr Liz Dunn has subsequently sent this to the police and has been recorded on the speed complaints database without camera evidence. This has been sent to neighbourhood policing scheme.

7.8. Car Parking Charges:

- NCC are in the process of agreeing a medium term financial plan and are looking to implement parking charges at cresswell beach, Amble Braid and Warkworth. Displacement parking concerns were acknowledged but no alternative solution was given or suggested. The formal legal process for this has yet to start. Communication re car parking also indicated that £37,000 was allocated from LTP for improvement to the boatyard carpark including white lining and designated disabled car parking bays. CPC was not informed. Chair to write to NCC querying if additional parking bays are included.

7.9 TPOS Pele Tower Woodland (Vice Chair)

- Pele Tower Tree Protection Order queried with NCC. This was queried back in 2023 and was deemed in place but has since been overlooked by NCC when updating their TPO's and is no longer in

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place. Cllr Laing to contact Liam Collier at NCC for further insight into this and what needs to happen for this to be updated and the TPO to be put back in place if possible. Update at next meeting.

7.10 PSPO (Chair)

- PSPO discussed during the meeting - boundary ends at the nature reserve car park and does not include anything further south, possibly due to land being privately owned (see 7.4)

8. Standing Agenda Items:

8.1 Ward County Councillors Report: (Cllr Liz Dunn)

- See HERE for the May 2026 County Councillors report.

8.2. Speedwatch update: (Cllr Haworth)

- No update given on when the next training will be as a date has yet to be set due to lack of interest - update to follow.

8.3 NALC Awards: (Chair/Cllr Haworth).

- Cllr Haworth taking lead on this with the assistance of the clerk. The chair has agreed to prepare 2 new policies required for this. Regular updates will be given at meetings moving forward.

9: Financial Matters including any bank reconciliations: (Clerk).

- Reconciliation now to be sent prior to the meeting for all to review - timescale of reconciliation should be from meeting to meeting.

9.1. Clerk Wage discussion: (Clerk)

- The clerk requested a change in wage to fall in line with other parishes and to consider the training undertaken. This was agreed to start at the bottom of band 6, scale point 18 increasing yearly at the beginning of the financial year. Contract to be updated to state this.

9.2. AGAR: (Clerk)

- Review completed and signed off by an external auditor. Document signed and to be sent to Forvis Mazzars and website updated to reflect dates etc.

9.3. Donation to Citizens Advice: (Clerk)

- Donations of £100 have been agreed to be sent.

9.4. Savings Account (Cllr M Burn)

- Suggestion of savings account being started - Cllr Burn to send information of potential savings account at Unity Bank that could be used - clerk to review.

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10: Planning Applications: (Clerk).

- N/A received prior to the meeting.
- Cllr Liz Dunn passed over Park Dean Resorts Ltd planning application - planning reference 23/00433/FUL - Widening and surfacing of access track. No follow up required.

11: Communications /Correspondence:

11.1. Social media stats: (Chair).

- 87 Followers, most views were 1764 seen on 1st April 2026.

11.2. Website Update inc update on new emails: (Clerk).

- Update given on the website and still in progress - requests for ideas to make it better to be sent to the clerk.
- Email issues discussed - Cllr D Thompson to contact Cllr C Tyrie following the meeting to assist adding .gov.uk to phone to move away from using gmail email addresses entirely.

11.3 Police Report: (Clerk)

- This was read out and discussed during the meeting.

12: Other Business:

- Approach to council re establishing a dog washing station. Chair responded with an outline of objections to a previous proposal from a different provider.
- A formal complaint has been sent in to NCC by Cllr Burn with regards to the missing sign opposite west lodge as this has still not been replaced - this was reported in November 2025. No response received.
- Cllr M Burn has received 2x bottles of wine as thank you gifts - Cllr Burn will be donating these as Christmas gifts later in the year.
- Mayor of Morpeth will be in attendance at the 1940's event on 20th September 2026 at the Pele Tower.

12: Date of next meeting:

- Wednesday 15th July 2026 at 7pm, Cresswell Village Hall.

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