PARISH COUNCIL OF CRESSWELL

Parish Council Meeting
Cresswell Village Hall
Wednesday 22nd January 2025
7.00 pm

Meeting Minutes

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Attendance: Councillors Dr C Tyrie (Chair), D Laing (Vice Chair), C Haworth, N Thompson,B Watson (Clerk),

Members of the public (MOP) in attendance x 1

01:25 Apologies for absence
Notifications from Councillors who are absent - None

02:25: Resignations from Council (Chair) - Resignation received from Cllr C Wilson. This was acknowledged and received with regret. We would like to acknowledge his service within the parish council and give thanks.

03:25 Declaration of Interests, and grant of any dispensations
Declarations by Councillors of any interests in matters on the agenda - None

04:25 Public Questions
This is the point at which members of the public who have arranged to ask a question can do so.
Questions from the public: -
Query re Land for Sale within the parish - there is no land currently for sale.
Query regarding metal detection permissions on the beach - this request would need to go to the Crown as the beach is owned by the Crown. Clerk to email responses.

05:25 Minutes (Chair) To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on **20th November 2024**.- Minutes approved and signed.

06:25 Matters Arising from the Minutes (unless separately on the agenda)
06:25.1 Appointment of new clerk (24.92) (Chair) Welcomed Bonnie Watson as the new Clerk.
06:25.2 Planning Application (24.98.01) (Chair) Retrospective planning application has been given for hardstanding on one of the garden plots .Discussion was held whether soakaway is required (not specified in application or approval)
06:25.3 Signage near ice cream shop (24.99.01) Signs discussed to be placed near shop to discourage parking on path/close parking to the verge so pushchairs/wheelchairs etc can move on the footpaths without obstruction - decided on 10x signs being ordered and erected within the vicinity.(Cllr Laing).Signs re beach litter, already agreed. Cllrs Laing and Haworth agreed to erect these once received.
06:25.4 Disabled Ramp near bottom bus stop (23.99.02) (Chair) - Quotes have been requested, a private contractor quote and one from NCC - further quote to be gained (Cllr Thompson). Parish view is also required since this will impact on the village green and views will be sought via the newsletter as well as the CPC Facebook page and the Whatsapp group.
06:25.5 Local Governance Review (24.104) (Chair) No further discussions have taken place that have been reported - unsure if Cresswell and Widdrington are still to merge as previous discussions have suggested. Chair to contact Graeme Popay to gain further updates.

07:25 Financial Matters (Chair/ Clerk)
07:25.1 Financial report - unable to give update due to no access to bank.
07.25.2 Moving bank account - decided to remain with Barclays for the time being until Bonnie (Clerk) is fully added then discuss moving thereafter.
07:25.2 Non routine invoices paid - n/a
07:25.3 Future invoices to be paid (if known) - n/a

08:25 Planning Applications (Clerk) - NCC will be hosting a referendum on 6th March on the neighbourhood plan which will be run like a local election using the village hall for votes- full 11 page document regarding referendum available - this can be viewed on the Cresswell Parish Council website.

09:25 Communications /Correspondence

09:25.1 Social media stats (Chair) - Currently 203 likes on Facebook with 201 Followers.
09:25.2 Electronic Information Bulletins- These continue to be received from a wide range of sources and are circulated to councillors.
09:25.3 Clerk Computer issues - Laptop has been agreed to be purchased once card received by the Clerk.

10:25 Parish Newsletter (Chair) - Christine has produced first newsletter of 2025 and this has been added on to the Cresswell Parish Council Website for viewing. Further newsletters to follow/ editor being sought. Newsletter e mailing list - Current list has only 28 addresses. Bonnie to review old communications sent by past clerks to see if the old mailing list is more extensive and new one can be brought up to date.

11:25 VE/VJ day Celebrations (Chair) VE day celebrations date 8th May 2025. VJ Day celebrations 15th August 2025. Discussion was held with regard to a joint events in association with the Pele Tower committee.Chair to contact Barry Mead. More information to follow.

12:25 Christmas Decorations 2025 (Cllr Laing) Discussed purchasing a high quality projector to project festive images on the side of the Pele tower wall (Beach facing wall) - quotes and demonstrations to be arranged. Metal containers were discussed to house the projector to protect this from the weather / theft etc.

13:25 Timber surrounds for litter bins (Cllr Laing) - 3x Bin surrounds discussed as being required (to include the 2 on the green). These will cost approx. £1250 in total. This has been approved at this meeting - Cllrs Liang and Haworth agreed to complete.

14:25 Any other Business (Any)
14:25.1 - Moles - quotes for exterminator required - (Cllr Laing)
14:25.2 - Bridge bollards - would it be possible to ask the Council for the bollards to be moved 6 inches or to add a height restriction.
14:25.3 - Update on traveller site - this was set at 15 years, query raised to how long this has been in place and how long on this is left. Currently owing an outstanding amount of rent totalling £100,000+ to NCC. This is now classed as social housing.

15:25 Date of next meeting(s)
Wednesday 26th March 2025 at 7pm, Cresswell Village Hall

~~(Signed) Bonnie WATSON - Clerk to Cresswell Parish Council, 2 Irthing, Ellington, NE61 5LP. 07729100219 cresswellparishcouncil@gmail.com~~ 26.3.2025