PARISH COUNCIL OF CRESSWELL

Chair: Cllr C Tyrie
Clerk:B Watson

Please find the following:
Minutes for Parish Council Meeting on 1st of October 2025.

In Attendance: Cllr C Tyrie (Chair), Cllr N Thompson, Cllr C Haworth, Cllr A Laing, Bonnie Watson (Clerk), 2 Members of the Local Police & 8 MOP.

Meeting Minutes

1: Apologies for absence
Notifications from Councillors who are absent - Apologies sent from Cllr Malcolm Burn and Cllr David Thompson.

2: Confirmation of election of new Councillor (Chair)
Welcome to Malcolm Burn - new councillor - unable to action due to absence - to be added to the next meeting agenda. Details have been added to the website.

3: Declarations of Interest
Declarations by Councillors of any interests in matters on the agenda - None.

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

- **Health of the trees on village green (Email query)** Cllr Laing confirmed that the NCC have agreed to replace the trees with ones more suited to the coastal location.
- **Public Toilets (Village Hall Committee)** - Signage for village Hall and toilets discussed as well as extended toilet opening hours in summer months. The latter was agreed and 9p.m. suggested but the logistics need to be resolved .

Responsibility for funding for signage to be discussed at the next PC when next year's budget is to be agreed.

- **Garden Plots (Email Query)** A member of the public and owner of one of the garden plots asked who was responsible for policing the behaviour of other plot owners. It was confirmed that since they are privately owned this was not the responsibility of the Parish Council . There was a discussion about development of the plots and the PC confirmed that they would be supportive of the erection of small chalet type dwellings with sewerage and off road parking and have confirmed this in discussions with NCC.

5: Extraordinary item:

Two members of the Neighbourhood Police attended to discuss concerns re safety of the community and their response when contacted. A letter was handed to them from a resident of the parish explaining the concerns.

There was also a discussion about wild camping and fires.
PC Sutcliffe and Sgt Robson indicated plans to respond to each report with a THRIVE assessment which will discuss threat risk and a graded response for concerns. A multi-agency meeting was held including local council, representatives from Druridge Bay, Highways, Fire service, Police and some media to discuss how this is going to be handled and what power each group has. A public space protection order is viewed as the best course of action for the area but there is going to be evidence required of what is happening in real time to put the case forward for this to be put in place. This will give the police the ability to give fines or warnings to people in breach of the order for starting fires / wild camping etc. This is to be reviewed again at a later date once evidence has been collected.
Quad bikes and abandoned vehicles were reported by Cllr Burn prior to the meeting but no outcome to report.

6:Minutes (Chair)
To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on **16th of July 2025** - will be done following the meeting as these were not provided.

7: Matters Arising from the Minutes (unless separately on the agenda)
7.1 Church Parking (Chair) -The quote from NCC will be accepted; it is £17,000 ex vat. A meeting of all parties to be held on 7th October to confirm funding .Contributions of £5000 each have been confirmed by Liz Dunn (Ward County Councillor)and NCC Highways. The rest of the cost is to be shared between the Church, Ellington and Linton PC and Cresswell PC. It is hoped that work can be started asap.
7.2 North East Field of Remembrance (Chair) Sign is now completed and will be delivered by Chair (Cllr Tyrie) on 31/10/25 to Saltwell Park.

7.3 Surface Water on green (Chair/Vice Chair) Northumbria Water has now completed checks and fixed the leak that was impacting the green and also fixed the leak behind the public toilets.
7.4No Parking Signs (Cllr Haworth)- Initial order submitted, paid and received. Most have now been put up around the village and the rest will be completed this week.
7.5 Village Green Signs (Vice Chair/Clerk)
Ordered, paid and have arrived. Post Crete to be ordered for these to be erected. Ordering this week and signs should be installed by the next meeting.
7.6 Invitation to Data Centre Presentation (Cllr Haworth)
Update following visit. The visit went well and was very interesting. This will have no impact on Cresswell at all but information on what was discussed will be shared with other councillors.

8: Aurora Webcam (Chair)
Cllr Hayworth confirmed that an auroracam had been installed on the village hall funded by Northumberland Astro.
QR Code to be shared with Admin to see if this can be added to the website. This has also been added to FB and will be added to the next newsletter when published. Signs with this QR code will also be displayed in and around the village hall after posters are created.

9: Policy Review (Chair)
Review now completed. To be stored in policies folder 25/26 within drive.

10: Asset Register Check (Chair)
Cllr Burn had indicated that the rubbish bin at Snab Point car park needed replacing . However the asset review done in April 2025 indicated no issues. Cllr Thompson to investigate.

11: Christmas Carols and Mulled Wine (Chair)
Agreed for this to be held on Friday 19th of December @ 7pm in the Pele Tower.
Chair to request assistance of Susan and Russell Hawood in compiling carols

12: Christmas Lunch (Cllr Burn)
To be reviewed again 2026 due to lack of interest.

13: Town and Parish Meetings - (Chair)
Chair to attend on 2nd October in Cramlington.

14: Maintenance of Car Parks (Cllr Burn)
Email sent to NCC with regards to maintenance of Quarry Point and Snab Point car parks. Waiting for an update on when this will take place. To review in the November meeting.

15: Financial Matters (Chair/ Clerk)

15.1 Finance update (Clerk) - Updated given within the meeting.
15.2 Setting up standing orders for Toilet Cleaning (Clerk) - Unable to complete due to dual authorisation on account. No further action required.
15.3 NCC Precept - Received 8.9.25. No further action required.
15.4 Budget Forecast - Chair confirmed that next year's budget forecast will be an agenda item at the next meeting.

16: Planning Applications (Chair)
The following were highlighted:

- Shepherds Hut in St Bartholomew's Close- Closing date 18.09.25
- Bewick Drift Caravan Park -variation to planning approval -Closing date 22.08.25
- Repairing Landslide opposite Golden sands - Closing date 26.09.25

Concern was raised that we had only been notified of the first application.

17.Communications /Correspondence
17.1 Social media stats (Chair) FB - 17,695 views (Due to Aurora Cam) 74 followers.
17.2 November Newsletter (Chair) - This is to be completed early November and sent out.
17.3 NALC Website update - Nalc are no longer going to be hosting the council website - different hosts to be reviewed and confirmed March 2026. To be discussed further in November's meeting.

18: Christmas Decorations - Pele Tower (Chair)
Agreed on a £750 budget - this is to hopefully include a projector for the wall at the side of the Pele Tower.

19:Additional Business

- **Drift Cafe New Owners** - One of the new drift cafe owners (Matt) was in attendance at the meeting and introduced himself.
- **Hole in the Road -** Cllr Thompson had reported a hole in the road by the top bus stop -
- **Speed Sign/Solar Panel-** Display panel has slipped - this has been resolved.
- **NCC Community Van -** The van will be in Cresswell Ices Car Park between 2-3 pm on 3rd October 2025 for all to visit. This has been advertised on FB page..
- **Dog Poo Bags -** Cllr Haworth has obtained free Poo Bags from NCC - poster created to highlight where to get these from. Matt (from Drift Cafe) agreed to take a supply.
- **Meeting Dates -** Chair confirmed that the 2026 meetings would take place alternative months on the 3rd Wednesday.

20: Date of next meeting
Wednesday 19th November 2025 at 7pm, Cresswell Village Hall.

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