PARISH COUNCIL OF CRESSWELL

Chair: Cllr C Tyrie
Clerk:B Watson

Parish Council Meeting
Cresswell Village Hall
Wednesday 18th March 2026
7.00 pm

Meeting Minutes

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Attendance: Councillors: C Tyrie (Chair), D Laing (Vice Chair), N Thompson, M Burn, B Watson (Clerk) & 5x MOP + Cllr Liz Dunn.

1: Apologies for absence:
Notifications from Councillors who are absent: Cllr C Haworth & Cllr D Thompson.

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

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

- Solar Speed Monitor: Question relating to the non working solar speed monitor to see if this can be reviewed - Cllr L Dunn will contact the manufacturer Swarco - suspected 4 year guarantee in place - update to follow at next meeting.
- Public Toilets: Question relating to the water not working in the public toilets - reported to fix my street and Cllr Laing will review.

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4: Minutes: (Chair)
To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 28th January 2026: Approved.

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

5.1 Church Parking: Final invoice received (Vice Chair/Chair).
Invoice to be paid to NCC & Cllr Tyrie to review refund amount to be returned.

5.2 Car Park Maintenance: (Cllr Burn).

- Footpaths officer visit - Kelly O Sullivan - notice to avoid path added due to collapse. Discussion re Bikes/Quads not allowed - possible sign erection - not confirmed - Suggestion to contact police for signs rather than purchase - Cllr Burn to follow up.
- Danny Goodall reviewing to see if different access for the public is available. Update to follow.
- Fly tipping was also discussed as an issue - update to follow.
- Dog warden to be contacted re: loose dogs - Cllr Burn to facilitate.

5.3 Flooding at bridge update (Cllr D Thompson/Cllr L Dunn)
Discussed - Still under review.

5.4 Town and Parish Council Conference (5.3.26) update (Cllr Laing/Cllr Haworth)
Discussions within the conference:

- Bus stop department assistance - Cllr Haworth agreed to assist.
- Dog Poo Bags - this scheme has become more limited - Cresswell Parish Council will purchase biodegradable bags for beach users.
- Dark Skies involvement - currently not able to be involved but will update if this changes.
- Update that up to 1600 more houses to be built in the near future within the Northumberland area - update to follow at a later date.

5.5 Graffiti on bus shelter update: (Cllr Burn/Cllr Laing)

- This has now been cleaned - Invoice to be paid.

5.6 Flower festival donation - awaiting details for deposit (Clerk)

- Awaiting details - MOP that attended the meeting will contact Ellington Flower Club and get them to contact us directly.

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6: Policy and procedures update: Assertion 10/IT: (Clerk)

- Shared to all - Cllr Burn will review and compare to current Data Policy already in place.

Standing Agenda Items:

7: Ward County Councillors Report: (Cllr Liz Dunn)

- See HERE to review. (Will add link)

8: Speedwatch update: (Cllr Haworth)

- Cllr Haworth is still waiting to hear from Northumbria Police - Clerk will also contact Neighbourhood police to get an update.

9: NALC Awards: (Chair/Cllr Haworth).

- Cllr Haworth will continue to keep documentation. Updates will be given at future meetings. Clerk = ILCA completed, now working on FILCA.

10: Financial Matters: (Clerk).

- Current Balance £16,580.94.
- Money In - £3000.
- Money Out - £1204.29 - For transparency a full breakdown of spending to be given at future meetings.
- To Pay - £6123.14 (NCC - Church Parking), £162 (Bus shelter clean) = £6285.14, £1917.90 = (Ellington & Linton PC & Cresswell Church - refund from donated funds for church parking).

11: Planning Applications: (Clerk).

- N/A

12. Communications /Correspondence: (Chair)

12.1 Social media stats:

- 81 Followers on Facebook - most views = 48 on 7/3.26.
- March Newsletter now available HERE. (Will add link)

12.2 Website Update (Clerk).

- Website ready to go live - payment required.
- Further discussion regarding assigning secure emails to all councillors - a clarification of costs was discussed which is £17.99 + VAT for 10 new .gov.uk email addresses. This has now been

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agreed to fall in line with NALC guidance/Assertion 10 and due to recent spam emails & increased security. These will be shared with Councillors once they have been created and are live.

13: Date of next meeting:
Wednesday 20th May 2026 at 7pm, Cresswell Village Hall, this will be preceded by the annual parish meeting.

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