

**Cresswell Parish Council  
Meeting Wednesday 10th June 2020**

**Via Zoom 7PM**

**Minutes of the Meeting**

**20.01 Present**

**Councillors:** M. Wright (Chair), D Laing, S Haywood, G Phillips, C Tyrie, L Wright

**In attendance:**

I.Robson (Clerk)

and three members of the public

**20.02. Apologies for absence**

Cllr T Steele

**20.03. Declaration of Interests, and grant of any dispensations**

Cllr M Wright – Declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 12 - Pele Tower

**20.04 Questions from the public**

There were no questions from the public

**20.05 Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting on 19th February 2020 were agreed as a true and accurate record and were signed and dated by the Chair.

**20.06. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

20.06.01 (19.48.01) Tribute to Terry Williamson - Cllr Wright reported no further progress had been made.

20.06.02 (19.56) Garden Plots - Cllrs reported on-going issues including anti-social behaviour and an incident with an intruder in a house in the village.

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Cllr Wright confirmed that he had asked Mr Ken McDonald (Gypsy and Traveller Officer at NCC) to deal with some of the issues and that he had done what he could; however as the land is privately owned there was little that could be done. It was suggested that the Parish Council should write to Anne-Marie Trevelyan MP about the issues.

**Action:** Cllr Wright to write to Mrs Trevelyan.

## **20.07 Financial Matters**

### 20.07.01 Financial Report

The Clerk tabled the financial report for the period up to 8th June 2020 -  
**Noted**

20.07.02 The Clerk reported that the fees charged by the accountants to do the payroll had increased by £2.50 to £17.50. Agreed that this still represented good value for money.

## **20.08 Annual Governance and Accountability Return for 2019/2020**

### 20.08.01 actions arising from the report of the internal auditor

There were no actions and the Councillors were satisfied with the internal audit.

### 20.08.02 To approve the Annual Governance Statement

The Annual Governance Statement was agreed unanimously

### 20.08.03 To approve the draft annual accounts for 2019/2020

The draft annual accounts for 19/20 were unanimously agreed

### 20.08.04 To approve the Accounting Statement and Explanation of Variances

The account statement and explanation of variances (none) were agreed

### 20.08.05 To confirm and approve the Certification of Exemption

The Councillors confirmed that they were happy to approve the Certification of Exemption.

## **20.09 Planning**

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Initials

20.09.01 20/00309/FUL Land North West Of Garden Cottage Cresswell

The clerk tabled a letter from a local resident.

Councillors discussed the proposal and agreed unanimously that the Parish Council should object to the application on the grounds of visual amenity, layout and density, parking, access, design and materials.

**Agreed:** To object to the application and the clerk to upload these comments on behalf of the Council

20.09.01 20/01291/FUL Bramblewood The Crescent Cresswell NE61 5JS - The council had no comment to make on this application - noted.

## **20.10 Correspondence**

20.10.01 NCC - C110 Road and Rail Bridge

No further communication from NCC regarding this and the proposed TRO. Concern was raised regarding the removal of waste from Lynemouth Bay and that if a weight restriction was applied to the bridge then this would result in increased wagon movements through the village.

Agreed: The Clerk to write to NCC to ask about progress and that the removal of waste be considered alongside the repairs to the Bridge.

20.10.02 - NCC- Lynemouth Bay - an update from NCC about the waste removal plan for Lynemouth Bay - noted

20.10.03 - NCC - Summer Grounds maintenance - Noted

20.10.04 - Mr Mead - Intruder at St. Bartholomews Close - Discussed under 20.06.02

20.10.05 - NCC - Neighbourhood Services Structure - noted

20.10.06 - Pat McCann - Provision of litter bins.

Cllrs Wright and L. Wright had that day checked the bins at the Boathouse car park.

The original two bins had been replaced by 5 wheelie bins (two recycling) which then (Wednesday) were empty.

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Initials

Two bins by the steps to the beach behind the ice cream shop were also empty as were the concrete bin between the ice cream shop & pumping station

There could be an issue with this design burning when hot disposable BBQs are placed in them but the design used elsewhere in the village doesn't work in windy conditions.

Additional signage was raised and discussed. Cllr Tyrie suggested that this wouldn't deter litterers and this was generally agreed.

Capacity of bins was considered inadequate for the summer months.

**Agreed:** The clerk to write to Mr Wardle at NCC and invite him to the Chair and other Cllrs to look at the situation and discuss the frequency of emptying. This would be subject to COVID-19 restrictions.

### **20:11 Highways Issues**

20.11.01 Speeding - it was agreed that speeding had been worse during the COVID-19 Lockdown period. Cllrs agreed that the 20mph zone extended too far north and south along the C110 and that it was therefore being ignored. This issue should have been discussed with Mr McKenzie from NCC but that meeting had been postponed due to COVID-19.

20.11.02 St Bartholomews Close - Cllr Wright reported that a resident had advised him NCC had this in-hand but had been postponed due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

20.11.03 Flooding on C110 - This had also been on the agenda for the meeting with Mr. McKenzie.

Agreed: that the clerk write to Mr. McKenzie to re-arrange the meeting as soon as COVID-19 restrictions allowed.

### **20.12 OVID-19 - Public Toilets**

Cllr Laing reported that the Public Toilets had now been opened for over one week without issue. The cleaner had an appropriate risk assessment, additional materials and suitable PPE and all surfaces were thoroughly cleaned each day.

All agreed that it was important to keep the toilets open.

### **20.13 Pele Tower Update**

Cllr Wright reported that the completion date was now likely to be October

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Initials

2020 due to COVID-19 related delays however, Historic Property Restoration staff were now back on site.

The volunteers working on the walled garden lead by Barry Mead were making great progress

**19.57 Date of next meetings**

August 12th - 7pm. Venue subject to COVID-19 restrictions.

The meeting closed at 20:15

**Signed**..... Cllr Michael Wright (Chair)

**Date**.....

