

**Cresswell Parish Council
Meeting Wednesday 12th August 2020**

Via Zoom 7PM

Minutes of the Meeting

20.15 Present

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

In attendance:

I.Robson (Clerk)

and six members of the public

20.16 Apologies for absence

Cllr T Steele, Cllr G Phillips

20.17 Declaration of Interests, and grant of any dispensations

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

20.18 Questions from the public

20.04.01 A member of the public enquired whether the walled garden that is being improved as part of the Pele Tower scheme could be used for visitor parking. Cllr Wright referred the person to the Pele Tower CIO as this would fall outside of the remit of the Parish Council.

20.04.02 A member of the public enquired about the garden plots - this was considered under item 7.

20.19 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting on 6th June 2020 were agreed as a true and accurate record and were signed and dated by the Chair.

20.20 Matters Arising from the Minutes

20.20.01 (20.06.01) Tribute to Terry Williamson - Cllr Wright reported that due to the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak no further progress had been made. **Noted**

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20.20.02 (20.10.02) Lynemouth Bay. Cllr Wright reported that a letter had been received from NCC with an update and that they were looking at locating a compound and disposal point on the south side of the River Lyne and leading material to the main road and A189. A Phase 1 habitat survey had been undertaken but work had been held up due to nesting sand martins. It was noted that no further progress had been made with the weight restriction on the bridge over the R. Lyne.

Noted

20.21 Financial Matters

20.21.01 Financial Report

The Clerk tabled the financial report for the period up to 10th August 2020 -

Noted

20.21.02 - Annual Governance and Accountability Return for 2019/2020

The Clerk reported that the period for public inspection of the accounts had now ended and that no members of the public had exercised their rights -

Noted

20.22 Garden Plots

Cllr Wright reported that a meeting of interested parties had taken place on 15th July in Morpeth and that it had been chaired by Ken McDonald, Gypsy and Traveller Liaison Officer at NCC. The meeting had included departments from NCC and Northumbria Police.

Mr McDonald couldn't provide a minute of the meeting ahead of the Parish Council meeting as it was waiting to be signed-off. As a result of the meeting, NCC had written to some residents, neighbouring the garden plots, regarding anti-social behaviour. As this hadn't gone to all residents of the village, one local resident had copied the letter and had delivered it to most households and had encouraged them to complete it and return it to NCC. The Chair encouraged all residents to report every incident of anti-social behaviour to Northumbria Police via their website, this included noise, illegal vehicle use, littering and other pollution etc.

Cllr Tyrie raised the issue of parking of vehicles on both sides of the highway adjacent to the garden plots. This would be raised with NCC.

A member of the public enquired about the tethering of horses and animal welfare issues, they had reported this to NCC previously but had not received a

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satisfactory reply. It was noted that tethering was legal but there are rules to prevent suffering by the animal. The Clerk was instructed to write to NCC to ascertain their official position on the tethering of horses on Council owned land.

Action: The Clerk to write to NCC.

20.23 Planning

20.23.01 20/00309/FUL Land North West Of Garden Cottage Cresswell - Withdrawn

20.23.02 20/00303/FUL Land South East Of The Drift - It was noted that the Parish Council had neither objected to nor supported this application and therefore had provided a neutral response.

Cllr Wright reported that two emails had been received questioning the Parish Council's approach to this application. Cllr Wright re-affirmed the Parish Council's role in the planning process and that proper procedure had been followed.

20.23.03 Northumberland Local Plan Examination - Consultation on additional evidence - Cllr Wright reported that he could see no issues relative to Cresswell. Cllrs agreed that no response needed to be submitted on behalf of the Parish Council.

20.24 Correspondence

20.24.01 - NCC - New Pavement Licencing Regime - Noted - not relevant to Cresswell

20.24.02 - CPRE Newsletter - Noted

20.24.03 - NCC - LTP Priorities - NCC had written to the Parish Council to inform that the LTP request for a new footpath link from the Boat Club Car Park would be pursued and that the resurfacing of St. Bartholomew's Close would be carried out imminently, however, the provision of additional visitor parking was not being pursued but would be kept under review.

20.24.04 - Mr Butler - Mr Butler had written to the Parish Council regarding the boundary signs for the village. This was discussed and it was **agreed** that the boundary signs should continue to be at the edge of the settlement rather than the boundary of the Parish. Mr Butler had also asked about replacement signs for Cresswell Home Farm. It was agreed to raise with this NCC.

Action- The Clerk write to Mr. Butler and the Chair to raise the issue of signage for Cresswell Home Farm with NCC at the proposed site meeting.

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20:25 Highways Issues

Several highways issues remained unresolved including;

Flooding on the C110 at Croft Letch and Cresswell Pond, Parking issues, speeding (particularly on the C110 at South Side) and signage at Cresswell Home Farm. It was agreed to that the Clerk write to Mr McKenzie at NCC to arrange a site meeting at his earliest convenience.

Action: that the clerk write to Mr. McKenzie to re-arrange the meeting as soon as possible.

20.26 COVID-19 - Public Toilets

Cllr Laing reported ongoing issues with the electrics in the wash hand basin and that he would follow this up with NCC. Cllr Laing and Mr. Batey had resolved the plumbing issues themselves. Otherwise COVID-19 precautions were working well.

Action - Cllr Laing to pursue NCC regarding electric hand basin.

20.27 Pele Tower Update

Cllr Wright reported that an extension to the project had been agreed until October 2020 due to delays caused by the COVID-19 virus.

20.28 other relevant business not on the agenda

Christmas Tree - Cllr Laing was instructed to buy a Christmas Tree for the village green but that it should be 'shorter and fatter' than last years' tree.

Action: Cllr Laing to source a Christmas Tree.

20.29 Date of next meetings

November 25th. It was agreed that this meeting should be via Zoom due to probable ongoing COVID-19 restrictions. The Clerk was authorised to maintain the subscription to Zoom until further notice.

The meeting closed at 20:25

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

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