



## **Cresswell Parish Council (CPC)**

### **Parish Council Meeting**

**Held Wednesday 13th September 2023**

**Cresswell Village Hall 7pm**

#### **23.36 Present**

**Councillors:** Dr C Tyrie(Chairman) D Laing(Vice chair),S Tyrie,C Wilson, S Haywood,A Stoodley.

#### **In attendance:**

M Burn (Clerk)

Members of the public attending x10

Introductions were made by all those present at the meeting

#### **23.37 Apologies for absence received:**

Cllr P Wilson

#### **23.38 Declaration of Interests, and grant of any dispensations:**

None

#### **23.39 Public Questions Received in Advance of the meeting:**

Mr Richardson regarding possible building work at the garden plots at Cresswell village. Agreed to refer to the agenda item at 10.1

#### **23.40 Minutes of previous meeting:** (Chair)

The minutes of the previous meeting on 19th July 2023 were agreed as correct and signed by the Chairman.

#### **23.41 Matters Arising from the Minutes (unless separately on the agenda)**

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Initials

(23.26.03) (Chair) Informed the meeting that 2 inadequate responses were received from both the Environment agency and from NCC, Coal authority, Northumbrian water. Referred to correspondence at agenda 6.2.

(23.26.02) (Clerk) confirmed payment of a grant of 100 GBP to citizens' advice.

(23.30.01) (Chair) Lone worker policy was discussed and updated specifically to avoid the possibility of any employee or Cllr to be working alone or not supported. The policy review is now completed for 2023.

### **23.42 Correspondence:**

(Chair) at item 6.1 explained to the meeting that Cllrs receive electronic information items including from NCC, NALC, the police and others. The recent police report stating that there were no outstanding issues or crimes was disputed by the chairman. The explanation was that Northumbria police are 'looking at trends' and not specifics.

(23.42.02) (Clerk) Informed the meeting that a response letter had been sent to agencies requesting they work together to resolve the hot weather effluent pooling problem on the river Lyne. The previous correspondence from agencies involved was not acceptable as no specific solution was suggested. (CPC) have requested the river mouth be cleared of debris and returned to tidal flow. Monitoring data for the release of effluent has also been requested.

### **23.43 Financial Matters: (Clerk)**

(23.43.01) Only one invoice to declare 100 GBP was paid to Citizens advice as agreed by (CPC) on the 19th of July.

(23.43.02) Cllrs were reminded that a finance reconciliation was issued at each month end which replaced the requirement to issue reports at meetings. Cllrs agreed this was satisfactory.

(23.43.03) A delay making payments was an issue for the bank. Clerk explained this was in hand but had taken significant time and was at the time of the meeting an outstanding issue.

(23.43.04) Clerk confirmed receipt of the precept 5th September 2023.

### **23.44 Planning:**

(23.44.01) Applications (heating installations) at Home Farm continue with 2 now granted by NCC following re submissions. This includes listed buildings consent.

(23.44.02) Clerk confirmed no update had been received regarding the tree preservation order requested in July (23.28.02). A site visit by NCC was due in August, clerk to follow up.

(23.44.03) Local neighbourhood plan for Cresswell has been distributed to 32 agencies and statutory bodies with several replies received and others outstanding. (Chair) explained the closure date is 15th September thereafter it will be possible to review progress and report to council at the next meeting.



### **23.45 Communications:**

(23.45.01) The CPC Facebook page has 149 Likes & 167 Followers. The next newsletter will be at the end of September.

### **23.46 Garden Plots:**

(23.46.01) (Cllr Laing) informed the meeting that (CPC), to date of the meeting, has not received or been made aware of any building request for the garden plots. Planning enforcement had been informed and they were investigating the matter with the owner of the plots concerned. (Cllr Laing) explained that, to his knowledge, the work undertaken to date was to reconstruct a wall dividing a plot and to install a 'hard standing'. (CPC) await confirmation and will report back to the parish as soon as NCC planning dept completes their investigations. Cllr Laing expressed a view that the garden plots are an ongoing issue and at present an ugly, unwelcome site on the seafront. The opportunity to carefully control any development to tidy the sites would be welcomed.

### **23.47 Anti Social Behaviour (ASB):**

(23.32.01) Discussion took place regarding ASB issues, clerk confirmed a report of hunting with dogs 31/07/23 log number NP20230801 - 0879. Parishioners were advised to report all incidents without delay, Northumbria police wildlife officer has provided information to Cllrs regarding the law and effective measures to be taken by the public regarding incidents of poaching.

### **23.48 Fix My Street:**

(23.48.01) (Clerk) confirmed reports made to clear the coastal path and discussion took place to identify the correct route.

(23.48.02) Cllr Laing confirmed the public toilets were reported but had taken 2 days to be 'unblocked'.

(23.48.03) Repeated rubbish dumping had been reported at the snab point car park, mostly garden waste and a gas bottle, not yet collected.

(23.48.04) (chair) had visited in person the management Cresswell Towers caravan Park to request the cutting back of overhanging vegetation opposite the church. The work was to be undertaken and discussion with the manager was very positive.

### **23.49 Additional Business (Chair)**

(23.49.01) Discussion took place regarding issues of excessive traffic and overcrowding during the summer season. Concern was raised about the 'shop corner' and dangers of parking on this stretch of through road near to the public toilets. Both (Chair & Vice Chair) confirmed that extending the boat yard car parks and installation of a footpath to the village had been agreed several years ago as part of the LPT (Local Transport Plan) but no funding was available from NCC. Views were exchanged with parishioners encouraged to inform highways at NCC that the current situation is not acceptable.

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(23.49.02) It was confirmed by (Chair) that the parishes of Ellington/Linton, Lynemouth and Widdrington had been approached with a view of establishing a forum of parish leaders with the aim of sharing matters of concern and seeking solutions by working together.

The meeting closed at 19:55

**23:50 Date of Next meeting:**

**Wednesday 22nd November 7pm**

**Cresswell Village Hall**

**Signed**.....Dr C Tyrie (Chairman)

**Date**.....

