

**Cresswell Parish Council  
Meeting Wednesday 10th August 2022**

**Cresswell Village Hall 7:00PM**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting**

**21.75 Present**

**Councillors:** C Tyrie(Chair) D Laing(Vice chair)A Stoodley,S Haywood,S Tyrie,

**In attendance:**

M Burn (Clerk) PCSO Olivia Coulson (Northumbria Police)

Members of the public x9

**21.76 Apologies for absence**

Cllr Liz Rooney

**21.77 Declaration of Interests, and grant of any dispensations**

Clerk as voluntary board member of the community land trust (Agenda item 7.6)

**21.78 Public questions**

A public question was received in advance regarding the height barriers now installed at entrance to NCC car parks within the parish. Agenda item (13).The member of the public was not present at the meeting at this time.

**21.79 Minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting on 25th May 2022 were agreed as a true and accurate record and were signed and dated by the Chairman.

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

21.80.01 Discussion took place regarding the heavy traffic moving through the village due to holiday park works.The matter was deferred to planning at item 10 of the agenda.

21.80.02 The no parking signs for the village green have been ordered and existing signs repainted.

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### **21.81 Financial matters**

The clerk confirmed correspondence items to all, there were no questions.

21.81.01 PKF auditors confirmed exempt status and no actions required.

21.81.02 The period of rights to inspect has expired with no requests made.

21.81.03 Outstanding payments for the Jubilee event to be completed by clerk asap with an update provided to Cllr S Dickinson re spending totals.

### **21.82 Correspondence**

(21.82.01) A climate change tool kit issued by NCC was presented to the Chairman for review and action.

(21.82.02) Clerk confirmed response from Parkdean stating use of the bar was open to residents, however sports facilities were no longer available due to insurance issues.

(21.82.03) Clerk confirmed crown estates were on site 1/08/22 to review the current state of the dry stone walls (Southside & village green) and begin estimates for repairs.

(21.82.04) Request for public bench and dedication plaque was agreed, to liaise with the clerk.

(21.82.05) Request for wildflower bed at uneven zone near to the Pele tower agreed, to be maintained by volunteers.

(21.82.06) Council agreed to the written request from the community land trust villages in partnership (CELL) to become both a corporate member & each councillor to be a member as individuals. Clerk to arrange.

### **21.83 Community Police Matters**

(21.83.01) PCSO Olivia Coulson of Northumbria Police attending explained to the meeting how NP intend to deal with the ongoing issue of nuisance from motorbikes and what actions can and cannot be taken. A discussion took place regarding the traffic management and use of speed radar in various speed limit zones. Cllr Laing stated the issue of speeding was a problem on the road between Ellington and Cresswell to which PCSO Coulson responded could be a placement for her to attend with hand held radar. A public question was made as to the best way to report incidents? This was to report non urgent reports using the Police dedicated phone line 101 or to report this online as a 101 report. Clerk requested all to report incidents without delays.

### **21.84 Highways Issues**

(21.84.01) Cllr D Laing confirmed to the meeting that the work to install the posts for the speed sensors would begin as soon as NCC confirmed the dates they were available.

(21.84.01) Discussion took place regarding the use of speed ropes with DL confirming they would be in situ without further delay. This will be useful to

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monitor the success of the solar sensors to reduce speed of vehicles through the parish.

## **21.85 Planning**

(21.85.01) The planning office was approached by the clerk to confirm all notifications were in accordance with previous systems of reporting. No planning applications had been received for several months. Planning at NCC replied all was in order and correspondence address & email was correct.

(21.85.02) Discussion took place regarding the movement of heavy traffic in the parish. The issue was raised by a resident on Southside who reminded council that the planning regulations in relation to the expansion of the Golden Sands holiday park were to be adhered to, with controls in place for the number of caravans upon the site. Cllr Tyrie explained she will be meeting with management of the holiday park and report back to council.

(21.85.03) Further discussion took place regarding the announcement from Liz Dunn (county councillor) that the planning application at Bewick drift site for 40 touring caravans had been granted planning permission by NCC.

(21.85.04) Cllr C Tyrie explained to the meeting that the development and implementation of the Cresswell neighbourhood plan, as developed by the parish council, would be a useful 'tool' in ensuring issues in the parish are addressed correctly, and that future development or new schemes do adhere to that plan. However, any improvements or requested 'works' would always be subject to financial restrictions.

(21.85.05) Discussion took place regarding the 'picnic tables' on the seaward side of the C110 directly opposite the Drift Inn cafe. Cllr Tyrie confirmed that NCC had not officially given permission for this although Mr Lawrence indicated that Cllr Dickinson (NCC) & Anne Marie Trevelyan (MP) supported this principle. Cllr C Tyrie to clarify this.

## **21.86 Communications**

(21.86.01) Cllr Stoodley reported to the council the success of the parish facebook page with continued growth in 'likes' and followers. A discussion took place regarding the need for a 'hard copy' of the parish newsletter. An electronic version was most popular, it was agreed to promote this but make a 'hard copy' available whenever requested. A spotlight upon local business had been well received and Cllr Stoodley requested any ideas for newsletter content to be forwarded directly or via the parish clerk. It was noted that the Northumberland Wildlife Trust has shown interest in the parish newsletter and clerk would follow this up - done 12/08/22.

## **21.87 Policy Documents Review**

(21.87.01) Clerk reminded those present that the policies were under review

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and all comments or updates should be forwarded without delay.

**21.88 Parish car parks - Height restriction barriers**

(21.88.01) A public question was taken from Mrs R Thompson who had written to the parish council regarding her concerns for motorhome users who could no longer enter the parish car parks with their vehicles. Cllr Tyrie responded stating the barriers were a county decision implemented by NCC taken to address issues long reported of verge side fouling, misuse of car parks and littering. The exception was the Broadsands car park in front of Golden sands holiday park which had been renovated at the expense of the holiday park owners. Thanks were expressed to Mr Nigel Thompson for his work in supporting the parish and renovating the parking area. Discussion took place regarding the need for parking for motorhomes and touring caravans with concern expressed regarding permissions granted by NCC close to areas of special scientific interest (SSIs). However it was noted that NCC had agreed a new site at Bewick Drift for 40 touring caravans. Attendees were reminded by Cllr Tyrie (chair) that efforts to clean parking and beach areas were repeatedly carried out by residents of the parish as volunteers; it was suggested this could be coordinated with the parish leading the initiative. Further discussion to follow.

**21.89. AOB**

(2189.01) A possible replacement fibreglass boat is available at Amble. This will replace the now rotten boat on the village green. The plaque is to be removed and refitted. Cllr Tyrie to sort.

(21.89.02) Cllr Tyrie expressed some concern that the agenda for parish meetings was becoming full to the extent that the solution may be to hold parish meetings more frequently? Following some discussion this was agreed, meetings will be held bi monthly, future dates for 2023 to be arranged and published in due course. The Chairman thanked all for attending.

**21.90 Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 15th November 2022 19:30 Village Hall Cresswell:

The meeting closed at 8:20pm

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

**Date**.....

