

**Cresswell Parish Council
Meeting Wednesday 4th August 2021**

Village Hall 7PM

Minutes of the Meeting

20.93 Present

Councillors: C Tyrie, S Tyrie, S Haywood, A Stoodley, E Rooney, D Laing

In attendance:

M Burn (Clerk)

Mr B Mead and 4 members of the public

20.94 Apologies for absence

None.

20.95 Declaration of interests, grant of any dispensations

None.

20.96 Public questions

No questions to the council.

20.97 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting on 16th June 2021 were agreed as a true and accurate record and were signed and dated by the Chairman.

20.98 Matters Arising from the Minutes (unless separately on the agenda)

None



20.99 Financial matters

(20.83.01) The clerk explained banking issues were now resolved, outstanding invoices were paid and the reconciliation of accounts was provided.

21.00 Correspondence

(21.01)The clerk gave an explanation to various items of correspondence to which a discussion took place regarding the request received from a member of the public for a community engagement strategy. CPC does not have this strategy in place though it was considered to be under review together with other policies.

(21.02)Discussion took place following information provided by a member of the public directed to the clerk, regarding an incident during the triathlon event recently held which, at the time, was passing through the village.Cllr Laing was aware of the issue with Cllr Rooney able to contribute to clarify.

21.01 Planning

(21.01.01)No response was received to date regarding the planning application made for the Bewicke Drift site 21/02485/FUL.Closing date was July 29th. Discussion took place regarding comments made to NCC.The clerk informed the council that clarification was sought re the building to be on the site which was confirmed as non habitable dwelling (office space only).

(21.01.02) Cllr Stoodley requested clarification regarding the implementation of a local plan specific to Cresswell parish. Discussion took place with Cllr Laing detailing to the council the matter was reviewed but not implemented.Cllr Tyrie stated the CPC area is geographically very small with matters of concern limited to traffic issues and speeding, however historically plans were discussed regarding possible social housing beyond the Berwicke Drift site towards Lynemouth. Further discussion took place regarding the positives in implementing a local plan,examples of which were available online.

21.02 Annual Governance and Accountability Return for 2020/21

(20.86.01)Clerk informed the council the documentation was available on the CPC website.

21.03 Highways Issues

(21.01.01) Cllr Laing said that flooding issues on the C110 were in hand awaiting the work to be completed by JCB clearing the sides of the road ditches.

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(21.03.02) Cllr Laing informed council that a speeding survey was last carried out 5 years ago with average speeds reported to be low at 28mph, however the 20mph reduced speed zone was implemented. Council agreed following discussion that a new survey should be implemented. The clerk informed the meeting that the police community officers were unable to attend the meeting however he would continue to arrange a possible 'site visit' to discuss the speeding issue directly with councillors. Discussion took place regarding possible access to funding via the CELL Big Local project with Cllr Laing to enquire via Clare Mckay at CELL.

(20.87.01) Clerk informed council the C110 opposite the Golden sands caravan park had been repaired as seen from the beach at broadsands.

(21.03.03) Council was informed that a footpath from the village up to the boathouse car park was due to be installed without further delay.

21.04 Garden Plots

(21.04.01) Cllr Tyrie stated no response had been received from any of the 7 letters sent out to owners of the plots. Discussion took place regarding the historic use of the plots and the recent identification of possible owners who had 'spoken out' using facebook. It was noted there had been fewer issues this year so far.

(21.04.02) Further investigation had taken place into the use of herbicides throughout the village, Cllt Laing stated NCC had sprayed the footpath edges alongside walls and it was the 'farm workers' who had sprayed above the walls opposite Fisher row. Discussion took place regarding the use of herbicides and it was agreed to ask the parish via a questionnaire as a part of the parish newsletter. Possible expansion of the wildflower garden will also be a question for the parish.

21.05 Pele Tower Update

Mr B Mead gave CPC an update expressing delight at the successful opening of the Pele Tower to the public. Footfall was very high with 483 people visiting the site on the opening day. The success continued into the following days with over 1000 visitors. The tower will be open in August at weekends and for the bank holiday. Mr Mead informed the meeting that he was seeking funding for the completion of the walled garden project and would be happy to update CPC in due course.

21.06 Tree Planting scheme for CPC

Cllr Tyrie informed members that although the application had been submitted as part of an umbrella application by NCC no further update was available.

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21.07 Communications

21.07.01) Cllr Stoodley confirmed the success of the parish Facebook page with positive feedback received. The next CPC newsletter will be issued at the end of September. Cllr Rooney noted an opportunity to utilise the newsletter and questionnaire to obtain further views from the parish, this could include speeding issues, environmental matters and as a tool for seeking views regarding eating and drinking in Cresswell.

(21.07.02) Cllr Stoodley stated that the Windfarm funding opportunity application would need to be submitted before Christmas, though possible funding could be directed towards completing the newsletter/questionnaire. Funding may also be available for beach access for the disabled.

(21.07.03) It was suggested by Cllr Stoodley an option to interact further with the parish would be to invite a meeting open to all via Zoom online.

(21.07.04) The clerk requested all councillors to direct their known issues received from the public directly to him, thus to enable records to be collated regarding the main issues and improve historic records for future reference.

(21.07.05) A discussion took place regarding the use and access to the parish notice board.

21.08 Adoption of Parish Council policies and procedures

The clerk informed the meeting of a possible requirement to adopt certain policies and procedures and to complete a review of those working documents (including guidance, contracts of employment and standing orders) considered to be essential to the effective running of the parish council. The clerk will circulate suggested policies and procedures for future discussion prior to possible adoption.

21.09 Date of next meeting

November 17th at 7pm Village Hall Cresswell

The meeting closed at 20:00

Signed..... Cllr Christine Tyrie (Chair)

Date.....

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