



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

### **Parish Council Meeting**

**Tuesday 24th September 2024**

**Cresswell Village Hall 7pm**

(Draft Minutes Until Signed)

#### **24:70**

**Attendance:** Councillors Dr C Tyrie Chair, Vice Chair D Laing, P Wilson, C Wilson, C Haworth.  
M Burn (Clerk)  
Members of the public (MOP) attending x 4

**24:71 Apologies for absence received:** Cllr N Thompson

**24:72 Declaration of Interests, and grant of any dispensations:**  
Cllr Thompson at 3.1

**24:73 Public Questions Received - in advance of the meeting:** A question was raised regarding the possible use of leisure facilities at the local caravan parks by parishioners? (Chair)

Parkdean responded that under licence they can offer use of facilities for the bar and any dining area only. Northumbria Leisure responded that they do not have the capacity to allow the public to use their leisure facilities.

**24:74 Minutes of previous meeting:** (Vice Chair)  
The minutes of the previous meeting held on 24th July 2024 were agreed and signed by the Vice Chairman Cllr D Laing.

**24:75 Matters Arising from the Previous minutes (Unless already addressed upon the agenda) (Chair)**

(24.66.01) Discussion took place regarding the possible installation of a dog wash station. Consideration was given to any costs to the council, cost per wash by the user, survey results (which were favourable) , position of the station, frequency of use, insurances, possible remuneration to the council following a trial period. Cllr Howarth to discuss issues with the dog wash provider and with the caravan parks then to report to council.

(24.57.01) Cllr P Wilson provided an update regarding wheelchair access to the beach. The beach access team have requested they attend the next CPC meeting. The container for the chair is now provided and in position. The chair which was damaged has been repaired. Cllr C Wilson reported no progress with parking area kerb repairs for level access (NCC ongoing). It was suggested that disabled bays at the parking area near the boatyard to be added to the LTP submission. Cllr P Wilson noted a design of folding boards that would allow a wheelchair to 'roll' on the sand and be removed after use.

(24.59.04) Additional item (Chair) painted sign regarding litter, to be placed onto land owned by Northumbrian water. No formal design was received to date, however a concept design provided by an MOP was held with the clerk. Final design to be agreed.

(24.41.01) Cllr Laing confirmed expected clearing of the roadside on C110 in October. Discussion took place regarding the use of private contractors with JCB and possible remuneration to be paid and reimbursed.

**24:76 Financial Matters: (Chair)**

24.76.01 Council resolved to close banking with Barclays and move to Unity Trust Bank. Clerk to action.

24.76.02 Precept has been received 2,958.50GBP. CPC Balance to date 15,032.70.

24.76.03 Request to increase funding support from Parkdean resorts was sent, awaiting response.

24.76.04 Non routine invoices paid None.

Future non routine invoices to be paid noted as Christmas expenses item 14.1

24.76.05 Additional item (Chair) Clerk has reported the computer in use is not compatible with windows 11. CPC to replace, clerk to provide the details.

**24:77 Correspondence:(Clerk)**

24.77.01 The council continues to receive electronic bulletins from various sources including NCC, CAN, Rural services network & others. Resolved to continue, no additions suggested.

**24:78 Planning: (Chair)**

24.78.01 2 Garden Cottages (Appeal) - decision - planning was refused.

24.78.02 Cllr Laing provided an update re Southside. Discussion took place. Cllr Laing to visit the site and speak with planning enforcement.

24.78.03 Red Gables permission was refused. Discussion took place.

24.78.03 Discussion took place regarding the proposal at the manor house.

**24:79: Communications:** (Chair)

24.79.01 The next newsletter is anticipated in November. Cllr C Wilson to action. All ideas in support of the next newsletter to be forwarded without delays.

24.79.02 Parish council Facebook followers are 229 and likes to date 201.

**24:80 Heritage items to conserve and copy:**(Cllr Laing)

24.80.01 Cllr Laing introduced Mr Barry Mead who presented to council several artworks, paintings and sketches which were donated from the Baker Cresswell family. Mr Mead also introduced the idea for a blue plaque to be mounted onto the wall of the village hall in recognition of the endeavours of Mrs Margaret Armstrong (lifeboat volunteer) of Fisher Row (now Southside) at Cresswell. Mr Mead requested that CPC support the preservation of the artworks and to support the costs incurred in saving and copying, prior to making the work available to all. Mr Mead will report back to the council. CPC to consider funding options available.

**24:81 Local Transport Plan (LTP)** (Chair)

24.81.01 The submission by CPC for 25/26 was discussed. The 2 items to be submitted are 1. Footpath from the Boatyard car park to the centre of the Cresswell Village in 3 stages 2025/ 2026/ 2027.2 Reform of the Boatyard Car Park to include two designated disabled bays.

**24:82 Parking at the Church** (Cllr Laing)

24.82.01 No progress has been made with BAM Nutall. Council has made an application to the community foundation to seek 12k of the required 12,680 + VAT required for 10 possible parking bays.

**24:83 Local Government Review** (Chair)

24.83.01 CPC has made further enquiries with elections at NCC but no progress has been made.Ongoing, council to report.

**24.84 Christmas arrangements 2024**

24.84.01 The date of the Christmas gathering will be Saturday 21st December to be held at the Pele Tower. Start 6pm.

**24:85 Urgent business**

24.85.01 The neighbourhood plan for Cresswell is with an independent examiner, following which the parish will hold a referendum to decide if the plan will be adopted.

24.85.02 Cllr Laing reported to council ongoing repairs to the public toilets roof were in hand. Discussion took place regarding the need for a 'small tasks and

repairs' person to complete work in Cresswell parish and in other parishes. This is to be explored with others via the parish forum.

24.85.03 The NCC conference of local town and parish councils will be held Thursday 3rd October. Cllr Laing to attend. 17<sup>th</sup> October Cllr Tyrie to participate in a NALC event re local council awards. 5<sup>th</sup> December Cllr Tyrie to attend Northumberland CAB annual meeting.

**24:86 Date of Next meeting:**

**20th November 2024 7pm**

**Cresswell Village Hall**

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

**Date**.....