

**Cresswell Parish Council
Extraordinary Meeting Wednesday 21st July 2021**

Village Hall 7PM

Minutes of the extraordinary Meeting

Present

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

In attendance:

M Burn (Clerk)

and 5 members of the public.

The chair (Cllr C Tyrie) opened the meeting and explained to all present the purpose of the extraordinary meeting and the protocol by which the meeting would be held.

Planning application 21/02485/FUL.

Proposed change of use from agricultural land to touring caravan site at Bewick Drift Cresswell.

E1.01 Apologies for absence

None.

E2.01 Declaration of interests, grant of any dispensations

None.

E3.01 Public questions

Several members of the public contributed by asking questions regarding the planning application 21/02485/FUL.

E3.02 Concerns were raised regarding the existing bridge over the river Lyne at Lynemouth. Cllr D Laing explained that the council understands that the bridge has a 3 Tonne weight limit, width limit of 6 Feet 6 inches. Although the bridge is awaiting signage not currently displayed at the bridge. It was understood that therefore the bridge at Lynemouth is unsuitable for 'caravan touring' traffic.

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E3.03 Concerns were raised that the consequences of the 'weak, narrow bridge' meant that traffic would therefore be obliged to travel through the village of Cresswell in order to access the proposed site for touring caravans.

E3.04 Cllr Laing informed the meeting that the primary application made to Northumberland County Council for this change of use was met at the time with no objections.

E3.05 Observation of new static caravans arriving at Golden sands holiday park had increased existing traffic problems, more traffic to the proposed new touring site would be unacceptable, Cllr Laing explained this was due to ongoing expansion work already agreed with NCC. Cllr C Tyrie stated an ongoing issue with 'unreasonable' parking was also a contributing factor when travelling through the village. Cllr S Tyrie reiterated the issue of traffic during the summer season overwhelming the capacity of the road and village of Cresswell.

E3.06 Cllr Rooney expressed concern regarding heavy traffic flow through the village with unreasonable or unlawful parking by visitors in the summer season. Photographs of examples are available. Cllr Rooney explained that the proposal was at a 'phase one' early submission, reports would be required regarding wildlife and bird protection, which are already in place on the coastal area between Cresswell and Lynemouth. Completed reports should be seen by the Parish Council with a possible payment of compensation paid to Parish Council, should this be considered appropriate, depending upon outcomes.

E3.07 Cllr Stoodley reminded those present that there is a real danger to pedestrians in Cresswell village, narrow busy roads and pavements are a potential hazard particularly to children, Cllr Laing that he was unaware of any accident to date within the village boundary. However, Cllr Haywood did explain there had been an 'historic' accident at the site of the Lynemouth narrow bridge which did involve both car and caravan.

E3.08 Cllr Stoodley raised a potential issue regarding drainage and water source for the new proposed touring caravan site. Discussion took place regarding local supplies of utilities with a temporary disruption likely not considered grounds for opposition to the planning proposal.

E3.09 A discussion took place regarding the potential noise nuisance from the proposed touring caravan site. Cllr Stoodley expressed the view that the potential for noise was a realistic issue, given the road noise issues already seen as a problem for residents living near to the proposed site. Cllr Laing stated that the proposed site was some distance from dwellings. Cllr Haywood

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reiterated the potential for noise disturbance was seen as an issue for residents of nearby dwellings at Cresswell home farm (Bog hall cottages).

E3.10 Cllr S Tyrie expressed his concern for the narrow weak bridge at Lynemouth, making clear that this was an issue, directing the traffic for any new site on the coast via Cresswell village, access from Ellington and onto the coastal C110. This would increase traffic flow through Cresswell village.

E3.11 Parish council agreed to draft a letter for the attention of Planning at Northumberland County Council raising the observations of concern expressed at the extraordinary meeting.

Date of next ordinary Parish meeting

Wednesday August 4th at 7pm Village Hall Cresswell

The meeting closed at 19:25

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

Date.....

