



**Cresswell Parish Council
Meeting Wednesday 11th January 2023**

Cresswell Village Hall 7:00PM

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

22.07 Present

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

In attendance:

M Burn (Clerk)

Members of the public x7 and Northumbria Police Inspector Swan, Les Robson Sgt (Rural)

22.08 Apologies for absence

(x1 Candidate for Co - Option)

22.09 Declaration of Interests, and grant of any dispensations

None

22.10 Public questions

(22:10:01) A question was asked by the public regarding an access walkway to the beach from the shop car park. Cllr Laing explained this had been closed by the owner for safety reasons and the fact that the parking area is private land.

(22:10:02) A member of the public asked a question regarding the parking area outside the Church. Discussion took place, Cllr Laing explained this was land not owned by the parish council and that all previous requests for improved parking areas had been refused by NCC on grounds of costs involved.

22.11 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting on 15th November 2022 were agreed as a true and accurate record and were signed and dated by the Chair.

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

(21:97:02) Chair Cllr Tyrie confirmed that enquiries had been made and arrangements were in place for the public toilets to be repainted in the spring of 2023.

(21:99:01) Chair gave assurance to those attending that the meeting would include the ballot for two members elected by co - option.

22.13 Anti Social Behaviour Issues

(22:13:01) As no proposed candidates for the co - option ballot were present at the meeting, this item was taken ahead of the ballot.

Introductions by Inspector Swan and Sgt Robson were followed by explanations of their duties and responsibilities.

Cllr Laing supported by statistics provided by the clerk, explained the issues within and around the parish which mostly refer to the persistent 'nuisance' from 'off road bikes', noise, criminal damage and trespass. The parish council is particularly unhappy with a perceived lack of action by the police on the issue of anti-social behaviour.

(22:13:02) Explanation was provided by the officers attending regarding their limited roles and area of jurisdiction. There is also an issue of resources and a recognised need for 'joint working' with other organisations. Joint working could include a proposal to 'part fund' equipment such as special cameras for shared use within local parishes.

Attendees were encouraged to report all issues without delay using the police 101 telephone or internet connections. CPC confirmed it was already connected to the Northumbria Police connect online notification scheme for bulletins and information.

(22:13:03) Cllr S Tyrie raised the issue of a lack of pursuit of offenders and was informed that, due to risk assessment, no pursuit of offenders can take place. Cllr Stoodley requested the police investigate further the use of drones, if not purchased specifically then on a shared use basis. Sgt Robson agreed. The officers attending requested the public to report all issues including possible poaching to the rural affairs team using the 101 connection.

Chair thanked the police for attending the meeting and members of the public expressed their thanks for the work and dedication of the Northumbria Police.

22.14 Ballot of Co -Option

The public were requested to leave the room to enable the ballot. Discussion took place. The ballot was held and completed at 7:55pm with two members selected according to the CPC policy. None of the candidates were present at the meeting therefore the clerk will notify the successful candidates and complete the required documentation in due course.



(22:14:01) Those attending were informed that Mrs P Wilson and Mr C Wilson will be the Co - Opted members for CPC, should they formally accept the role.

22.15 Correspondence

(21:98:01) The clerk informed the meeting that the Crown estates had responded once more to our objections to the delays in completing repairs to the dry stone walls at Fisher field. 13th December Crown confirmed they have permission for a road management order but were waiting for 'improved weather conditions'.

22.16 Financial Matters

Discussion took place as the clerk explained to the council the method of dealing with council expenditure. The clerk made clear that no payments could be made should the correct invoices or receipts not be held by the clerk. Delays making payments were likely to be a result of 'incorrect' paperwork being submitted.

22.17 Highways Issues

(22:00:02) Cllr D Laing explained to the council that NCC had proposed to install the posts for the new solar speed panels but to date had failed to do so prior to the Christmas break. This would be followed up without undue delay.

(22:17:01) Chair has contacted highways re the ongoing flooding of the C110 northbound and the response is that the appropriate department has been notified.

22.18 Planning

22:18:01 The Chair informed Council that a drop in meeting was held on the 4th of January to provide an opportunity for any members of the parish to offer comments on the neighbourhood plan. The updated draft of the Local Plan was now available upon the website and encouraged parishioners to consider the content and provide feedback.

22:18:02 20/03251/FUL (Drift Cafe) Chair informed the meeting that the application had been given the approval of NCC.

22:18:03 Planning approval was granted for tree surgery at Woodleas.

22:18:04 The clerk acknowledged on behalf of the council the dedication of the Chair in completing the draft of the local plan for Cresswell.

22.19 Communications

(22.19.01) Cllr Stoodley reported to the council the continued success & growth of the parish Facebook site. Discussion took place regarding the digital only format of the parish newsletter. It was expressed by council that both costs and the ability to hand deliver a hard copy has led to the agreement to

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issue only an 'electronic' version, however the newsletter was available onto the parish notice board and examples could be available from within the village hall. However the chair did commit to providing a paper copy to any residents nominated by either Cllr Stoodley or any resident who does not have access to information technology.

22.20 Climate Change Working Group

(22:20:01) Chair informed the meeting that there had been no interest to date however, one member of the public present at the meeting volunteered to be part of such a sub group and the Chair offered to provide a copy of the NCC climate change tool kit.

(22:20:02) Chair confirmed climate change was one of the topics for the forthcoming town, parish, community conference at County Hall Morpeth on 23rd January. Cllr Laing agreed to attend along with Chair Cllr Tyrie.

(22:20:03) The Chair confirmed that the trees awarded to the parish through the treescape fund were due to be planted in February (date to be confirmed) and volunteers were sought to dig holes.

22.21 Date of next meeting

Wednesday 29th March 2023 7pm Village Hall Cresswell:

The meeting closed at 8:30pm

Signed..... C Tyrie (Chairman)

Date.....

