PARISH COUNCIL OF CRESSWELL

Parish Council Meeting
Cresswell Village Hall
Wednesday 26th March 2025
7.00PM

Meeting Minutes

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Attendance: Councillors Dr C Tyrie (Chair), A Laing (Vice Chair), C Haworth, N Thompson, B Watson (Clerk),

Members of the public (MOP) in attendance x 1

1: Apologies for absence
Notifications from Councillors who are absent - None

2: Declarations of Interest
Declarations by Councillors of any interests in matters on the agenda - None

3: Public Questions
This is the point at which members of the public who have arranged to ask a question can do so - None.

4: Minutes (Chair)
To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on **22nd January 2025** - Minutes approved & signed within the meeting.

5: Matters Arising from the Minutes (unless separately on the agenda)
5.1 Signage near ice cream shop - discussed access and rubbish signs

within the meeting.
5.2 Disabled Ramp near bottom bus stop - No negative comments. Still under discussion re: funding.
5.3 Bridge Bollards - item discussed and stood down.
5.4 Moles - still active awaiting issue being resolved.
5.5 VE/VJ Day Celebrations - A meeting was held with Barry and Steve Lowe to discuss VE day which is on 5.5.25 with the national beacon lighting being held on 8.5.25 @ 2130 hrs - a donation of £250 given by Cresswell Council. Discussed afternoon tea and cake within the walled garden of the Pele Tower. Bunting purchased, Leaflets created and councillors will distribute with a view to gaining email addresses from local residents to add to the mailing list.
5.6 Christmas Decorations - No further updates - to be stood down until September Meeting.
5.8 Timber Surrounds for litter bins - Now complete - item to be archived.

6: Financial Matters (Chair/ Clerk)
6.1 Financial report - discussed.
6.2 Barclays Bank - Clerk now added - Now complete - item to be archived.
6.3 Future invoices to be paid, if known - invoices given to clerk to be paid within the banking app.
6.4 AGAR due to end of year - discussed external auditor to be sourced - Cllrs discussed someone within the village - will approach and discuss prior to next meeting. Training to be attended Wednesday 9th April 2025 by Clerk.

7: Planning Applications - Manor house application discussed. This has been re-submitted and awaiting outcome.

8.Communications /Correspondence
8.1 Social media stats - Facebook rose to 204 likes from 203 with 233 following rising from 231.
8.2 Website - photos to be added from missing Cllrs
8.3 Electronic Information Bulletins - current bulletin underway - to be distributed to mailing list and uploaded on to website once completed.
8.4 Clerk Computer issues - Clerk to purchase now bank card obtained.

9: Parish Newsletter
9.1 Email circulation list - created and will continue to update with new members. QR code under discussion to add to the newsletter / emails / social media to take people directly to it.

10: North East Field of Remembrance - Field planting ceremony at

Saltwell park 1.11.25. Signs discussed for contribution for this - deadline for this to be gained. Sign details confirmations to be sorted by the next meeting.

11: Neighbourhood Plan Referendum - held on 6.3.25 with a vote of 42 for and 6 against - item to be completed and stood down.

12: Local Elections - to be held on 1.5.25 - all applications completed and taken to Morpeth council offices.

13: Fencing alongside path to beach next to Cresswell Ice's update - Water Board contacted via Watsapp regarding fencing due to panels falling off and now dangerous. They have stated they are going to replace them this week.

14: Updating the toilet block. Discussed possibility of updating and adding a further trough in the male block. To be discussed further in the next meeting.

15: Policies updating. Clerk to check all policies for updates where required. Safeguarding policy to be updated in October 2025.

16: Date of next meeting(s)
Wednesday 21st May 2025 at 7pm, Cresswell Village Hall
Preceded by the village annual meeting at 6.30 p.m.

Signed _____

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Date 21st May 2025.