

**Cresswell Parish Council (CPC)**

**Parish Council Meeting**

**Wednesday 20th November 2024**

**Cresswell Village Hall 7pm**

(Draft Minutes Until Signed)

**24:89 Attendance:** Councillors Dr C Tyrie Chair, Vice Chair D Laing, C Wilson, C Haworth, N Thompson

Members of the public (MOP) attending x 1

**24:90 Apologies for absence:** None

**24.91 Resignations from Council:** Resignations have been received from Cllr Haywood and Cllr P Wilson. These were acknowledged and received with regret. Both ladies were thanked for their service and contribution to the council.

**24.92 Resignation of the Clerk:** The resignation of Malcolm Burn has been received with regret. He was thanked for his service to the council. Interviews for a replacement are to be held on 27th November.

**24:93 Declaration of Interests, and grant of any dispensations:** Cllr Tyrie declared an interest in Agenda item 8.6

**24:94 Public Questions Received - in advance of the meeting:** None

**24:95 Minutes of previous meeting:** (Chair)

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 24th September 2024 were agreed and signed by the Chair Cllr C Tyrie.

**24:96 Matters Arising from the Previous minutes (Unless already addressed upon the agenda):** (Chair)

(24.75.01) The proposal for a dogwash has been withdrawn

(24.57.02) Cllr C Wilson provided an update regarding the beach wheelchair

which now has new wheels . The storage facility is in place . NCC work on improving access to the beach has created an even steeper path than previous and discussion was held as to ways to resolve this access to the beach. The beach access team BANE have yet to confirm when they will attend a CPC meeting. The container for the chair is now provided and in position. The chair which was damaged has been repaired.

(24.81.01) The LTP submission has included a request for dedicated disabled parking bays in the boatyard car park.

(24.75.03) Designs have been submitted for the beach signs . Cllr Thompson kindly agreed to donate suitable logs to make poles for the signs. An initial sign will be made and brought to the next meeting (Cllr Haworth)

(24.75.04) In spite of remedial works by NCC flooding on NCC remains an issue primarily on this occasion due to high tides. NCC have been informed . Moving forward it may be more effective to use a private contractors with JCB and possible remuneration to be paid and reimbursed by NCC (Cllr Laing )

#### **24:97 Financial Matters: (Chair)**

24.97.01 Council agreed for the precept to remain at its current level. NCC to be informed (Cllr Tyrie)

24.97.02 With the resignation of the clerk the transfer of banking from Barclays to Unity Trust Bank has been put on hold.

24.97.03 Parkdean resorts have kindly increased their annual donation to the Parish Council to £1000 and this has been received.

24.97.04 Non routine invoices paid None.

24.97.05 Future Invoices. In the absence of a clerk , payment for the toilet cleaner needs to be raised at the end of November (Cllr Laing).

24.97.06 A request for a donation has been received from Wags and Co who run a volunteer dog friendship charity. A donation of £100 was agreed. (Cllr Laing )

#### **24.98 Planning Applications:**

24.98.01 24/03694/FUL A retrospective planning application has been submitted for hard standing for a second plot south of the Drift Cafe. There was a discussion about the fact that there are only certain grounds on which a stakeholder can object . It was agreed that the council would take a neutral stance.

#### **24.99 Highways:**

24.99.01 Concern was expressed about parking on pavements and verges near the ice cream shop and village hall and the obstruction that they cause. After lengthy discussion it was agreed to place some signs, asking for consideration for wheelchair and pushchair access, on the stone wall of the field. (Cllr Laing)

24.99.02 The need for a ramp to enable disabled access to the lower bus stop was discussed. It was agreed in principle . However because it would impact the village green agreement of the parish would be required. Also a funding source would need to be identified, as well as a contractor.

### **24:100 Correspondence:**

24.100.01 The council continues to receive electronic bulletins from various sources.

### **24:101 Communication:**

24.101.01 The next newsletter is imminent and Cllr Wilson welcomed any contributions.(Cllr Wilson)

24.79.02 Parish council Facebook followers are 230 and likes to date 202.

### **24:102 Networking:**

24.102.01 Cllr Laing reported on the Town and Parish Council conference and the overwhelming concern of many attendees that objections to planning applications are not given due weight by the planning department. He confirmed that useful discussions had been held exploring multiple funding streams for the proposed car parking area outside of the church

24.102.02 Cllr Tyrie reported on the online Nalc event re star council awards which recognise excellence in practice within local councils .One recommendation was the production of an annual report which she agreed to produce for inclusion in the newsletter.

24.102.03 Cllr Tyrie reported on the CAN AGM and that there were funding opportunities to enhance the heating of the village hall as well as its use as a warm hub. Funds are also available to communities off the gas grid to assist with heating improvements.

### **24.103 Parking at the church**

24.103.01 In the absence of the anticipated financial contribution from BAM Nuttall it is likely that ,with contributions from a number of local sources, this will be able to proceed , but not until after the local elections in May.

### **24:104 Local Governance Review (Chair)**

24.104.01 The chair has been informed that the local association of councils has had some initial discussion with representatives of Widdrington Village PC but no real progress has been made to date.

**24:105 Urgent business**

24.105.01 Funding for electrical work for installation of the Christmas Lights will be required.

24.105.02 The neighbourhood plan for Cresswell has now been submitted following the comments of an independent examiner. NCC will organize a referendum.

24.105.03 Cllr Laing raised concerns about the number of feral cats in the village.

24.105.04 Carols at the Pele Tower Saturday 21st December 6 p.m

**24:106 Date of Next meeting:**

**22nd January 2025 7pm**

**Cresswell Village Hall**

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

**Date**.....