Cresswell Parish Council

Action Plan 2026–2027

Objective	Actions	Timescale	Lead Responsibility	Success Measure
1) Improve community communication	Review website and noticeboards; increase use of social media and newsletters	Ongoing	Chair / Clerk	Increased resident engagement and website usage
2) Enhance accessibility and inclusion	Review accessibility of meetings, documents, and community facilities. PC for Clerk and associated software. Carpark extension contribution to Parish Church	By Sept 2026	Full Council	Accessibility improvements identified and implemented
3) Support environmental sustainability and biodiversity.	Develop projects to enhance the community resources in particular the village green in the first instance.	Throughout 2026–27	Full Council	Completion of agreed environmental initiatives
4) Strengthen community engagement	To develop the use of Facebook to improve wider engagement of Parish activities. To introduce a second annual event for residents to attend. Potential date August to be considered.	On- going 07/08/2027	Full Council Full Council	Increased public participation and feedback
5) Improve parish facilities	Identify maintenance and improvement priorities for council-owned assets in particular painting and refurbishment of toilet block in the first instance.	Throughout 2026-27	Full Council	Facilities maintained to agreed standard
6) Promote councillor development	Encourage councillor training and attendance at county association events	Ongoing	Chair / Clerk	Training records maintained
7) Achieve and maintain Silver Award standards	Review governance, policies, and evidence requirements against NALC criteria	By Award Review Date	Clerk / Full Council	Continued compliance with Silver Award criteria
8) Financial planning and	Maintain sound budgeting, reserves, and	Annual budget	Full Council	Balanced budget and

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transparency	transparent financial reporting	cycle		compliant audit
9) Emergency and resilience planning	Review parish emergency or resilience arrangements	By Dec 2026	Full Council	Updated resilience information available

To support objectives 3 and 5 I suggest we divide the village into three sections. These objectives to become standing orders each meeting. One section at each meeting.

Section 1 North Cllr Tyrie & Cllr Haworth

Section 2 Mid Cllr Laing & Cllr D Thompson

Section 3 South Cllr Burn & Cllr N Thompson

Monitoring and Review September 2026

Objective	Outcomes	RAG rating	Costings / Resources	Success Measure
1) Improve community communication	Facebook regularly updated with live information, use of hand delivered invitations, improved information on the Parish website. Facebook followers in excess of 139 users.		Councillor / Clerk Time. £0	Increased resident engagement and website usage
2) Enhance accessibility and inclusion	Council has used on-line communication*, hand delivery, word of mouth. *Facebook and Email. Stronger engagement of residents evident. Secure PC for Clerk. Re-establish a councillor on the village hall committee.		Councillor Time £470 PC and windows 11 Advertising. £3000	Accessibility improvements identified and implemented

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	Car park extension contribution			
3) Support environmental sustainability and biodiversity.	The new policy is yet to be fully reviewed and implemented. Further consultation with residents with proposed models to agree environmental priorities		Funding to be secured to implement improvements. £TBC	Completion of agreed environmental initiatives
4) Strengthen community engagement	This is improving with greater engagement. Strong attendance at village events such as the garden party. Numbers attending parish meetings are low.		Budget for marketing / Councillor Time and funding events £250 + £100 Xmas event	Increased public participation and feedback
5) Improve parish facilities	The council have secured improvements in the appearance of village railings, toilet block and the village hall with support from Akzo Nobel. Renovation to the boat on the village green. Second beach sign for broadsands under construction.		Funding identified for Urinal replacement. Materials and Time donated by Akzo Nobel. Councillor Time to support renovation. £1500 including £480 Urinal installation.	Facilities maintained to agreed standard
6) Promote councillor development	The majority of councillors have attended some form of training / development.		Councillor Time / identified course funding. £250	Training records maintained
7) Achieve and maintain Silver Award standards	This is on-going with the collection and review of evidence for this qualification. Council will apply for the January 2027 entry.		Councillor Clerk Time £130 Registration	Continued compliance with Silver Award criteria
8) Financial planning and transparency	Councillors are now more informed regarding financial planning. Minutes now reflect a clearer picture which is accessible on line for all residents.		Council Meeting Time £0	Balanced budget and compliant audit
9) Emergency and resilience planning	On-going		Council Meeting Time £100	Updated resilience information available
Total Budget Allocated			£5800	Objectives achieved

This Action Plan will be reviewed by the Parish Council through the year to monitor progress and update priorities where necessary.

Date adopted: Spring 2026

Review date: Spring 2027