PARISH COUNCIL OF CRESSWELL

Chair: Cllr C Tyrie
Clerk:B Watson

Please find the following:
Minutes for Parish Council Meeting on 16th of July 2025.

In Attendance: Cllr C Tyrie (Chair), Cllr N Thompson, Cllr C Thompson, Bonnie Watson (Clerk) & 4 MOP.

Meeting Minutes

1: Apologies for absence:
Notifications from Councillors who are absent: Cllr C Haworth

2: Confirmation of election of chair:
Agreed and seconded within the meeting.

3: Declarations of Interest:
Declarations by Councillors of any interests in matters on the agenda: None.

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

5: Minutes (Chair)
To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting: held on 22nd of May 2025 preceded by the Parish Meeting (No notes taken) & 12th of June (AGAR/Audit Meeting): Approved.

6: Matters Arising from the Minutes (unless separately on the agenda):

6.1 Church Parking: (Chair) - Update to be given regarding costs and progress.
Highways have confirmed they will contribute a minimum of £3000, council to contact Cllr Liz Dunn, Lynemouth and Ellington Councils re contributions as the church serves all three parishes. Meeting arranged to discuss a way forward on 22nd July 2025. Update to be given at the next meeting.
6.2 Co-Option: (Chair) Discussion regarding Co-Option. Advertisement / Interest. The closing date was 11.7.25 prior to the meeting. Email was received to be considered regarding the co-option but no written application was received - Cllr Tyrie confirmed extension to 18.7.25 to enable interested parties to apply. Contact to be made to an interested party to discuss following the meeting. Update to be given at the next meeting.
6.3 Beach Wheelchair Access: (Vice Chair) - NCC support update.
Cllr Laing chased for an update with no response but will continue to chase. Unsure at this point of the viability of this plan. Price for the full boardwalk to be gained again. Update to be given at the next meeting.
6.4 Police Support regarding ASB (a) & Wild Camping (b): (Vice Chair)
(a) Discussed the lack of proceedings re: the assault of a parish member and the theft. This case has been dropped. Cllr Tyrie has subsequently written to the police and crime commissioner - response received stating they do not get involved in day-to-day policing. It was agreed to make contact and invite local neighbourhood police to the next meeting to discuss further. Cllr Tyrie to send email following this meeting.
(b) Wild Camping discussed - camper van parked outside the church for the whole weekend and still in situ during morning mass. No challenge towards the driver/occupier as this was deemed very intimidating. Large groups of camper vans parking on beach road hindering traffic - this is NCC and National Trust Land. Discussed the need for the NCC to put back the boulders at the entrance plus adding more to deter parking/entrance further.
6.5 No Parking Signs: No parking signs to be discussed.
No parking signs erected near the public toilets - as of yet not seeming to be working. 8x further signs to be ordered (No parking - Village Green) these are to be put on both sides of the road as a deterrent.

7: Financial Matters: (Chair/ Clerk)
update given re: balance - £14770.50 currently. November's budget meeting mentioned to be prepared for.
7.1 Finances to be Reviewed/Discussed: new financial year.
7.2 Insurance: Paid in full for 3 years - to be reviewed June 2028
7.3 Setting up standing orders for Toilet Cleaning:

Due to the permissions on the account we are currently unable to do this. Contact to be made with the bank to see if this can be added - update to be given at the next meeting.

8: Planning Applications: (Chair)
None/No further updates

9.Communications /Correspondence
9.1 Social media stats (Chair):
Due to the Facebook page being lost we have now gone from 211 Likes and 214 Followers to 2 Likes and 11 Followers. A second person now added to the facebook page as another admin to avoid this happening again.
9.2 Website - photographs still required: A Laing & N Thompson gained during the meeting will update the site following the meeting.

10: Invitation to Data Centre Presentation:
This was discussed and the invitation was extended to all Cllrs - No confirmation of date of meeting or attendance confirmed. Update to be given at the next council meeting.

11: AOB:
11.1 Contact has been made by the Bywell Parish Council Chair regarding a suggestion that chairs of local parishes come together to discuss issues including NCC. This has been trialed in the past but Chair happy to be involved if this moves forward
11.2 Summer Newsletter is being completed and will be sent out upon completion.
11.3 Float to live discussed - MOP mentioned that there are posters and a website for people to view regarding this initiative. Would like to put up posters - all MOP and Council attendees have no problem with this.
11.4 Love Northumberland Award has now been announced and Peletower won this in 2022, the walled garden has been announced as the 2025 winner.

Date of next meeting(s):
Wednesday 24th September 2025 at 7pm, Cresswell Village Hall.

(Signed) C McGuire

(Date) 15/10/2025

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