

**Cresswell Parish Council  
Meeting Wednesday 8th November**

**Cresswell Village Hall 7PM**

**Draft Minutes of the Meeting**

**17.28. Present**

**Councillors:** M. Wright (Chair), C. Tyrie, T. Steele, L. Wright, S. Haywood, D Laing

**In attendance:**

I. Robson (clerk)

PC Dent (Northumbria Police)

Clare McKay (CELL Big Local)

and six members of the public

**Apologies:**

Cllr G. Phillips

**17.29. Declaration of Interests, and grant of any dispensations**

Cllr M Wright – Village Hall and Pele Tower

Cllr L Wright – Village Hall

**17.30. Crime and anti-social behaviour – PC Dent**

PC Dent gave a brief report of crime and anti-social behaviour in the Parish in 2017.

- There had been 34 reported incidents at Cresswell Towers and only one at Golden Sands – PC Dent will request a meeting with the new manager at Cresswell Towers to discuss this.
- Continued motorcycle disorder, particularly in the south of the Parish but also with road-legal bikes riding through. PC Dent encouraged residents and visitors to report incidents via 101
- Murder case – PC dent emphasised that this was very unusual for rural Northumberland and the case was now in the criminal justice system.
- Garden Plots – Will continue to monitor the plots for policing issues and would support action to deal with the issue.

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- Issues in car parks was raised – PC Dent confirmed there were issues and the Police do patrol them

PC Dent confirmed that there were no planned reductions in the level of policing in the Parish.

The Chair thanked PC Dent for attending and for his update.

### **17.31. CELL Big Local update - Clare McKay**

Clare gave a brief update on the CELL Big Local Project

- Now in 3<sup>rd</sup> year of project with a remaining activity budget of £530K. In first two years about £230K had been spent.
- There was community kitty pot of funding available for small projects - less than £500. Clare will send guidance notes to the clerk
- That CELL were increasingly working with Parish Councils in the area and there would be more regular engagement. Clare will email regular updates to the clerk for circulation.
- Village Christmas Tree - Clare confirmed there was funding for the tree, lights and an event.

The Chair thanked Clare for her attendance and update.

### **17.32. Public questions**

17.32.1 - 20mph Scheme – A member of the public enquired about the proposed 20mph scheme. The Clerk confirmed that funding was allocated in the LTP but was waiting for a scheme to come from NCC.

### **17.33. Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017 were approved.

### **17.34. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

17.34.1 - Garden Plots – The chair noted that this had been referred to NCC planning but would ask Scott Dickinson's support. He urged the other councillors & interested parties to attend Scott's next surgery 10am on the 25<sup>th</sup> Nov. in the Village Hall

17.34.2 - Coastal Erosion – The Clerk confirmed that NCC had replied and unfortunately they will not be in a position to carry out any repairs this year due to more pressing priorities elsewhere on the coast. The next round of Cell 1 monitoring surveys will be carried out next year, at which time they will review their maintenance priorities

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17.34.3 – Path link to car park – Cllrs M Wright, L Wright and Laing had met with NCC Highways on site to look at options which were:

Option A – along the road edge

Option B – Approx 10m from the edge of the carriageway on the flatter ground

Option C – A more undulating route nearer to the dunes

**Resolved:** Option B was favoured by the Parish Council and the clerk should write to NCC to inform of this.

17.34.4 – Joint meeting with Parishes – Cllrs Haywood and Tyrie had attended the meeting and reported it to be useful. They discussed highways issues, coastal erosion and broadband speeds.

17.34.5 – Town and Parish Conference – Cllr Laing had attended the meeting, reporting that the same issues had been covered as 17.34.4 . Cllr Laing was surprised how many County Councillors regularly attended PC meetings and enquired why Cllr Dickinson did not attend meetings. The Chair repeated that Cllr Dickinson prefers to hold surgeries rather than attend PC meetings but the Councillors thought that he should be asked to attend the next meeting.

**Resolved:** The Clerk to ask Cllr Dickinson to attend the next meeting

17.34.6 – Christmas Tree – Cllr Laing reported that an 18’ Tree would cost about £90 and that the footing for it was now in place. An event would take place on the evening of 16<sup>th</sup> December to include mulled wine and mince pies in the village hall.

**Resolved:** Cllr Laing to arrange purchase of an 18’ tree.

**Resolved:** Costs for the tree, lights and event be passed to the clerk to send to CELL Big Local.

## **17.35. Financial Report**

The Chair tabled the latest financial report and reported that BDO had now concluded the external audit and that this and the Issues Report had been published on the Parish Website. The Chair noted that there were still outstanding issues with HMRC but he hoped that these should be resolved soon.

## **17.36. Parish Precept**

The Chair tabled a draft precept for 2018/19. He noted changes to the clerk’s salary as a result of the clerk becoming the Responsible Financial Officer in April 2018.

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**Resolved:** To set the Parish precept at £4300 for 2018/19 and the clerk to write to NCC to inform of this.

### **17.37. Correspondence**

#### 17.37.1 - NCC – Bus Information Provision

NCC have written to all Parish Councils to ask them about bus information provision, specifically whether they would be interested in receiving and displaying information at the bus stops in their parishes.

**Resolved:** The clerk to write to NCC to say that Cresswell PC would be interested in displaying bus information.

#### 17.37.2 – NCC – Grant for traveller site

NCC had written to ask whether the PC would support the provision of play equipment at the Lynemouth Traveller Site.

**Resolved:** To support the proposal in principle and that the clerk write and ask for further information.

### **17.38. Planning**

#### 17.38.1 Applications

Only one application was considered:

17/03539/FELTPO – Tree Preservation Order, Cresswell Tower.

**Resolved:** To support the application

#### 17.38.2 Communication with NCC Planning

The clerk reported that NCC had asked whether the Parish Council wished to receive planning correspondence as a hard copy via the post or electronically by email.

**Resolved:** To continue to receive hard copies of planning applications.

### **17.39. Village Hall Update**

The Chair referred to an application to LEADER for the refurbishment of the Village Hall. The grant from LEADER would be reliant on match funding and this was being sought

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from the Parish Council. It had been agreed at a previous meeting that Parish Council would support the Village Hall Association.

**Resolved:** To agree to pay a grant of £5,500 to the Village Hall Association, this was the £8,000 provision made earlier in the year less paid out to date.

**17.40. Pele Tower Update**

A newsletter with the latest from the Pele Tower project was now published on the Parish Council Website. The Chair also gave a verbal update that the archaeology was now complete and that the conservation architects were finalising drawings. HLF would require written permission from the Parish Council to allow access across the village green.

**Resolved:** To receive the update and to grant permission to cross the village green.

**17.41 Dates of next meetings**

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February  
Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May

The meeting closed at 21:10

**Signed**..... Cllr Michael Wright (Chair) **Date**.....