



## **Cresswell Parish Council (CPC)**

### **Parish Council Meeting**

**Wednesday 24th July 2024**

**Cresswell Village Hall 7pm**

(Draft Minutes Until Signed)

#### **24:51**

**Attendance:** Councillors, Vice chair D Laing, N Thompson, P Wilson, C Wilson, C Haworth.

M Burn (Clerk)

Members of the public (MOP) attending x 3.

In the absence of Cllr Tyrie the vice chairman will chair the meeting.

**24:52 Apologies for absence received:** Cllr C Tyrie,

#### **24:53 Co-Opted Members Introduction**

New members: Cllr N Thompson & Cllr C Haworth were welcomed by the chairman.

#### **24:54 Declaration of Interests, and grant of any dispensations:**

None

#### **24:55 Public Questions Received - in advance of the**

**meeting:** A question was raised regarding maintenance of the decorative boat situated at the bottom of the village green. Would NCC be planting and maintaining or alternatively can CPC volunteers? Discussion took place & volunteers of the parish are to look after the boat planting during 24/25, with NCC to be requested for future years. The wildflower plantings are to be re-seeded by volunteers with the use of a machine supplied by Cllr Thompson. The meeting thanked the Cllr.

**24:56 Minutes of previous meeting:** (Chair)

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 22nd May were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

**24:57 Matters Arising from the Previous minutes (Unless already addressed upon the agenda)** (Chair)

(24.57.01) Cllr C Wilson & Cllr P Wilson provided an update to the meeting. The wheelchair has been damaged in storage by rodents & will undergo repairs. A secure container for the future storage has been ordered and will be located in the boatyard. Discussion took place regarding relocation for access to the beach via broadsands which was considered not viable unless the chair is motorised. Danny Goodall (NCC) to arrange repairs to road edge at drift parking to fix the current break and drop. Access to the beach may be improved if sand covering older wooden sleepers was removed? This would require machinery. Noted a park bench on site is broken and requires attention. Cllr Laing to investigate.

(24.57.02) Weed clearance was completed by an operative from Golden Sands for which CPC is appreciative. Other weed clearing was done by NCC but not at the wall or gutter at the top of the village green. Cllr to investigate, clerk to report.

**24:58 Financial Matters:** (Clerk)

24.58.01 New financial guidance from NALC was introduced, reviewed & a spending limit of 1000.00GBP was resolved and adopted. It was also resolved to use a finance sub group of 3 Cllrs should an urgent need to spend over the limit was required. Policy to be amended by clerk.

24.58.02 Invoices paid were declared. Council is not required to repeat monthly payment items, ie Payroll. Resolved. No requirement to publish salaries.

Direct 365 Hygiene Bin	84.00
Total Jobs Lts - Stepstone Group	89.00
Keys Cut for Public Toilets	19.95
Payroll Solutions Ltd	25.20
Kingfisher Group Refuse Bins	334.80

24.58.03 Grant paid to Red Squirrel conservation group Bedlington confirmed 100.00GBP

24.58.04 Period of public rights has expired without requests made to the clerk.

**24:59 Correspondence:**(Clerk)

24.59.01 The council continues to receive electronic bulletins from various

sources including NCC, CAN, Rural services network & others. Resolved to continue.

24.59.02 Grant request received from Ellington flower club. CPC resolved to support at 100.00GBP.

24.59.03 Grant request received from citizens' advice. CPC resolved to support with 100.00GBP.

24.59.04 A (MOP) attending requested painted signs onto rocks at the beach entrance. This was discussed at length. Resolved to investigate the type of alternative signage, size, location and exact wording. Council to discuss at next meeting.

#### **24:60 Planning:** (Clerk)

24.60.01 Clerk stated there was no update regarding 2 Garden Cottages (Appeal).

24.40.02 Confirmation CPC has submitted a consultee comment regarding the planning proposal at the manor house.

#### **24:61: Communications:** (Cllr C Wilson)

24.61.01 The newsletter was issued and well received. Hard copies were circulated. Discussion took place regarding the email list for the parish with any additions welcome.

#### **24:62 Cleaning of Public Toilets:**(Chair)

24.62.01 Chair informed CPC of the sad news that Mr Batey (cleaner) had died. Council paid tribute for the hard work and commitment made by Mr Batey and condolences were made to his family & friends. Discussion took place regarding cleaning options. Cleaning is currently undertaken by 2 Cllrs sharing the duties. An advert online is to be posted to increase interest in the job. Discussion took place at length regarding duties, salary, HR employment rights and opening hours.

#### **24:63 Council Policies Annual Review:**(Clerk)

All policies are open to Cllrs 24/7 using the online folder.

24.63.01 CPC resolved to adopt the encampment policy devised by Cllr Haworth with appendices B selected. Discussion took place regarding the changes to the law.

24.63.02 The financial risk policy document was formally adopted.

24.63.03 There were no other updates or amendments to policies for 24/25. Next review July 2025.

#### **24:64 Local Transport Plan (LTP)** (Chair)

24.64.01 The submission by CPC for 24/25 has been rejected. Council was informed there is no appeal process available. CPC continues to request a footway from the village parking (Drift car park) to the village centre.

#### **24:65 Parking at Church** (Chair)

24.65.01 No progress has been made. BAM Nutall postponed an onsite meeting and they have not responded to calls for a date to renew negotiations.

Clerk to chase up.

**24:66 Urgent Business**

Cllr Haworth introduced to the meeting the concept of a dog wash station which would be installed at no cost to CPC. Cost to the client would be 7.00GBP. Discussion took place and the council resolved to ask parishioners near to the proposed site for their views. To be reviewed. Cllr Haworth to report back to the council.

**24.67 Closed Session (Clerk/Chair)**

24.66.01 Members of the public were thanked for their attendance. At the request of the chair the public were requested to leave the meeting. Discussion took place regarding payments made to the clerk regarding hours & place of work. Matters were resolved accordingly with guaranteed hours of work & allowances for home working.

**24:68 Meeting closed at 8:30pm**

**24:69 Date of Next meeting:**

**TBC**

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**Signed**.....Cllr D Laing (Chairman)

**Date**.....

