

**Cresswell Parish Council  
Meeting Wednesday 9th February 2022**

**Village Hall 7PM**

**Minutes of the Meeting**

**21.25 Present**

**Councillors:** C Tyrie, S Haywood, A Stoodley, E Rooney, D Laing, S Tyrie

**In attendance:**

M Burn (Clerk)

8 Members of the public

**21.26 Apologies for absence**

Non

**21.27 Declaration of interests, grant of any dispensations**

21.27.01 Clerk notified the council that he was involved in the Community Land Trust (charity) as a volunteer board member.

**21.28 Public questions**

(21.28.01)A member of the public asked a question regarding the possibility of tree planting onto the village green. Cllr C Tyrie explained the tree scheme and the placement of trees is to be a parish wide decision though they will not be placed centrally within the village green itself.

(21.28.02)A member of the public requested the council to consider the dedication of a tree and commemorative plaque to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.CPC agreed to consider this and explore further.

**21.29 Minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting on 17th November 2021 were agreed as a true and accurate record and were signed and dated by the Chairman.

**21.30 Matters Arising from the Minutes (unless separately on the agenda)**

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None

### **21.31 Financial matters**

(21.31.01) The clerk explained that a number of invoices had been settled since the last meeting in November. One query regarding the invoices for Christmas funding which was shown on the reconciliation sheet had been clarified and agreed. Cllr Laing queried repayment for the rubbish bin purchase which the clerk verified was in fact paid 3/12/21.

### **21.32 Correspondence**

(21.32.01) Clerk informed all attending the ongoing correspondence was unresolved regarding the status and understanding of the use of the village green. Specifically Dr Kirkwood was concerned and aggrieved that parking was occurring upon the green. Cllr Laing explained the registration of the green, although there was still uncertainty as to the ownership of the lower section of the green below the Pele tower. Chair C Tyrie confirmed that CPC had requested support regarding the issue from legal at NCC, the response remains unclear. Detailed discussion took place regarding the issue and documents provided by NCC were evaluated. Clerk agreed to purchase a detailed map of the green from the archives in Woodhorn and to write to legal at NCC to seek further guidance on the issue. Questions were received from two members of the public regarding parking issues. Chair will respond directly to Dr Kirkwood in writing.

(21.32.02) A thank you was received regarding the new bin installed at Home Farm. Cllr Laing expressed a possible investment need to replace rubbish bins throughout the parish. Discussion resolved to consider purchasing replacements at two rubbish bins per financial year.

### **21.33 Planning**

No applications to discuss

(21.33.01) Discussion took place regarding the implementation of the local plan. Clerk to request from NCC clarity to find out if CPC needs to be known as a neighbourhood village before planning continues?

### **21.34 Highways Issues**

(21.34.01) Cllr Laing updated council regarding the funding required for the solar speed panel. CPC had already been successful in securing 3000 GBP in funding to pay NCC for planning of placement and would be applying via the community fund to fund the purchase of the speed panels themselves. Discussion took place regarding the need for the solar speed awareness panels.

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### **21.35 Garden Plots**

(21.35.01) Clerk stated that email contact had been made to Mr Elcock who was to relay information to council, however no response was received.

### **21.36 Communications**

(21.36.01) Cllr Stoodley informed the meeting that the communications including interactions on Facebook continues to grow. Evidence that CPC was listening to the parish was evident in changes to future meeting dates and times. Future newsletters will include a local business feature. The public were encouraged to inform CPC what items they consider important or useful for inclusion within their newsletter.

### **21.37 Adoption of Parish Council policies and procedures**

(21.37.01) The clerk had not received feedback from cllrs allowing sufficient time to make amendments. The chair proposed adoption of the policies since the amendments suggested did not undermine the principles set out therein. This was unopposed. It was agreed that Cllrs Rooney and Stoodley would work on providing highlighted suggested deletions and additions and circulate asap for feedback by end of April to enable the amendments to be ratified by the proposed review date of June/July. This is with the exception of the safeguarding policy which needs amendment to enable it to be used to support the community fund application. The chair agreed to undertake this task and circulate the document asap.

(21.37.02) Clerk informed the meeting that the grant awarding policy required a date imposed by council in order to inform applicants when, within the financial year, they would need to have submitted their application. Cllr Laing requested clarification if this was a necessary procedure and pointed out that CPC did not have this prior to 2022 and it was rare to offer a grant. Clerk pointed out it was better to understand the financial commitments for the year end but it was indeed for council to decide if they wish to implement it within the new policy.

### **21.38 Parking Issues at car park on C110 sea front**

(21.38.01) Unfortunately the information required to raise this issue had not been received by either clerk or chair. The matter was deferred to the next meeting of council.



### **21.39 Regeneration of Lynemouth Bay**

(21.39.01)An update was received late from NCC; however, the meeting was given the details provided by Aaron Mcneil and from Cllr Liz Dunn. The site is evaluated regularly to reduce risk of contamination with 'debris' removed whenever possible to do so. Although permits had been delayed the work will go ahead with a new start date for early summer 2022.

### **21.40 Additional Item - Jubilee Celebrations**

(21.40.01) Chair C Tyrie opened the meeting to further discussion which was welcomed regarding the Jubilee celebrations for the parish. The idea of a beacon was appreciated and CPC agreed to investigate issues for insurance and possible site of beacon. Concerns were raised regarding risk and health & safety issues. Cllr Stoodley informed the meeting she would approach NCC for funding specific to the celebrations.

### **21.41 Date of next meeting**

May 3rd Tuesday 2022 19:30 Village Hall Cresswell:Apology received by Cllr C Tyrie.

Annual Parish meeting confirmed 25th May 2022 19:00

The meeting closed at 20:00

**Signed**..... Cllr Christine Tyrie (Chairman)

**Date**.....

