

**Cresswell Parish Council
Meeting Wednesday 13th November 2018**

Cresswell Village Hall 7PM

Draft Minutes of the Meeting

18.35. Present

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

In attendance:

I. Robson (Clerk)

and five members of the public

18.36. Apologies:

Cllr G. Phillips, Cllr T Steele

18.37. Declaration of Interests, and grant of any dispensations

Cllr M Wright – Declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 15: Village Hall and Item 16: Pele Tower

Cllr L Wright – Declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 15: Village Hall

18.38. Questions from the public

18.38.1 - A member of the public who works with CELL Big Local reminded Councillors that there will be a community consultation event in the village hall on 27th November between 6 and 7pm.

Other updates from CELL included a new website and funding for projects. Cllr M. Wright asked about funding for the Pele Tower and the Village Hall and was encouraged to contact CELL.

18.38.2 – A member of the public enquired about schemes to protect property from erosion. Cllr Wright said that NCC were monitoring the situation but there was no plan to do any work in the coming year.

18.39 Minutes of the previous meeting

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The minutes of the meeting on 8th August 2018 were agreed as a true and accurate record and were signed and dated by the Chair.

18.40. Matters Arising from the Minutes

18.40.01 (18.24.02) Village Green. No progress on the cutting plan for NCC.

Resolved: Cllr M Wright and Mr Mead to prepare a plan for the clerk to submit to NCC

18.40.02 – (18.24.03) Beach Cleaning – Cllr Tyrie reported that she had received a grant of £294.00 from CELL Big Local to fund the purchase of litter-clearing equipment for voluntary beach clean-ups. Three clean-ups had been organised with 15 people coming along in September but nobody this month but the beach was very clean. Cllr Tyrie suggested that beach clean-up events should be suspended until the spring.

18.40.03 – (18.24.04) New Noticeboard. The clerk sought prices for a range of new noticeboards and passed these to Cllr Wright. Cllr Wright tabled a design for a noticeboard from 'The Parish Noticeboard Company' that he considered fulfilled the requirements, costing £1000 + VAT.

Agreed: To purchase a black noticeboard for £1000 from 'The Parish Noticeboard Company'.

18.41 Financial Report

The Chair tabled the financial report for the period up to November – Noted.

18.42 Banking Arrangements

Cllr Wright, Cllr Laing and the clerk had opened a new bank account with Barclays following difficulties with TSB. Money had not been transferred from TSB yet as it was thought best to wait until the precept and toilets payments had been received from NCC. As there was a monthly charge for the new account, Cllr Wright temporarily deposited £100 of his own money to cover these costs until the balance is transferred.

It was suggested to wait until the final standing order for toilet cleaning was paid before transferring the account.

Resolved: The clerk and Chair should transfer the balance to the Barclays account in December after the final standing order has been paid.

18.43 2019/20 Budget

Cllr Wright proposed a budget which was based on the 2018/19 but this was subject to the costs of cleaning the toilets being agreed.

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Agreed: Cllr Wright to prepare a budget, based on the 2018/19 budget with any additional costs for toilet cleaning included.

18.44 Parish Precept

The Chair suggested that, due to the unknown costs associated operating the public toilets and the suggestion that they should be open during the winter, the precept should be increased. After discussion it was agreed to increase the precept by £800 from £4300 to £5100 in 2019/20.

Resolved: To set the Parish precept at £5100 for 2019/20 and the clerk to write to NCC to inform of this.

18.45 Correspondence

18.45.1 – London Heart – Defibrillator appeal. Cllr L. Wright was researching defibrillators and would report back to the next meeting.

18.45.2 – CPRE News – Noted

18.45.3 – CELL Big Local – Morpeth Shopper Bus. A request for support was discussed but it was agreed to wait to find out whether Ellington and Linton and Lynemouth Parish Councils were going to contribute before making a decision.

Agreed: Cllr M Wright to approach the other parish councils.

18.45.4 – NCC – Car Parking charges. The clerk read a letter from NCC outlining proposals to introduce car parking charges at coastal car parks including Cresswell. NCC confirmed that they would consult with the Parish Council before going ahead and it was agreed to wait for the formal consultation.

18.45.5 (additional item) Meeting Report – NCC parish Council forum

Cllr Tyrie reported that she had attended the Parish Council forum at County Hall and that it had been poorly attended with only eight other Parishes there. She had raised fly tipping and an interactive speed camera with officers. It was suggested that an interactive camera could be funded from the Members small scheme budget but this was contrary to previous advice.

It was suggested that the PC could appoint 'snow wardens'

NCC would not run these meetings again in the same format.

18.46 Planning

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18.46.1 – 18/03677/FUL Replace single garage with double garage – Rowan Tree Lodge

No objections.

18.47 – Public Toilets

The Chair said that long-standing toilet cleaner Hugh Thompson was retiring at the end of this season. Cllr Laing reported that he had been speaking to someone who was interested in taking over, all agreed that Cllr Laing should formally approach the interested party.

The Chair suggested that due to Cresswell being a popular location for visitors throughout the year, the toilets could be open for 12 months rather than the current eight. The toilet cleaning contract for is currently £1000, an additional four months would cost an extra £500 based on current rates. This was discussed and it was agreed that it would be a good idea but that both caravan parks should be approached to make a contribution.

Agreed: Cllr Laing to continue discussion with person interested in toilet cleaning with a view to open in January 2019.

Agreed: As the caravan sites are open all year round and their clients use them probably more than anyone Cllr M. Wright to approach caravan parks to ask for a contribution towards the annual running costs.

18.48 Fisheries Field

The Chair reported problems with agricultural operations in Fisheries field during windy conditions including chemicals and sand being blown into the village and peoples properties. The Chair had approached Ellington Farms Ltd and the soil has been cleared from the village. They had also agreed to introduce 10m margins and investigate returning the field to pasture in the future.

Noted

18.49 Christmas Tree

Cllr Laing reported that he could obtain a 12' tree for £50 or a 14' tree for £66 and that he could collect it. The switch-on was discussed and it was agreed to provide mulled wine and carols on 8th December.

Agreed: Cllr Laing to buy a 12' tree and install it.

Agreed: To switch the lights on at an event on 8th December with carols and mulled wine.

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18.50 Village Hall Update

The hall committee are seeking additional funding for new flooring and floor repairs. Electricity bills have reduced thanks to the new heating system.

18.51 Pele Tower Update

The Chair reported that the electricity supply would now need to come from the village rather than the caravan site and this would mean a trench across the village green.

Agreed: To permit trenches across the village green providing the green was restored.

18.52 Date of next meetings

20th February

The meeting closed at 21:05

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