# PARISH COUNCIL OF CRESSWELL

Chair: Cllr C Tyrie
Clerk:B Watson

Please find the following:
**Minutes for Parish Council Meeting on 19th November 2025.**
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In Attendance: Cllr C Tyrie (Chair), Cllr N Thompson, Cllr D Thompson, Cllr A Laing, Cllr C Haworth, Bonnie Watson (Clerk) & 4 MOP.

## Meeting Minutes

**1: Apologies for absence**
Notifications from Councillors who are absent
Cllr M Burn requested exceptional absence for this meeting and it was agreed in a majority vote.

**2: Declarations of Interest**
Declarations by Councillors of any interests in matters on the agenda
None

**3: Public Questions**
This is the point at which members of the public who have arranged to ask a question can do so.
There was a query regarding the boat on the village green being set up and decorated with a mast and bunting. It was discussed whether this would be throughout the year or just between spring and autumn. This was agreed in principle and will be reviewed periodically. Any flowers for the boat to be paid for from council funds.

**4: Minutes (Chair)**
To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on **1st October 2025**
Approved

**5: Matters Arising from the Minutes (unless separately on the agenda)**
**5.1 Church Parking (Cllr Laing)** - Update to be given regarding costs and progress.
10th December to start the process. Pre start meeting requested by Cllr Laing but still waiting on this being arranged. Cllr Liz Dunn to push this request. The church has been requested to remain closed throughout the time this is being completed. Costing for the work remains unchanged from initial quote. Ellington and Linton's contributions received. Church will send once bank information given and Cllr Liz Dunn will send upon receiving paperwork.
**5.2 Car Parks Maintenance (Cllr Burns)**
Danny Goodall has been contacted and will update on progress.
**5.3 Christmas Event (Cllr Tyrie)**
19th of December will be the Carols and Wine night. Cllr Tyrie will be organising the mince pies, Sue and Russell Haywood organising the carols, Barry Mead arranging the mulled wine.
**5.4 Christmas Decorations (Cllr Laing)**
All received and will be put up and switched on end Nov/beg Dec.

**6: Appraisal Policy - Approval following review (Cllr Tyrie)**
Policy approved with majority vote. Feedback received from some councillors.

**7: Financial Matters**
**7.1 Finance update/Reconciliation (Clerk)**
Reconciliation shown, Finances discussed. Balance £16044.71 as of 12th November 2025.
**7.2 Budget Forecast (Cllr Tyrie)**
Discussed and shown within the meeting. Query if Laptop amount is enough.
**7.3 NCC Precept (Cllr Tyrie).**
Discussed if requiring an increase. On the basis of funds in hand and the budget forecast it was agreed that an increase was not needed and the precept will remain the same this year and review further next year.

**8: NALC Awards (Chair)**
Formal application needs to be deferred to ensure qualifying criteria are all met including councillor training and clerk training. Subgroup to be established to achieve objectives required. This has been added as a standing agenda item for the foreseeable future. Councillors present signed a civility and respect statement of assurance and Cllr Tyrie to confirm the pledge with NALC.

**9: Governance Review (Chair)**
Discussed and completed within the meeting and Cllr Tyrie to send off in time for the cut off date of 30th November 2025.

**10. Communications /Correspondence**
**10.1 Social media stats (Chair)**
Facebook = 76 Followers, 1719 Views in the last 28 days.
**10.2 Website**
This has been discussed in previous meetings and has now had the sign off to move to the new host Hugofox. Clerk to arrange move.
**10.3 November Newsletter**
Circulated. Copy on the notice board at the village hall and on the NALC website for Cresswell.

**Other business:**
Planning permissions missed from the agenda: Shepherds Hut, Bartholomews close approved.

Arriva Bus Crash - will put on the agenda for January's meeting following gathering all relevant information.

New recycling bins for paper, card, and cardboard will be introduced from October 2026 and will be black and purple. They will be collected alternatively every fortnight with the blue bin.

Speed sensors within the village have not had as much impact as wanted. Cllr Laing will meet with NCC to see if anything further needs to be done to rectify this - information will be available for the January 26 meeting if gained.

Consultation on the public space protection order as of January 2026. The only change on this is a maximum of 6 dogs per person on walks.

The January 2026 meeting date is to be changed due to most Cllrs not being able to attend on 21st January. This will be confirmed as either 14th or 28th and the meeting dates sheet will be amended and displayed

upon confirmation.

**11: Date of next meeting(s)**
**Wednesday 28th January 2026 at 7pm, Cresswell Village Hall.**

Signed.....

Dated.....28/1/2026.....

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