

**Cresswell Parish Council
Meeting Wednesday 14th February 2018**

Cresswell Village Hall 7PM

Draft Minutes of the Meeting

17.41. Present

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

In attendance:

I. Robson (clerk)

and seven members of the public

17.42. Apologies:

Clr G. Phillips, Clr S. Haywood

17.43. Declaration of Interests, and grant of any dispensations

Clr M Wright – Village Hall and Pele Tower

Clr L Wright – Village Hall

17.44. Public questions

(Item 5.1 – Garden Plots) A member of the public asked about the Parish Council's intentions with regards to the garden plots saying that she would like to develop the plot that she owned.

A second member of the public commented about the amount of flying tipping at the garden plots and the fact that two caravans were still present.

The Chair and Vice-Chair responded saying that the situation was still complicated but they would seek a meeting with Northumberland County Council to see how a planning approach could resolve the current issue. If a planning approach is taken there would need to be wide consultation with local residents. It was suggested that it was legal to have caravans on the plots because they were now permitted use.

Resolved: The clerk to write to NCC about the fly tipping.

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17.45. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 8th November 2017 were agreed as a true and accurate record and were signed and dated by the Chair.

17.46. Matters Arising from the Minutes

17.46.1 – (17.34.1) Garden Plots – This item was covered under item 17.44

17.46.2 - (17.34.3) Path link to car park – Correspondence had been received from NCC Highways stating that was on hold until the England Coast Path was in place.

17.46.3 – (17.34.6) Christmas Tree – All agreed that this had been success. The Chair thanked Cllr Laing for his work.

17.46.4 – (17.32.1) LTP 20 mph scheme – Final plans had been received from NCC for the 20mph scheme in the village. Everyone agreed with the proposals. NCC had also asked that the PC consider the experimental TRO around the bus stop and whether they wish to see it made permanent - all agreed.

Resolved: The clerk write to NCC to inform them that the PC were happy with the proposed scheme and that the TRO be made permanent.

It was noted that £35K had been allocated by NCC in the Draft 2018/19 LTP for improvements to the road between Ellington and Cresswell.

17.46.5 – (17.34.5) Cllr Dickinson. It had been resolved at the last meeting that the Ward Councillor Cllr Scott Dickinson be invited to attend this meeting. The Chair said that he had spoken to Cllr Dickinson who said he would attend if there was a specific agenda item for him to do so. The Chair suggested that if a planning approach was needed to tackle the garden plot issue then Cllr Dickinson's presence would be required.

17.47. Financial Report

The Chair tabled the financial report. He pointed that a grant had been received for a new laptop, printed and to pay for the Clerk's time to ensure that the PC were adhering to the transparency regulations.

17.48. Correspondence

17.48.1 – NCC – VCS consultation. A consultation document had been received from NCC about the Voluntary Community Sector (VCS). Cllrs Tyrie and Laing had prepared a

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response in which they thought that a budget of £137,500 was not much for County the sized of Northumberland.

Resolved: That the clerk respond to NCC

17.48.2 – Alnwick Playhouse – A request from Alnwick Playhouse for financial support had been received.

Resolved: The Clerk write to Alnwick Playhouse to inform them that the PC felt that they couldn't support them at this time.

17.48.3 – NCC- Bridge Closure – A letter had been received from NCC stating that the bridge on the C110 between Cresswell and Lynemouth needed to be repaired and would be closed to vehicles, during daylight hours, for approximately 1 week.

Noted

17.48.4 – Northern Powergrid – power cuts to Cresswell. Ernie Rowe reported that changed the electricity supply to Cresswell from Linton to Lynemouth and that this should decrease the number of power cuts. The Chair thanked Ernie Rowe for his perseverance with this matter.

17.49. Planning

17.38.1 Applications

Only one application was considered:

18/00429/VARYCO – Cresswell Towers - Variation of condition 2 - to allow extended opening times of the Entertainment Centre for additional eight days.

Resolved: The there were no objections and the clerk should record provide a 'no comment' response.

17.50. Harworth Estates

The Chair and Vice-Chair had recently met with a representative from Harworth Estates at which a masterplan for development of the former Alcan Smelter and UK Coal sites in their ownership. This proposal included two significant sites in Cresswell Parish. It had been proposed that a joint meeting be held with Harworth Estates and Lynemouth PC to further discuss the proposals.

Resolved: The Chair will contact Harworth Estates to arrange a meeting.

17.39. Village Hall Update

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The Chair reported that the application to LEADER for the refurbishment of the Village Hall had been successful and that a grant of £55,683 would be received covering 80% of the costs for improvements to heating, lighting, the kitchen and the extension to the front of the hall. The Chair thanked Barry Mead for his assistance with the LEADER application.

B. Mead stated that further funding had been obtained from the Sir James Knott Trust to provide interpretation about the building and local history.

Noted

17.40. Pele Tower Update

Mr B. Mead gave a report on the funding application to the Heritage Lottery Fund, that the HLF had changed their approach because less people were playing the lottery and that the project budget had increased significantly from the Stage 1 application and that an issue with VAT had yet to be resolved. Further funds were being sought or the project may need to be scaled back. He still hoped that an application would be submitted on 5th March. The Chair thanked B. Mead for his continuing work.

17.41 Dates of next meetings

- Annual Meeting - 9th May
- Parish Meeting - 23rd May
- 8th August
- 7th November
- 6th February

The meeting closed at 20:50

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