 CRESWELL PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes

Minutes for the parish council meeting held on Monday 6th January 2025 from 7.30pm.

At Stafford North End Community Centre, Holmcroft Road, Stafford ST16 1JG

**Attendees**   
Cllr M Harford (Chairperson) Cllr C Hawkridge Cllr P Glover

2 x Members of the public (MOP)

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| **1** | **Declaration of Interest on agenda items**  None received |
| **2** | **Apologies**  Cllr M Craney (Ford) – other commitments  Cllr J Rose – SBC – Other Commitments  Cllr J Pert – Other commitments |
| **3** | **Minutes of last Meeting – Annual Parish Council Meeting – 18th November 2024**  RESOVED – as a true record |
| **4** | **To discuss and consider co-opting a candidate to fill the final seat**  Deferred, candidate unable to make it |

**Meeting opened to the Public.**

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| **5** | **To receive a report from Stafford Borough Council**  None |
| **6** | **To receive a report from Stafford County Council**  None |
| **7** | **Public Participation – Members of the public are invited to address the Council on any issue over which it has power for up to 5 minutes each, with the item lasting a maximum of 20 minutes.**  Members of the public (MOP) requested information regarding absent councillor rules.   * LGA 1972, s85 (1) if a member of a local authority fails throughout a period of six consecutive months from the date of his last attendance to attend any meeting of the authority, he shall, unless the failure was due to some reason approved by the authority before the expiry of that period, cease to be a member of the authority   MOP thanked the councillor for their part in arranging for the cycle path to be cleared. It was noted that the maintenance company that did the clearing have left a bit of a mess, could the area now be cleaned? Clerk to report. |

**Meeting closed to the public**

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| **8** | **Matters arising from previous minutes**   1. **Cycle path hedge, bordering Land Rover -** RESOLVED 2. **Gap in hedge, bordering Land Rover –** Land Rover advised they have no intension of removing the gap in the hedge. Clerk advised if they see any MOP parking on the verge, to report registration and vehicle make to clerk and they will report. 3. **Lifebuoys on balancing pool -** RESOLVED 4. **Missing/damaged gate to Strawson’s site –** Strawson’s advised they would inspect and replace gate if necessary. 5. **Severn Trent – Water pressure issues. –** Severn Trent reported they had carried out an inspection, the water pressure is at 2-3bars, which is above the minimum limit of 1bar. No further action will be taken. Council advised if MOP are still struggling, to continue to report to Severn Trent. 6. **New bus shelter –** New bus shelter will be installed within 4 weeks. 7. **AED unit –** Waiting for new bus shelter o be installed, once this has been carried out AEDdonate will design fitting a solar and wind powered cabinet to the shelter. |
| **9** | **Planning - All documents are available to view at** [**www.staffordbc.gov.uk/planning-public-access**](http://www.staffordbc.gov.uk/planning-public-access)  None received |
| **10** | **Finance**   1. **Approval of Payments –** RESOLVED and Approved      1. **Approve Budget summary –** RESOLVED and approved 2. **Approve Bank Reconciliation –** RESOLVED and approved |
| **11** | **To discuss any new highways, footpaths or village maintenance issues.**   1. **Damaged SID –** Currently packaged up and waiting for carrier to collect to take back to the manufacturer in France for repairs. |
| **12** | **To consider new village maintenance arrangements**  Clerk to seek quotations from contractors and present at the next meeting. |
| **13** | **To consider producing a newsletter**  RESOLVED – produce 4 newsletters a year, spring, summer, autumn and winter. Clerk to organise. |
| **14** | **To consider Memorial Day arrangements for Perrin and Harry Kerr**  Agreed date of Sunday 6th July for both memorials, clerk to purchase 2 x wreaths, RESOLVED £150 budget to purchase a bugle. Small service, residents will be invited |
| **15** | **To consider VE Day celebrations in May**  Agreed date of 11th May, parish council will organise a street party from 2 – 4pm, all residents will be invited. Clerk to ask Strawson’s if we are able to use an area on the development. |
| **16** | **Councillors Reports - Cllrs are invited to give reports on the parish**  Cllr C Hawkridge asked of there was any update on the broadband issues within Creswell, clerk advised no further information had been provided, clerk will investigate further.  Cllr T Glover reported flag at Harry Kerr needs replacing, flag pole needs hiring, MOP volunteered to do this. Clerk will purchase a new flag. Clerk to also purchase new flags for Perrin, possibly VE day flag. Clerk to organise. |
| **17** | **Future meeting dates and next agenda items**   * **Next meeting –** 3rd March 2025 @ Stafford North End Community Centre – from 7.30pm * **Future meeting:**   + **TBC – Annual Public Meeting**   + **5th May 2025 – Annual Parish Council Meeting from 7:30pm – 9pm**   + **7th July 2025**   + **1st September 2025**   + **3rd November 2025**   **Next agenda items**   * Consider creating a wild flower patch, on the verge, by the post box |
| **18** | **Meeting Close –** 20:59 |