 CRESWELL PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes

Minutes for the parish council meeting held on Monday 7th April 2025 from 7.20pm.

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) Cllr J Rose – SBC Clerk – Nikola Evans

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| **1** | **Declaration of Interest on agenda items** |
|  | None received |
| **2** | **Apologies** |
|  | Cllr J Pert – Other commitments |
| **3** | **Minutes of last Meeting – 6th January 2025** |
|  | Approved as a true record by all that attended |
| **4** | **To discuss and consider co-opting a candidate to fill 2 x seats** |
|  | Unable to take place, one candidate is no longer interested, the other was unable to attend. |

**Meeting opened to the Public.**

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| **5** | **To receive a report from Stafford Borough Council** |
|  | **Cllr J Rose reported on the following:**   * Government re-organisation, more information can be found on Stafford Borough Council’s website - <https://www.staffordbc.gov.uk/devolution-and-local-government-reorganisation> * Pot holes, continue to encourage residents to report them using Staffordshire Councty Council Highways reportit <https://formshighways.staffordshire.gov.uk/> website. |
| **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.** |
|  | None to report |

**Meeting closed to the public**

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| **8** | **Matters arising from previous minutes** |
|  | None |
| **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 to consider |
| **10** | **Finance**   1. **Approval of Payments**      1. **Approve Budget summary – Approved** 2. **Approve Bank Reconciliation – Approved** 3. **To approve 2024-25 end of year bank reconciliation – Approved** 4. **To receive 2024-25 internal audit report – Approved** 5. **To approve 2024-25 annual governance statement – Approved** 6. **To approve 2024-25 accounting statement – Approved** 7. **To approve the purchase of a bleed kit for Creswell Grove @ £85 – Approved, all in favour** |
| **11** | **To discuss any new highways, footpaths or village maintenance issues.** |
| a | Speed survey – Quotation received £267, speed and volume survey to take place in both directions on A5013 from M6 island to end of Creswell Grove. Approved, all in favour. |
| **12** | **To consider new village maintenance arrangements** |
|  | Quotations received, approved to accept TGM, cut all grass verges along A5013, clerk to organise and to contact Staffordshire County Council to request they no longer cut. |
| **13** | **To consider installing a solar/wind powered AED at Marston Grange.** |
|  | Clerk to request permission from Trinity Estates and to provide a location. Clerk to organise quotations. |
| **14** | **To consider Real Time Passenger Information (RTPI) Pole for Creswell Grove Bus stop** |
|  | Cost over £6,000, didn’t feel it would be a good way to spend funds. Proposal rejected, all in favour. |
| **15** | **To consider VE Day celebrations in May** |
|  | Clerk to request if residents can use a gas bbq. Event to be advertised, clerk and cllrs will organise. Flag to be erected on morning of 8th May, decorations for the site to be put up on the morning of Sunday 11th. |
| **16** | **Councillors Reports - Cllrs are invited to give reports on the parish** |
|  | Cllr Hawkridge reported the following:   * Lack of broadband in Wilkes Wood –Unlikely anything will be done until 2030, residents are encouraged to register with <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/project-gigabit-uk-gigabit-programme> |
| **17** | **Future meeting dates and next agenda items**   * Next meeting – 2nd June 2025 – Annual Parish Council Meeting @ Stafford North End Community Centre – from 7.30pm   **Future meetings:**   * 7th July 2025 * 1st September 2025 * 3rd November 2025 |
| **18** | **Meeting Closed** |
|  | 20:26 |