

Cranford Parish Council

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Draft minutes of the Meeting of Cranford Parish Council held at The Village Hall, Cranford –Wednesday 8th November 2017 at 7pm

Present

Cllrs Stephen Pickard, Joy Beeby, Huw Boyt, Mo Cerrone, Peter Maddison, Rex Moore
KBCLlr Mark Rowley, Cllr David Hinckley (Grafton Underwood)
Clerk- Claire Tilley

Formalities

17/0088 Apologies- Cllr West was absent

17/0089 Declaration of Interests –Stephen and Mo declared an interest in the planning application appeal for 21 St Andrews Lane and Peter, Huw and Joy are on the Village Hall committee- so these members will not participate in decisions regarding these items.

17/0090 Public Session-

- The applicant for the Pig Unit KET/2017/0672 and 0674 briefly attended and showed the councillors a video regarding the welfare of the animals.
- Cranford Rd- 30mph- happy that roundels now painted, but request for police van for enforcement. Mark will speak to Julie Mead to get police cadets along there

17/0091 Minutes of last meeting- Meeting 11th October 2017- Council **resolved to accept the minutes** as a true record and were signed

Items of note

17/0092 Chairman's announcements- the Chairman was happy to report on

- Traffic calming- confirmation that this will be started 27th November
- Horse Chestnut- now taken down
- Jubilee Gardens- being well tended
- Visited school to inform them about traffic calming- they were positive. Also updated them re yellow lines- these will not be extended along bend- as already delineated by white lines which is supposed to stop parking. Asked about trimming trees on school boundary. Footpath outside school uneven- Head is writing to NCC to ask about possible repairs. Council happy to support this- **so Clerk to write as well.**
- National Lottery Grant awarded for a new defibrillator
- Drains along Grafton Rd now cleared as well
- Cranford Estates confirmed receipt of letter regarding trees

17/0093 Correspondence- Kettering Winter 'What's on Guide' electronic copy available

Letter from Village Hall committee requesting release of funding from Poors' Land Charity to fund improvements to disabled facilities. **Members resolved to make this transfer**

17/0095 On-going items.

KBCllr Mark Rowley- council tax not increasing next year, but this is probably the last time it won't increase

Building 27 more council houses over the next two years (bringing total to 33 over last few years)

Rural Forum -Peter attended the meeting with Police Commissioner- preventative patrols now gone- resources not available. Criminal damage cases hardly being investigated unless harm to persons. PCSO- should be kept in rural areas. Suggestion of Parish Councils funding a PCSO for their own areas. Referendum needed to ask for increased precept for policing- as need it to go over 2% to keep it operating correctly

Clerk report- Street doctor – to complete works to drains along Church Lane within three months
CiLCA portfolio now completed and submitted- awaiting marking

17/0096 Clerk review -Following Clerk appraisal, members to decide pay review. In accordance with Standing Order 3d, **Council resolved** to go into closed session to discuss pay rise.

Council then **resolved to increase Clerk salary** to (LGS) SCP 27 £12.50 per hour from April 2018.

Finance

17/0097 Accounts- members received and approved a monthly account of financial situation showing a balance of £11028.40

a) Payments were resolved to be approved. BDO had invoiced council for audit this year, as due to handling the Poors Land Charity money- the expenditure had gone over the threshold for charging. Clerk had explained this to BDO, but they insisted on the charge

Michael Middleton	Painting of Jubilee Bridge	£500.00	Chq 000752	Outside Spaces Act 1906 s9
Cranford Memorial Hall	Transfer of Poors Land monies	£5890.10	Chq 000753	Voided since meeting as incorrect figure
BDO LLP	External Audit fee	£120.00	Chq 000754	LGA 1972 S 111

b) Budget for precept- members looked at proposed budget. Discussions ensued over the need to have increased monies available for village maintenance that is not being funded by County or Borough Council anymore. **Clerk to enquire about costing** for resurfacing of footpath along Cranford Rd.

c) Members **resolved to give go ahead** for siding out quote from Cranford Cedar-Clerk to inform Julie

17/0098 Planning - members noted that an appeal has been submitted for KET/2017/0308 21 St. Andrews Lane, Cranford to the Secretary of State. The revised plans and appeal statement were discussed. Four members **resolved that objections still go ahead** with additional points raised. Clerk to draw up a new letter of objection

17/0099 Dates for next meetings- 6th Dec Jan 10th, Feb 7th 2018

17/0100 Items for next meeting- any matters arising from this meeting which need to be carried forward

Signed as an accurate record of decisions made

Chairman

Date