

Cranford Parish Council

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Draft minutes of the meeting of Cranford Parish Council held at The Village Hall, Cranford –Wednesday 6th December 2017 at 7pm

Present

CLlr Stephen Pickard, Rex Moore, Joy Beeby, Huw Boyt
NCCllr Victoria Perry
Clerk-Claire Tilley

Formalities

17/0101 Apologies- The council received and accepted apologies from Cllrs Maddison and Cllr Cerrone (work commitments) and Cllr West (ill)

17/0102 Declaration of Interests – none

17/0103 Public Session- none present

17/0104 Minutes of last meeting- Meeting 8th November 2017- members resolved to accept as a true record and were duly signed

Items of note

17/0105 Chairman's announcements-

Attending Kettering East meeting tomorrow- so will ask about remaining traffic calming monies
Spoken to school about pathway that needs repairing, they have not written their letter yet.

NCC Victoria- still has some empowering funds which she asked if there were any projects that needed funding- **Councillors resolved** to ask for funding for a new kissing gate for entrance to a footpath on Duck End.

Budget cuts- has attended Town Forum and Rural forum. Large budget cuts to be announced next week

17/0106 Correspondence- received and circulated from NCALC CEO regarding external audits and NCC budget cuts. Councillors had no comment- but are appreciative of the e-updates received.

17/0107 On-going items-

- Clerk has now passed the CiLCA- the Certificate in Local Council Administration
- Councillors brought up the following issues
Footbridge/footpath near bridge along Cranford Rd- has not been reinstated- needs spraying
Grit bin along Duck End Road, still not been moved as is slightly projecting into road- cones around it- **Clerk to chase up Street Doctor**
Wall along St. Andrews Lane- residents still complaining. **Clerk to write an official letter** to Richard Marlow for a final definitive answer

17/0108 Running of Parish Council- due to increased planning, budgeting, village enhancement etc councillors were to consider how to better share workload. As limited number of members present- this will be moved to next meeting. To also consider whether to put more concise notes on Noticeboards, rather than full minutes

Finance

17/0109 Accounts- members received and approved a monthly account of financial situation showing a balance of £12,608.40

- a) Members approved and signed letter for bank transfer of £4,419.68 from Improvements account to current account
- b) Payments resolved to be approved- from outside funds held in current account

Cranford Memorial Hall	Poors Land Charity funds	£4419.68	Chq 000755	-
The Community HeartBeat Trust	High St Defibrillator	£2424.00	Chq 000756	-

c) A revised Budget has been drawn up for precept- members gave considerable time to discussions and decided to raise the precept from £8,600 to £9000 to cover village maintenance costs no longer funded by county council. A copy of budget will be available on website

17/0109 Planning – for information

KET/2017/0672 (Pig Unit) a request has gone to Secretary of State questioning the need for an EIA which KBC have requested

17/0110 Dates for next meetings- 2018 Jan 10th, Feb 7th, Mar 14th, Apr 11th

17/0111 Items for next meeting- Future of the ‘pan handle’- Cranford Rd, with respect to boundary Running of the Parish Council

Signed



Parish Clerk