

Cranford Parish Council

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Draft minutes of the meeting of Cranford Parish Council held at The Village Hall, Cranford –Wednesday 14th November 2018, at 7pm

Present Cllrs Stephen Pickard, Huw Boyt, Mo Cerrone, Rex Moore
Clerk- Claire Tilley
Residents- Julie Auld, Gavin Maxwell

Formalities

18/0064 **Apologies**-members resolved to approve apologies for absence from Jonathan West- family commitments

18/0065 **Declaration of Interests** – Clerks partner is Director of Boxwood Gardens who have provided a quote for tree planting

18/0066 **Minutes of last meeting**- Meeting 10th October 2018- Resolved that the minutes are confirmed as a correct record

Items of note

18/0067 **Public Session**- several residents had brought forward issues to Cllr Pickard.

- Dog fouling on high level path-Grafton Rd- **Action-Clerk to get some more notices from KBC.** Cllr Boyt will move existing notices around. Lack of bins brought to council attention, so councillors decided to move one from High St down to the Millennium Bridge. **Clerk to action with KBC**
- Street light Number 3 on High St is out by telephone kiosk- **Clerk to report.**
- Defib sign needs to be stuck up. **Clerk to action- this will need permanent fixings**
- Drains in Grafton Rd were blocked, it appears that they may have been done in the last couple of days- **Clerk to check Street Doctor**
- Thrapston Rd- between railway bridge and J11- still has holes that need repairing- no money for resurfacing in county. Report again to Street Doctor- Clerk to check size to see whether it is now a Category A (these are the only ones that NCC will currently repair)

18/0068 **Chairman's announcements**- Nothing to report as no recent meetings attended. Both KBCllr Rowley and NCCllr Perry sent apologies

18/0069 **Co-option to the council**- There were two vacancies on the parish council, and two residents willing to come forward as co-opted councillors. Councillors resolved to co-opt Gavin Maxwell and Julie Auld to the council. Both received the Code of Conduct and signed the Acceptance of Office. and Register of Members Interests to be completed

18/0070 **Correspondence**- most circulated electronically-

- NCALC e update- budgets and precepts
- Whats On Guide
- East Northants Local Plan consultation

Signed as an accurate record of decisions made

Chairman

Date

- Clerk and Council direct- to be circulated

- 18/0071 **Maintenance of St. Andrews Church Clock-** Church Conservation Trust have said they cannot fund this anymore- councillors **resolved to take on this duty** at a cost of £138 including VAT every year. Clerk to inform Trust
- 18/0072 **Vegetation management along High St-** some of the hedgerow has been cut back already. There are still weeds along the footpath that need spraying. High Level path needs spraying off as well. Hedge area along school still needs to be cleared, as well as long to the railway. Clerk to contact school again as they have already been notified by the School Governor link. A programme of weed control will be needed
- 18/0073 **Clerk appraisal cycle-** This occurred recently, Cllr Boyt will write it up and forward to Cllr Pickard.
- 18/0074 **On-going items-**
- a) Memorial Trees-** Northants Community Foundation have authorised the council to undertake this project as part of the footpath improvements- councillors received quotes for this project. The Clerk and Cllr Auld (of Cranford Cedar) left the room. Cllrs felt they needed to have revised quotes, to include specific species, maybe pot grown 2-3m Alders or Hornbeams, needing cattle proof /rabbit proof guards, with provision for watering until established. **Clerk to obtain revised quotes**
- b) Footpath renovation-** Timescale for aggregate to be determined still. Still waiting for landowner to come back to council with when he can receive this. Cllr Pickard has contacted him as a matter of urgency. Discussion ensued about validity of putting this down with regards to longevity. Councillors also received quote for copse walkway- this was more than anticipated, so councillors resolved to to ask the Community Foundation for additional funds. **Clerk to action**
- c) Village gateways-** for note. Northants Highways have now placed the order with their contractors and installation should be by the end of November
- 18/0075 **Planning-** Consultations received on the following applications,
- KET/2018/0702-** Fox Covert Farm Full application – two storey side and single front, rear and side extension. Councillors resolved to support the application
- KET/2018/0772-** 2A Rectory Hill, Air source pump and removal of porch area- comments due by the 8th November, unless extension required. Cllr Maxwell left the room- it is his property. Cllrs resolved to support the application.
- KET/2018/0779-** Glebe Farm, Cranford Rd Change of use from Agricultural to dwelling house. Councillors resolved to object to this application as an outlier of the village and against the Joint Core Spatial Strategy.
- KET/2018/0724-** councillors to note that KBC planning came back with answers to questions raised (circulated electronically).

KET/2018/0924- Application the same as 0724, but for an additional barn. Councillors resolved to support this and to state they were happy to have received comprehensive replies to their queries about the other application

KET/2017/0716- Clarke's Barn, conversion of agricultural building to dwelling house- councillors to note that this application has been granted

Clerk to make all comments through the planning portal at Kettering Borough Council

Finance

18/0076 a) Payments **resolved** to be approved-

Michael Middleton-Jubilee Gardens	£80.00	Chq. 000785	Open Spaces Act 1906 s9
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b) Members **resolved** that the Clerk could receive monthly, rather than quarterly, salary payments.

c) Councillors received up to date accounts showing a balance of £21257.28, (of which 10,254 is ringfenced grants) and a draft budget in relation to these. As new members present, these were circulated in order that all councillors have time to look at the budget prior to next meeting

d) To receive and agree quotes for tree planting- discussed earlier

18/0077 **Dates for next meetings-** (TBC) Dec 5th 2018 Jan 9th 2019 Cllr Cerrone and Maxwell gave apologies

18/0078 **Future Agenda items** -To consider other projects that the Parish Council can undertake, as the Wind Farm has money still available

Signed



Parish Clerk