

Cranford Parish Council

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Draft minutes of the Meeting of Cranford Parish Council held at The Village Hall, Cranford –Wednesday 9th January 2019, at 7pm

Present Cllrs Stephen Pickard, Huw Boyt, Mo Cerrone, Gavin Maxwell, Jonathan West, Rex Moore
Clerk- Claire Tilley
KBCllr Mark Rowley
1 resident

Formalities

18/0092 **Apologies**-Resolved to approve for Cllr Julie Auld, for personal reasons

18/0093 **Declaration of Interests** –none declared

18/0094 **Minutes of last meeting**- Meeting 6th December 2018- Resolved to approve these as a correct record

Items of note

18/0095 **Public Session**- resident wondered if the council had heard anymore regarding the bridleway- Clerk to chase up with ROW.

18/0096 **Chairman's announcements**- and local representatives report

KBCllr Mark Rowley. Confirmed that the plan for Unitary authorities was going ahead. There is a cross party group organised to discuss what happens to KBC, with particular emphasis on unparished areas-eg parts of Kettering Town centre won't be parished. Cllr Pickard asked about Cranford parish boundaries in relation to this. Cllr Rowley replied that the boundaries would stay as they are at present. Will be some time before any of the new housing developments come anywhere near the boundaries KBC Budget consultation starting on the 16th- this will also be discussed at the Rural Forum. Cllr Pickard gave a vote of thanks to Cllr Rowley for his help in getting the traffic calming scheme to go ahead, as this is now come to fruition with the installation of the village gates. The only issue remaining is the water ponding near the bus stop. Apparently grip kerbs are too low and that water coming from the junction of High St and Louise Holland has been updating us. Cllr Rowley will follow this up

Update on speeding signs along Cranford. Persimmon – developing the other side of the school, are now applying for a temporary speed restriction this. The first developers have used up their 3 temporary permit allowance. Cllr Moore wished to put on record how hard the parish council have been lobbying to get this situation sorted, along with seeking assistance and from KBC and Northamptonshire County Councillor

Chairmans' announcements

- Has made contact with Kip Childs regarding roadstone aggregate for pathways. A meeting is going to be arranged with Kip, Cllr Pickard and Storefield aggregates on site to assess where it can be delivered and spread
- Will be meeting with school shortly to discuss the issues with parents inappropriate parking, hedge maintenance and path repairs outside of school. Positive initial contact with new Head.

Signed as an accurate record of decisions made

Chairman

Date

- Lots of fly tipping has been appearing along Cranford Wood Rd and Grafton Rd, which Clerk is notifying. Thanks to KBC this is being removed within a couple of days, but then it reappears. Mainly car parts. Cllr Rowley updated the council to explain that as of 3rd Feb- KBC is moving to shared refuse services with Corby. As part of this there will be free additional software on the bin trucks, so operatives can report it on their system there and then.
- Drain reports also actioned very quickly, again thanks to KBC, with good work ethics from workmen. Suggests a thankyou letter to the environmental services. Council in agreement with this- Clerk to action

18/0097 **Correspondence-** most circulated electronically-
 NCALC- budget for pocket parks. Resolved for Clerk to look into this and possibly apply for funding to improve the signage and surfacing
Budget consultation meeting- KBC 7pm 24th January
 Holocaust memorial commemoration- KBC 1.30pm Sunday 27th January

18/0098 **Northamptonshire Community Foundation-**
Ideas put forward by Councillors
 Duckboards in the coppice
 Parking and kerbing along Grafton Rd outside Village Hall.
 Footpath/Bridleway along Top Dysons along to the Grange.
 Improve Footpath/Bridleway along Cranford Landfill site- as discussed in the previous meeting.
 Hardcore for footpath along Footpath alongside Duck End, goes muddy, so pedestrians go into road. Currently used as a turning point as well for school drop offs.
 Slipton Road footpath to Glebe Farm- two badly maintained stiles- almost impassable. Replace these with kissing gates to try to bring the whole network of footpaths in the parish up to date so more accessible to all members of the community
 Another footpath along Grafton Road towards where J10A will be. Access to this is up a hill and over a stile, so deters people.
 Add some more village gates at the top of Rectory Hill, as the other entrance to the village.
 Outdoor gym.
 Book exchange

Resolved to put all these on Agenda for February for councillors to have time to think them over

18/0099 **Asset Register-** councillor discussed and approve register- Clerk to update accordingly, as it was realised that some items thought to be council assets were not.

18/00100 **On-going items-**

a) **War Commemorative ideas-** tree planting still being aired at a different location, or memorial benches with outlines of soldier-Clerk to get quotes for these.

b) **Update/reporting of maintenance needs around village-** Duck end/Thrapston Rd sign is at an angle - between new village gate and road bench across railway line. Trees need cutting back. Clerk to report to KBC

18/00101 **Finance –**
 a) Councillors resolved that the payments could be made

C.Tilley	Clerk Salary & Expenses	£ 351.68	Chq 000789	LGA 1972 s111
Community Heartbeat Trust	Replacement Pads/Electrodes for Defib	£ 42.00	Chq 000790	Public Health Act 1936 s234

b) Councillors had a lengthy discussion about the items on the budget. Decided to keep most categories at the same level as the previous year (See appendix) and endeavour to get a contract in place for village maintenance. The budget calculated at £9,100 so councillors decided to keep the precept as the previous year as there is money in the reserves.-Resolved that precept be set at £9000.
Clerk to send forms to KBC

c) Northants Highways have kindly offered to repair the signage at no cost

d) Internal Auditor checked the accounts and bank reconciliation

18/00102 **Planning-** Consultations received on the following applications

KET/2018/0636 -Hayfield Cross School- Retention of existing temporary access road- no comments required

KET/2018/0938 -5 The Green-single storey rear extension- resolved to approve this application

18/00103 **Dates for next meetings-** 13th Feb, 13th Mar, 10th Apr

18/00104 **Future Agenda items** -the nature of future agenda items can be discussed at this point, but no decision can be made until the next meeting

Signed



Parish Clerk