

# Cranford Parish Council

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**Draft minutes of the meeting of Cranford Parish Council** held at The Village Hall, Cranford –Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019, at 7pm

## Present

Cllrs Stephen Pickard, Julie Auld, Mo Cerrone, Gavin Maxwell, Rex Moore, Jonathan West  
Clerk-Claire Tilley

## Formalities

- 18/00104     **Apologies**-received and approved from Cllr Huw Boyt- prior arrangement  
KBCllr Mark Rowley sent apologies, nothing to report
- 18/00105     **Declaration of Interests** –none
- 18/00106     **Minutes of last meeting**- Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019- **Resolved to approve** the minutes as a correct record

## Items of note

- 18/00107     **Public Session**- none present, although a number had raised issues with the council prior
- **Stone removal at Duck End**- NCC consulted and informed council that it is permitted if stone used for internal farm use only
  - **Biodigester- concerns over feedstock.** KBC consulted- unit can use farm waste
  - **St Andrews Wall**- Parish Council has taken this as far as it can. Matter is now subject to broader discussion at Kettering Borough Council. Awaiting minutes of recent KBC planning meeting
- 18/00108     **Chairman's announcements**-
- Positive meeting with pro-active Acting Head of Cranford School. Items discussed were
    - a) overgrown vegetation – this has been removed by a parent volunteer
    - b) state of footpath- a small area has been repaired. School are going to write to council to get rest done. Council happy to support this
    - c) parking around school. Banner now up. School maintains dialogue with parents, possibility of school project to create a lifesize sign that can be moved around
    - d) Speeding, discussion about applying for a 20mph sign and/or flashing lights

Councillors **resolved they were happy for Cllr Pickard** to continue to help move these projects forward

- Accident outside Hayfield Cross school due to icy roads- no action can be taken. Not on gritting route. NCC decision. Noted however, that grit bins around the village were not utilised during cold spell. All residents can use these for public footways
- Vegetation removal along Tywell Road. Cllr Pickard had removed some. Other needs machinery. **Clerk to report to Street Doctor** along with two other areas.

18/00109 **Correspondence-** NCALC e-update forwarded. No comments were made

18/00110 **Northamptonshire Community Foundation-** Projects- councillors discussed at length and made the following decisions

1. Renovation of the Green- no clearing to be carried out at present
2. Duckboards in the Copse- no resolution agreed-take forward to next meeting
3. Grafton Rd parking for village hall. It was deemed inappropriate to subject a future parish council to such a large financial undertaking
4. GF5 improvements along Top Dyson- carry forward to look at costings
5. GF17- Clerk to approach Suez Recycling considering planning information stating they should reinstate the bridleway
6. Hardcore for corner of Duck End path- look into getting this done
7. GF 12 Stiles along near Glebe Farm- not to be carried out
8. Creation of footpath along Cranford Rd- no resolution agreed
9. Village entrance gates along Grafton Road- council resolved to get this installed, using own reserves. Clerk to action
10. Outdoor Gym/children's play equipment- possible project. Clerk to ask NCC about land usage.
11. Book exchange- not carried forward, due to the Village Hall having a library, and the teashop having one
12. Cranford Village Walk (residents' idea)- put as a long-term project
13. Duck End Footpath (residents' idea)- warrants further investigation

18/00111 **On-going items-** to note updates on the following and make decisions where appropriate

**a) War Commemorative ideas**

Resolved to purchase the 'soldier' memorial bench using the cheapest quote and site in the grounds of the memorial Hall-**Clerk to seek permission from Village Hall committee**

Memorial trees reconsidered. Top Dysons area contentious and may prove difficult with utilities. Estate has offered area in Cranford Park, and/or possibility of planting some at school. **Resolved that Cllr Boyt would speak to Estate and Cllr Pickard to speak to school**

**b) Update/reporting of maintenance needs around village-** survey carried out, councillors resolved to accept findings and for **Clerk to begin to action points**

**c) Pocket park funding-** councillors noted that the deadline for submissions was the 25<sup>th</sup> January. No further action to be taken

**d) Bridleway GF17-** discussed within point 18/00110

**e) Tree Damage along Cranford Road-** contractors said all damaged trees were dead already. Council disputes this and would like to open a constructive dialogue. **Clerk to write to persons concerned**

**f) Joy Beebys' contribution.** Discussed and decision made. **Cllr Pickard to action**

18/00112 **Finance –**

a) Payments to be approved- in accordance with relevant legislation

C.Tilley	Clerk Salary & Expenses	£356.75	Chq 00791	LGA 1972 s111
Community Heartbeat Trust	VAT on Replacement Pads/Electrodes for Defib	£8.40	Chq 00792	Public Health Act 1936 s234

Signed as an accurate record of decisions made

Chairman

Date

18/00113     **Planning-** None

18/00114     **Dates for next meetings** 13th March, 10<sup>th</sup> April    May- annual meeting TBD

18/00115     **Future Agenda items** - Cllr Maxwell gave apologies for March meeting, Cllr Auld for April meeting



Parish Clerk