

Cranford Parish Council

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Draft minutes of Meeting of Cranford Parish Council to be held at The Village Hall, Cranford
–Wednesday 13th March 2019, at 7pm

Present Cllrs S Pickard, H Boyt, M Cerrone, R Moore, J West Clerk-C Tilley

Formalities

18/00116 **Apologies**-received and approved from Cllr Maxwell- work commitments

18/00117 **Declaration of Interests** –none

18/00118 **Minutes of last meeting**- 13th February 2019- Council resolved to approve minutes as a correct record

18/00119 **Policy review**- Councillors reviewed the following policies- Grievance, Complaints, Disciplinary, Code of Conduct. Discussion ensued regarding Code of Conduct. Councillors to note their responsibility to ensure they are not prejudicial when engaging with members of the public via electronic means and to direct queries through the Clerk. Council resolved to continue to approve policies

Items of note

18/00120 **Public Session**- Residents had brought the following to councillors' attention

- Cranford Rd closure- not happy that have had very little info from Whitemountain the ground works contractor. Clerk had reported this to Northants Highways- will chase this up. Closure not reported at last Kettering East meeting.
- Complaint about church clock not keeping time and bells ringing incorrectly, Cllr West has liaised with Church conservation trust to organise the next service and stopped it in the meantime.
- Query still about St Andrews Wall. KBC planning said they are still awaiting an assessment

18/00121 **Chairman's announcements**- (for information)

- **Joy Beeby**- would like a tree planted to commemorate her time serving on the council
- **Village Hall Committee** -would like the council to act as a reference for them making a further grant application for further improvements/repairs. Councillors in approval
- **Cheque received from CPRE via Brian Keech for last years' spring clean.** To fund the memorial trees with a caveat
- Duck End fingerpost placed upright
- **KBC Extraordinary meeting**- Parishing of Kettering town and boundaries between Cranford and new estate will go out to consultation soon. Proposition that boundary will run along by Alledge Brook following line up to Grafton Underwood with Kettering East potentially becoming part of Barton Seagrave.
- **Request sent to Kettering East Liaison** about additional road sweeping- and signage to new houses possibly directing construction traffic. No response from them -**Clerk to chase**

18/00122 **Correspondence-** Mayors Charity event- Sunday 5th May, Clerk & Councillors Direct

18/00123 **On-going items-** to note updates on the following and make decisions where appropriate

a) War Commemorative ideas

memorial bench siting- permission has been granted by the Village Hall committee . Cllr Boyt to confirm the fixings with Village Hall prior to ordering. Cllr Moore could get a sign produced free of charge with names on.

Tree planting- Current Head of Cranford school agrees that planting ornamental cherry trees at front of school would be good idea- again planting in November to mark Armistice. Cllr Boyt spoke to Estate, they are happy just waiting for council to get back to them with our specification. Resolved to install 6-8 Beech trees, as a continuation of the tree line.

b) Play area along Church Lane-probably not going to get permission from NCC, councillors to think of alternative sites

c) Duckboards in copse- putting on hold for the time being

d) Bridleway GF17- meeting arranged with Sita site manager to see what works they are going to do

e) Tree Damage along Cranford Road- Cllr Pickard met with landowner who is happy to replant 15 Lime saplings/tree guards and posts in the Autumn. Council happy with this and will confirm in writing

f) Additional Village gate along Grafton Rd-Highways very busy and are still at the design stage

18/00124 **Finance –**

a) Councillors received up to date accounts statement showing a balance of £11,742.

Discussion over amount left, partly due to many jobs being carried out gratis by residents. Some monies are allocated to be spent. Due to overpayment of aggregate there will also be money left ringfenced in account

b) Resolved to approve the following Payments in accordance with relevant legislation

C.Tilley	Clerk Salary & Expenses	£351.68	Chq	LGA 1972 s111
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c) Internal controller checked and agreed accounts and bank reconciliation

18/00125 **Planning-** KET/2019/0073- 16 Duck End, Erection of garden room, removal of boundary wall and erection of timber fence. Resolved that no comments required

18/00126 **Dates for next meetings -** 10th April May- 8th Annual Meeting resolved to hold the Annual meeting of the Parish at the same time

18/00127 **Future Agenda items -**approval of purchase for surfacing Duck End

Meeting closed 8.40pm

Signed as an accurate record of decisions made

Chairman

Date