

# Annual Meeting of the Parish of Cranford

Cranford Memorial Hall- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 7pm

## Present

Parish Cllrs Stephen Pickard, Mo Cerrone, Rex Moore, Gavin Maxwell, Huw Boyt NKBCllr. Mark Rowley  
Parish Clerk- Claire Tilley

## Reports



### **Cranford Parish Council**

The Chairman's Annual report of the Parish Council had been delivered to all residents. Points of note were that many maintenance issues were being carried out by residents and councillors. Five kissing gates had been installed along the footpath between Dusk End and Twywell Hills & Dales. Remedial works should be carried out shortly on the High Street with regards to the surface water.

The council hopes to plant some trees at the Primary school and will be installing a memorial bench in the Village Hall grounds. Due to Local Government reorganisation, the current Parish Council will serve another year, and is hopeful that there will be contested elections in 2020. We hope that fresh faces will come forward to serve on the new council.



**Village Hall-** George Potter sent apologies he could not attend, plus a report. This states that the Poores' Land Fund money is still held pending development plans. A recent grant helped with more repairs, they are still waiting for a pre-planning application visit by KBC to firm up next developments. Bookings are healthy, and charges have had to increase to cover utility costs. Huw Boyt added that the toilets would be moved, and disabled access would be included in the new plans.

George is also working voluntarily to refurbish the Parish Council notice boards, for which the Council are very grateful.

## **Kettering** *Borough Council*

**KBCllr Mark Rowley** – Was limited in his report, due to Purdah for European elections. He was happy the traffic calming has been completed, and that works are due to remedy the carriage surface. He was involved in gaining pedestrian/cycle access during the road closure along Cranford Rd, with a banksman monitoring this



**St Johns Church.** Brian Keech was unavailable, so Stephen Pickard spoke on his behalf. Since Daniel Foots' retirement there has been no Rector for the benefice. The four Parishes are putting forward a proposal and requirements for the new incumbent, but this is still some way off. Services are being maintained by a network of parishioners. St. Johns has a major roof lead theft, so much was stolen that this then caused weather damage to the south area



**Cranford School.** The Acting Head, Richard Albert, sent apologies and a report. He has been working and productively closely with Cllr Pickard and this has led to the school frontage being improved, with the help of Julie Auld. He continues to advise parents about inappropriate parking. He has made a lottery bid for outdoor play equipment. Yrs 2 and 6 will be shortly sitting SATS. May events have occurred at the school and he is keen for community involvement. The school newsletter is available on their website

Meeting closed at 7.20pm