



**Draft Minutes of the Meeting of Cranford Parish Council** held at The Village Hall, Cranford – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2019, at 7pm

**Present**

Cllr S.Pickard (Chair) H Boyt, M Cerrone, G Maxwell  
Claire Tilley-Clerk KBCllr M Rowley Resident

- 19/0070 **Apologies**-Received and approved from Cllr Moore and Cllr West
- 19/0071 **Declaration of Interests – None**
- 19/0072 **Minutes of last meeting**- 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019- **Resolved to approve** the minutes as a correct record
- 19/0073 **Public Session-**  
Resident spoke to the council regarding designing a war memorial plaque to go alongside the bench to commemorate the 75yr anniversary of D-Day. Eight soldiers to be remembered. Discussion ensued as to what to write on it. Should be able to get design/costings by January meeting.  
**Street lighting**- High Level path-Grafton Rd -one at top and middle out, bottom on full time. **Clerk to report to KBC**  
**Traffic calming**- residents concerned- two cars in gap at same time- confusing people. Road marking may be misleading. **Clerk to ask Highways** about alteration of road markings.
- 19/0074 **Future vision of the Parish Council**- Working party gave a report and presentation which had been circulated. -looking at a meeting in January with all organisations to sort a village plan, as to what can and can't be achieved and by whom. **Working party to prioritise**
- 19/0075 **Parish Council vacancy**- unfortunately no-one attended. Defer to January meeting
- 19/0076 **Chairman's announcements**- Cllr Pickard had surveyed trees along Grafton Rd trees and Cranford Rd. Some replacements needed where originals haven't thrived. 12 Limes in total to be replanted. Remaining need stakes and larger guards for continued protection. Councillors resolved to purchase the protection and trees from maintenance budget. The planting is time critical, so councillors **resolved to agree costing up to £300** via email  
Elections of new council in May 2020- Unitary changes are on hold due to parliament closure. Suggested that Chairman Annual Report is published earlier to enable publicity  
Plea to all councillors to report fly tipping, pot holes and drains.
- 19/0077 **Local Councillors report**- Cllr Rowley- limited in what he could say due to purdah- will forward KBC grass cutting schedule. Kettering light switch on was successful.
- 19/0078 **Clerks Annual Review**- Cllr Boyt agreed to perform this and will organise a time with Clerk

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## 19/0079 Clerks report and correspondence (for information)

- a) Defib on High Street had been deployed but not used- Checked all fine.
- b) Footpath along Cranford Rd- first report to Street Doctor was closed, with no outcome, Clerk put in a repeat request. SD now replies to state that surface is not deemed poor enough yet to warrant repairs- for paths the standards are that only a trip hazard of 20mm or more will be considered for repair
- c) Street Lights out along Cranford Rd- report made to Street Doctor
- d) More Fly-tipping occurrences- any-one can report this to KBC

## 19/0080 On-going items- updates to note and make decisions where necessary

- a) Bus service- service-266. Checked with Diamond, they will pick up at every stop along Cranford Rd on route to Kettering
- b) Grafton Rd village gates- quote received to discuss-£50 quote to cover the 's'- or around £600 to replace signs. Resolved to leave it as is.
- c) High St remedial works- all payments received by NCC, now scheduled for early January.
- d) Memorial bench- plaque discussed under public session
- e) Duck End footpath- to defer till January to gain better understanding of support/objections.

## 19/0081 Accounts- members received a monthly account of financial situation showing a balance of £8302.96

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

C Tilley	Salary & Expenses	£359.35	S/O	LGA 1972 s112
Avid Cleaning	Signage cleaning	£65.00	Chq 000820	Highways Act 1980
Northants County Council	Admin error- balance of drainage works	£400	Chq 000821	Highways Act 1980

- b) Budget was discussed, most budget classes remain year on year, with some new community engagement funds. Total budgeted amount £9813
- c) Councillors discussed precept in relation to budget, reserves and legacy for new council in May 2020. **Resolved to set Precept request amount for 2020-2021 at £9800.** Clerk to send forms to KBC.

## 19/0082 Planning decisions to be noted-

**KET/2019/0659 & 0660** Retrospective application/Listed building consent for chimney at 6 St. Andrews Lane- Cranford estates. Builders report now in- decision date 27-11-now changed to 13-2-2020. **Councillors resolved to make objection comment to KBC**

**KET/2019/0592-** Retrospective application for removal of bund and construction of two new at AD plant, Home Farm-decision date 10-12 **Councillors resolved to make objection comment to KBC**

**KET/2019/0647-** Grafton Rd- temporary accommodation- Permission granted

**KET/2019/0687-** Stone Barn, Cranford Rd- Class Q- Permission refused

## 19/0083 Items for next meeting- next meeting January 30<sup>th</sup> 2020