



**Draft minutes of the Meeting of Cranford Parish Council** held at The Village Hall, Cranford –Thursday  
27<sup>th</sup> February 2020,

### **Present**

Cllr G Maxwell (Stand in Chair) , R Moore, J West. S Pickard  
Clerk C. Tilley 2 residents

### **Formalities**

- 19/0099      **Apologies**-Cllr M Cerrone, Cllr S Pickard (arriving late)
- 19/00100     **Declaration of Interests** –Cllr Moore declared a family interest in plaque manufacture
- 19/00101     **Minutes of last meeting**- 30<sup>th</sup> January 2020- Resolved to approve the minutes as a correct  
record

### **Items of note**

- 19/00102     **Public Session-**  
Resident voiced concerns regarding the length of Cranford Road  
-Inadequate 30mph signs along Cranford Road, with related speeding. Clerk to write to KBC and Northants Highways for updates on this situation  
-Poor state of the footpath-Clerk has reported this on numerous occasions to Street Doctor, to be told it is still not at poor enough levels.  
-Street lights out- Clerk is in frequent contact with KBC about these and will chase again  
-State of Thrapston Rd on way to J10. Again, this has been reported numerous times to Street Doctor- and told the holes are not deemed poor enough to repair yet. Residents are encouraged to make their own reports to [www.fixmystreet.northants.gov.uk](http://www.fixmystreet.northants.gov.uk) as well  
Also Complimented Persimmon developers on clearing vegetation path near new houses along Cranford  
Other resident put forward the idea about an email circulation list for village events/road closure that they had seen working successfully in another village-Councillors discussed issues around GDPR but were generally positive about it- Resident will find out some more info from the other village.
- 19/00103     **Internal Control**- Cllr Maxwell reported everything was correct.
- 19/00104     **Future vision of the Parish Council- various points were discussed.** Need to be just a draft as there were concerns over handing over a mandate to a new council. Redraft and try to move forward with presenting ideas at the Annual Meeting of the Parish. Date TBC Cllr Maxwell is investigating the Village Vision input as the basis for a Cranford Neighbourhood plan
- 19/00105     **Current Parish Council vacancy**- no-one attended. Election materials and publicity discussed.
- 19/00106     **Chairman's announcements-**  
Poor Law Monies was donated to Village Hall but has not been utilised as yet. Need to decide the best use for it. Clerk to write to VH committee requesting a status update.

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Report from Kettering East Liaison meeting- attended. Health provision discussed- none planned as yet, reasons given that would struggle to attract staff. Developers want to get road provision in before envisaging any further development. By 2025, 1000 homes. Bringing forward tree planting, to offset mature trees being lost. Parish Council agree there should be medical provision

19/00107 **Local Councillors report-** none

19/00108 **Clerks Annual Review-**objectives that require council approval

- a) Agreed to reordering Agenda items to ensure Statuary obligations are dealt with and Financial Regs adhered to. Clerk to action as soon as.
- b) Agreed to separate the Annual meeting of the Parish (Village) from the Annual Parish Council Meeting
- c) Encourage and develop greater participation of councillors in contribution to Agenda setting

19/00109 **Clerks report and correspondence** (for information)

KBC Review of Polling Districts completed

Attending training on Elections on 3<sup>rd</sup> March

Website accessibility training- involved process to get website up to requires standards. Clerk will do what she can, but advised council that further training/outside provision may be required.

Future Northants Program- email circulated- hour long tours 28<sup>th</sup> Feb, 4<sup>th</sup> Mar Angel Square Responded to request from NCCllrV Perry for any points to bring up with Highways Portfolio holder- listed Cranford Rd Footpath, Thrapston Rd potholes, and Grafton Road verge/parking

19/00110 **On-going items- updates to note and make decisions where necessary**

- a) Decided to defer decision about new trees, but to continue with purchase /stakes/guards as per previous minutes resolution up to a cost of £300
- b) Dog waste bin relocation- at High Level path needs relocating to bottom of high-level path. Too near bench – emptying difficult. Clerk to contact KBC environmental services
- c) Memorial bench- plaque wording agreed (resident to clarify a couple of dates), then should be ordered. -agreed Price of £377.28
- d) Duck End footpath program and timetable- decide to raise subject at Annual Parish Meeting to garner residents support
- e) Decide whether to seek quotes for vegetation management for coming year- defer to next meeting
- f) Remedial work of Copse Board Walk- contractors contacted who made a number of suggestions. Clerk to request quote to extend it above water line
- g) Location for ex Cllr Beebys' tree-defer to next meeting
- h) St Andrews Church Clock- now stopped completely after going too fast after service. Cllr West has investigated, will need clock menders to come out again. Since repair over Christmas, pendulum stops by itself, and even restarting this, it stops again after a few days.
- i) High St Remedial works-delayed due to road works on Barton Rd- not finishing till 31<sup>st</sup> March, so wont be until at least April

## Finance

19/00111 **Accounts-** members received a monthly account of financial situation and bank reconciliation showing a balance of £8576.95



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

C Tilley	Salary	£359.35	S/O	LGA 1972 s112
C. Tilley	Reimburse SLCC training fee & Working from home expenses	£173.54	Chq 000822	LGA 1972 s112

19/00112 **Planning applications received to make comments on -**

**KET/2020/0058** 2 Cranford Rd, single storey rear extension- **no objections**

**Decisions to be noted**

**KET/2019/0660 &0659** -Replacement of chimney at 6 St. Andrews Lane-**Approved**

19/00113 **Items for next meeting-** None other than those deferred above  
Next meeting March 26<sup>th</sup>