



Draft minutes of the virtual closed 'ZOOM' meeting held on Thursday 9th April 2020 at 7pm,

Present

Cllrs S Pickard (Chair), Rex Moore, Jonathon West, Gavin Maxwell

Clerk- C.Tilley

Invited residents- Alison

Formalities

19/00114 **Apologies-** Mo will try to attend

19/00115 **Declaration of Interests** – none

19/00116 **Minutes of last meeting-** 27th February 2020- Resolved to approve the minutes as a correct record and will be signed once meetings in person recommence.

Items of note

19/00117 **Current Parish Council vacancy-** Council resolved to co-opt Alison. Stephen proposed, rex seconded- all in favour. Acceptance of Office and Declaration of Interests will be sent in post

19/00118 **Public Session** -through The Chair- Concerned about Earth moving activity at Home Farm. This may be due to the barn development – Clerk to check planning application

19/00119 **Covid-19** – to note that village organisations such as the VH committee, residents and the Red Lion have put processes in place to assist residents. Facebook page is proving useful as well. Clerk is now an administrator of this as well. Discussion ensued about developing resilience and a cohesive approach. It was decided to invite the scheme organisers to an informal working group meeting next week to keep things moving quickly

Resident- Rachel Davies has set up an email circulation list that is an avenue for information to be relayed,

Members of the VH committee have set up a buddy system

Red Lion- providing a food delivery service.

Options discussed were the-

Use of s137 monies or applying to Northamptonshire Community Foundation for Covid-19 funding. There are logistical issues, in relation to what grants can be used for. Clerk to ask NCALC for good exemplars of other PCs that Cranford could use to feed back next week. Need to establish proper need to be able to submit a competitive grant application

19/00120 **NCALC-** to note the dedicated website for Covid-19 and receive any updates as to legal provisions for meetings and Audits

<http://www.northantscalc.com/coronavirus>

19/00121 **Elections-** Noted that the May 2020 Elections have been postponed for one year, it was unclear whether all councillors are able to continue standing for one more year.

19/00122 **Chairman's announcements-** (for information)

Message had been received regarding necessary tree works needing to be done along Duck End- Those removed will be replaced with Oak, Hazel and Birch

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Finance

19/00123 **Accounts-** members approved the monthly account of financial situation and bank reconciliation showing a balance of £7684.71

- a) Resolved to sign post-dated cheques for Clerk Salary for April/May to limit travel to signatories' houses for signing.
- b) Payments resolved to be approved- in accordance with relevant legislation

C Tilley	Salary -March	£359.35	S/O 10-4 Last one set up for this year	LGA 1972 s112
C Tilley	Salary/Expenses- April	£386.57	Chq 000823	LGA 1972 s112
C Tilley	Salary- May	£376.60	Chq 000824	LGA 1972 s112
Community Heartbeat Trust	Defib replacement pads	£104.40	Chq 000825	Public Health Act 1936
Poppy Print	Annual Reports	£125.00	Chq 000826	LGA 1972 s111
NCALC	Election training (half)	£22.00	Chq 000827	LGA 1972 s112
NCALC	Annual Membership/Audit	£479.51	Chq 000828	LGA 1972 s143

- c) Members received and noted budget monitoring document, showing all spending either on or under budget

19/00124 **Planning applications received to make comments on -**

KET/2020/0206 Agricultural building, Kettering Road, Cranford- conversion to 1 dwelling
No comments

KET/2020/0110 30 High St, Dormer Window to the rear- this will be the same as the neighbours house-no objections

KET/2020/0202 Hayfield Crescent- reserved matters for road access to school and new estate-no comments

Decisions to be noted

KET/2019/0915 Hayfield Crescent- electricity sub-station -Approved

19/00125 **Community Matters**

- a) Diamond Coaches are withdrawing the bus service. Councillors realise this is an essential service and will write again to relevant organisations-cc in nearby villages that use them. Any resident wishing to comment should write initially to John Ellerby, Principal Bus & Rail development Officer- Northants Highways JEllerby@kierwsp.co.uk
- b) To note quote of £1296.81 ex VAT for remedial works at boardwalk in Copse. Resolved to go with this in principle, but to defer at present in case funds are needed elsewhere.
- c) To note correspondence received from Highways regarding the speed limit along Cranford Rd- 40mph signs are being put up near new build
- c) Plaque- happy to place it on the left of the bench at the Village Hall- Clerk will confirm to VH committee, and make order. Installation may be delayed due to circumstances
- d) Roadworks due to start on the 15th April 9.30-3.30 Road closure 2 days to repair gully
- e) Street lights seem to be fixed along Cranford Rd

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g) Still waiting for response from VH Chairman regarding Poores Law monies.- Defer to next meeting

19/00126 **Scheme of Delegation to Clerk-** council reviewed and readopted this considering the current situation and discussed Clerks scope of work. Clerk to draw up a fresh list of passwords and brief overview of all tasks and to look to store documents in the Cloud so accessible when needed

19/00127 **Cranford Vision** – Cllr Maxwell has looked into how to use this to move forward towards a Neighbourhood Plan- decided it would be good to keep this moving forward.

19/00128 **Date of next meeting-** 30th April