

# Cranford Parish Council

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**Draft minutes of the Virtual Meeting of Cranford Parish Council** held via Zoom on Thursday –27<sup>th</sup> August 2020 at 7pm

## **Present**

Cllrs S Pickard, R Moore, J West Clerk- C Tilley

20/030 **Apologies**-received and accepted from Cllrs G Maxwell, M Cerrone, A Gorton

20/031 **Declaration of Interests** –none

20/032 **Minutes of last virtual meeting**- 30<sup>th</sup> July 2020- Resolved to approve the minutes as a correct record

20/033 **Public Session**- none present, although an enquiry had been made regarding an allotment strip in St. Andrews Lane. Clerk reported that this was on private land, not an official allotment site.

20/034 **Local Councillors report** -none received

20/035 **Governance**- Cllr G Maxwell (Vice-Chair and financial signatory) had sent his resignation in just prior to the meeting. This vacancy will go through due process of the call for an election. The existing Casual Vacancy will be advertised widely- Clerk to action

20/036 **Village Vision**- the Clerk had circulated a draft including residents' suggestions. Councillors happy for Clerk to start populating document with finer details and await input from the Village Hall committee as well.

## 20/037 **Finance**-

- a) Councillors received and approved the bank reconciliation and accounts showing a balance of £11,952.23
- b) Payments resolved to be approved. Clerk to countersign cheques on this occasion due to late notice of Cllr Maxwell resignation. A second signatory will be required prior to any further cheque signing.
- c) To note that VAT reclaim was rejected as under £100. Clerk has resubmitted with additional invoices
- d) Quarterly budget review document was considered and discussed. All categories on budget, and expenditure from reserves duly noted
- e) Council resolved to change bank provider in order to have on-line banking facilities. The Clerk proposed moving to Unity Trust bank, who specialise in Parish Council banking. This process can only be started once a second financial signatory established.

C. Tilley	Clerk Salary & expenses	£376.60	Chq 000840	LGA 1972 s112
ICO	Annual Data Protection Fee	£40	Chq 000841	Data Protection Act 2018
Michael Middleton	Vegetation management	£80	Chq 000842	Highways Act 1980
NCALC	Councillor training	£44	Chq 000843	LGA 1972 s111

20/038 **Planning-**

- a) Councillors noted that the Site Specific Local Plan Pt 2- Examination into the soundness and legal compliance of the Plan will occur in October- website [https://www.kettering.gov.uk/info/20058/planning\\_strategies\\_and\\_policies/12416/site\\_specific\\_part\\_2\\_local\\_plan\\_examination](https://www.kettering.gov.uk/info/20058/planning_strategies_and_policies/12416/site_specific_part_2_local_plan_examination)
- b) **KET/2020/0287** -To note Planning granted at Leeks Farm, High St for two dwellings  
**KET/2020/0428**- Notice of determination given that prior approval not required for an agricultural building at Home Farm, Duck End
- c) **KET/2020/0570**- 6 High St- replace PVC windows with Georgian inserts (Received after production of Agenda, but circulated three clear days prior). Councillors discussed and resolved to make comment that the preference would be for more traditional materials. Clerk to action.

20/039 **Community on-going matters**

- a) North Park permissive Path. Cllr Pickard reported that this is still to be done, surface to be scraped back and new aggregate laid by tenant by mid-September.
- b) St Andrews Clock- Cllr West reported that the Cumbrian Clock company had arranged a last-minute appointment, meaning he was unable to attend it. This will be rescheduled at a convenient time.
- c) Speed limit along Cranford Road. Cllr Moore stressed how frustrating this issue continues to be. Cars going down at very high speed. Although speed monitoring equipment was utilised, there have been no further reports. Clerk to chase Northants Highways and write to Cllr Rowley for his advice and support.
- d) Work scheduled on Duck Boards in Copse for 21<sup>st</sup> September.

20/040 **Chairman's announcements-**

Cllr Pickard reported that Kip Childs has one more load of aggregate to bring to Duck End footpath to spread around kissing gates.  
Suez Landfill site- Restoration delayed until 2021-2025 due to Covid situation. There will be no more landfill at Cranford though

20/041 **Clerks report/correspondence**

- a) Northants County Council sent updated information regarding current Covid-19 situation. Information to be disseminated via website, email group, noticeboards and Facebook
- b) Electoral Register- The annual canvass of households for the Register of Electors is in progress with some reforms
- c) Favourable response from residents regarding summer 2020 play scheme. Clerk to reply to Fitness company

20/042 **Items for next meeting or for general interest-** co-option of new councillors- decision on signatories.

Date of next meeting- Thursday September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020 (virtual)