

Cranford Parish Council

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Minutes of the **Virtual Meeting of Cranford Parish Council** to be held via Zoom on Thursday 25th February 2021 at 7pm.

Present

Cllrs S Pickard (Chair), T Martin, M Cerrone, R Moore, A Gorton, S Holford 3 residents & Clerk C Tilley

20/078 **Apologies**-received and approved from Cllr West

20/079 **Declaration of Interests** –none declared

20/080 **Minutes of last virtual meeting**- 28th January 2021- Subject to the removal of two sentences at 20/074(b) giving unsubstantiated information between ‘Historic problem’ and ‘Councillors feel...’ the minutes were confirmed as a correct record.

20/081 **Public Session**- Residents spoke on the following issues

- a) Construction of a bike/skate ramp in Rectory Spinney - group of people coming in every weekend to work on it- does it have permission, concerned over safety, possible implications. Resident advised to contact the landowner.
- b) Other two residents concerned over the proposed Duck End footpath extension- had not been informed. Advised them to contact Northants Highways
- c) Forwarded to councillors- Land off A510- resident concerned over quarrying, track construction, and tree felling- advice had been given on whom to contact
- d) Letter from resident about amount of litter on approach to village-. There would normally be a litter pick, which has been postponed due to current restrictions. Parish Council cannot advocate residents litter picking along a road with no footpath though.

20/082 **Governance**-

- a) Elections May- 2021- Discussed promoting candidacy for the forthcoming elections- circulate again to email list, Facebook, website and put posters in Notice Boards.
- b) Discussed and resolved to adopt of a Grants Awarding Policy to ensure correct use of S137 monies

20/083 **Welcome Pack**- update from Cllr Moore/Clerk. Residents have sent in lots of photographs for possible inclusion. Cllr Moores’ relative is going to compile a draft hard copy of complete pack for inspection by councillors. Hope to receive information from the Church and Village Hall for inclusion.

20/084 **Finance**-

- a) Received and approved a monthly account of financial situation showing a cash book balance of £7473.55
- b) Discussed the budget monitoring statement – All satisfactory. Of the 9,800 budget, £6730 has been spent up to the end of January. Leaving £3070 in budget allocation and £4403 in reserves. All happy with this situation.
- c) Resolved to approve the following payments from Unity Trust Bank

C. Tilley	Clerk Salary & expenses Feb	£376.60	BACS	LGA 1972 s112
C. Tilley	Backdated Zoom payments	£28.78* should be £14.38	BACS	Coronavirus Act 2020

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20/085 **Planning-**

NK/2021/0019 30 Duck End. First floor rear extension above an existing porch. Discussed and resolved to support application as footprint is not being altered and the street scene view will not be changed

To note permission granted on
KET/2020/0655 Single storey rear extension 1 Battle Close
KET/2020/0761 Replacement rear porch 16 Duck End
KET/2020/0860 Alterations to rear outbuilding 12 Duck End

20/086 **Community on-going matters**

- a) Update on VAS signs- survey was carried out to identify possible sites. Sec 50 license and maps will be circulated to council-to discuss these and to finalise the type of VAS signs at next meeting
- b) To note proposal for Northants Highways to install footpath on corner of Duck End-discussed in public session. Consultation period has ended. Mixed responses from residents
- c) To reconsider signage on the elevated footpath along Grafton Rd, in light of continued resident comments regards cycling on it. Highway Code rules differ dependent on who owns footpath. Discussed that any signage could not be enforced by the Parish Council.

20/087 **Chairman's announcements-**

- a) propose the council look to improve footpath GF12, with the installation of 3 kissing gates Resolved to move this forward. Three stiles need replacing. Clerk to survey and initially speak to Rights of Way Officer
- b) Spoke to resident of Keepers Cottage- will deal with matter themselves
- c) Acknowledgment from AD plant that there was a mechanical fault, which had been rectified.
- d) 4 The Green- fencing has been altered- Clerk to check with KBC that correct process was followed
- e) Congratulations to a village resident who turns 100 shortly.

20/088 **Clerks report/correspondence** (for information- or action if required)

- a) Clerk requests that councillors consider having a dedicated mobile phone for the council- was asked to bring quote to next meeting.
- b) Request from North Northants Community First Responders for a donation- Clerk to circulate details this to councillors and send the NNCFR a copy of the new Grants Policy and application form
- c) Letter from the Police advising against doorstep leafleting and canvassing for the election

20/089 **Items for next meeting or for general interest-**

Proposal of another footpath between Top Dysons and The Grange.

Close of meeting 9pm. Date of next virtual meeting-25th March 2021 7.00pm