

Cranford Parish Council

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Minutes of the **Virtual Meeting of Cranford Parish Council** held via Zoom - Thursday 28th January 2021 at 7pm

Present Cllr S Pickard (Chair), M Cerrone, A Gorton, S Holford, R Moore, J West

KBCllr M Rowley (left early) Clerk- C Tilley 2 residents

20/066 **Apologies**- no absence

20/067 **Declaration of Interests** –None

20/068 **Minutes of last virtual meeting**- 26th November 2020- Resolved to approve the minutes as a correct record. Chairman to sign

20/069 **Public Session**- None present made comment- but items had been forwarded to Clerk or councillor

- A local female resident from Rectory Hill, has once again cleared out the drains in Grafton Road. The Parish Council wish to recognise this kind work and ask people to be careful if working on the Highway
- Grit bin- Church Lane nearly empty- Clerk to order
- Increased dog fouling- signs could do with moving around- residents can report incidents to Environmental services at KBC. Clerk to ask for more notices from warden
- Bridge at Duck End- wall adjacent to sewage pumping station is damaged and leaning into the stream
- Bridge over the Cranford/Alledge Brook at Duck End St. Andrews- coping stones need to be repaired

20/070 **Governance**-

- Council vacancy- Resident Trudy Martin had expressed an interest in becoming a councillor and her information had been circulated to the council. It was unanimously agreed to co-opt her onto the council. Clerk will forward the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and the Declaration of Interests to be completed.
- Internal Control- Cllr Gorton performed this virtually prior to meeting, all in order except that Chairman/signatories need to sign minutes and invoices as soon as possible
- Elections May- 2021- to note that if the elections go ahead, the deadline for candidate's nomination papers to be delivered to principal authority is April 8th. Annual Meeting of the Parish Council to be the 20th May 2021. Cllr Rowley had heard directly from the Prime Minister that the elections are to go ahead, subject to medical advice, with possibly a short canvassing period. Not much else going on at KBC, as all getting ready for move to North Northants Council on 1st April

20/071 **Welcome Pack**- update from the Clerk and Cllr Moore. Change of plan from delivering to all residents, and to only send out to newcomers. If designed and held electronically it can be updated and printed out when necessary. Keep history of Cranford in there/church etc- but many other details may change. Clerk to ask residents via FB and community news for photographs to go on cover.

20/072 **Finance**-

- a) Received and approved the bank reconciliation and monthly account of financial situation, showing a balance of £8757.79

- b) To note that Unity Trust bank account now open, and monies have been transferred from NatWest Bank account. Cllr Pickard to register in order to authorise payments
- c) Resolved to approve the following payments from Unity Trust

C. Tilley	Clerk Salary & expenses Dec/Jan	£753.20	BACS	LGA 1972 s112
C.Tilley	Annual use of home allowance/stationery	£326.24	BACS	LGA 1972 s112
Lexis Nexis	Council Administration Book	£60.00	BACS	LGA 1972 s111
NCALC	Cllr Gorton Training session	£44.00	BACS	LGA 1972 s111
Community Heartbeat Trust	Replacement Defib pads	£100.80	BACS	Public Health 1936

20/073 **Planning-** to discuss and comment where necessary

KET/2020/0860 12 Duck End- Alterations to rear outbuilding to create downstairs bathroom

KET/2020/0882 12 Duck End- LBC- Resolved to support both applications

Permission granted on

KET/2020/0724 Mill Barn-single storey extension- permission granted

KET/2020/0802 & LBC 36 Duck End-permission granted

KET/2020/0655 1 Battle Close- going to virtual Planning committee 2-2-2021 6pm

20/074 **Community on-going matters**

- a) AD Plant Noise management- Correspondence between Chairman and the Estate had been circulated to all councillors. Positive outcome- to reduce noise the 'mixer' will only operate on weekday mornings between 8.30am to 10.30am and further soundproofing will be investigated and carried out when ground conditions are more suitable for any necessary works in Spring 2021.
- b) Flooding over Christmas at Keepers Cottage-Stanbridge Hill in Duck End. Historic problem. Natural stream goes underneath driveway in a small pipe that was put in by a previous owner. A divert channel had been put underneath road to take water into quarry. Councillors feel that Parish Council cannot get involved as it is a complex situation.
- c) Curtilage of St Andrews Lane Wall- Site Specific Plan is currently under examination by a Planning Inspector for the Secretary of State.
- d) Church Lane Wall- to note a section of this has collapsed, KBC have confirmed that it was safe, and Cranford Estate are exploring options for rebuilding.
- e) Resident has asked about 'no cycling' sign to be installed at High Level path, for safety reasons. This will be monitored to see if problem persists before deciding
- f) Staveley/Packs Yard, Thrapston Rd- New occupants are Wrights of Twycross update- recycling liquid effluent company/drain cleaning, work as a contractor for Anglian Water. None of this will occur on site- just using it as a truck pound under existing license. New security fencing installed and looking to improve the yard. Clerk to write to request routing of vehicles out of village and direction of security lighting which affects local houses.
- g) Church clock has been running to time for the last 4 weeks

20/075 **Chairman's announcements- (for information)-**

- request for minutes to be sent out on Cranford Community news email
- In light of current restrictions- suggestion of sending Annual Report electronically this year- and put a note on Notice Boards on how to access it, paper copies will be available from the Clerk.
- Kettering East- Speed restrictions raised again. Hanwood Park have a new community engagement PR company –they could be approached after the TRO has been agreed. Dog leg junction discussed as dangerous- cars seen going on the wrong side of the road. Clerk to report to Street Doctor- sign broken, bollards moved. School loan now paid off and is on Mains electricity. Housing completions moving on. J10a finance being explored to allow transition to full 5500 houses development

20/076 **Clerks report/correspondence** (for information- or action if required)

- a) Works are needed on website to improve accessibility- Clerk will try to do this.
- b) Supporting Independence program- run by NCC Public Health- offering a 12 week telephone service with a Well-Being Advisor
<https://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/health/pages/supporting-independence.aspx>
- c) A TRO is being applied for to authorise the 40mph between No2 and No 56 Cranford Road. Going to public consultation after the 12th February.
- d) Clerk had a site meeting with Steve Barber, to discuss possible siting of vehicle activated speed signs. Awaiting report from him before making further decisions

20/077 **Items for next meeting or for general interest-** Powercut closed meeting prematurely at this point.

Date of next virtual meeting-25th February 2021