



Cranford Parish Council

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

Present: Cllr S Pickard, M Cerrone, A Gorton, S Holford, T Martin, R Moore, J West Clerk C.Tilley

20/090 **Apologies**-none

20/091 **Declaration of Interests** –none

20/092 **Minutes of last virtual meeting**- 25th February 2021- Resolved to approve as a correct record

20/093 **Public Session**- none present

Through Councillors- Query over planning application to be discussed later. NK/2021/0108. Originally No.44 was to be demolished, but has recently been renovated. Cranford Road has had service ducts and path damaged. Clerk to report to Street Doctor and Hanwood Park Liaison officer. Also query sales signs from J 11 repeated in village for Bertone estate- directing vehicles wrong way- should be from J 10. Lorries stopped running for now.

20/094 **Governance**-

- a) Elections May- 2021- discussed election process, dates noted. One councillor remaining, three others undecided- more candidates needed. Clerk offered assistance in completing forms.
- b) Councillors had reviewed Practitioners Guide and approved Internal Control policy in relation to the Annual Governance Statement

20/095 **Welcome Pack**- update from Cllr Moore – First draft of front cover had been circulated. Agreed to produce it on A5. Waiting on content from others. Possibly re-draw circular route map. Include info on conservation area/status for residents with regards to property alterations.

20/096 **Finance**-

- a) Received and approved a monthly account of financial situation and bank reconciliation showing a balance of £7082.57
- b) Approved a grant request of £250 from Northants Community First Responders
- c) Approved purchase of a smartphone/top up for council use £44.99 and to remove Clerk £4.99 monthly allowance for phone use. Estimated annual usage £20 top ups
- d) Discussed additional signatories for the bank account – Cllr A Gorton has volunteered
- e) Approved the following payments

C. Tilley	Clerk Salary & expenses Mar	£376.60	BACS	LGA 1972 s112
NCFR	Grant	£250	BACS	LGA 1972 s137

20/097 **Planning**- All discussed

NK/2021/0177-Windmill Solar Farm s73 variation of condition in respect of decommissioning-no comment

NK/2021/0146- Latimer Solar Park s73 variation of condition in respect of decommissioning-no comment

NK/2021/0143-Wold Lodge s73 variation of condition in respect of decommissioning-no comment

NK/2021/0108 Approval of reserved matter 62 dwellings land to rear 30-50 Cranford Rd-discussed- no comments. Clerk to seek clarification from KBC regarding which house is to be demolished

4 The Green- resolved to ask Kettering Borough Council regarding removal of section of picket fence.

Site Specific Plan back from Examiner with alterations -HVIs removed- resolved to make comments back to Inspector regarding this. Parish Council should be given time to collate the evidence to support the HVI as were not informed this needed to be done.

20/098 **Community on-going matters**

- a) Update on VAS signs- to determine positions and the type of VAS signs- defer to next meeting
- b) Footpath GF12- No reply from Right of Way Officer-regarding permission and signage. However the Chairman had walked it, and many repairs to stiles have already been made. No footpath signage on Grafton Rd. Clerk to contact Northants Highways to request this. Decided to not go forward with this project.
- c) Discussed ongoing traffic issues around school, traffic speeding along Church Lane- a site meeting has been arranged with Ian Boyes from Northants Highways, The Head of the School and the Parish Council chairman April 13th 1.30pm.

20/099 **Chairman's announcements-** for information only

- a) Reported on discussions regarding a permissive footpath north of Slipton Rd- no agreement reached.
- b) Biodigester noise again- soundproofing improved
- c) Will write a condensed version of the Annual report as less to report this year due to Covid- to be circulated prior to next meeting.

20/0100 **Clerks report/correspondence** (for information- or action if required)

- a) To note issues with website- had to upload many documents again. Wordpress Theme is no longer supported. Councillors may need to consider upgrading website- Clerk to get some quotes for next meeting.
- b) Site Specific Plan further consultation on proposed Main modifications 19th Mar-30th April
- c) Notification received from Northants Highways that work will commence on implementing the 40pmph limit along Cranford Rd.
- d) Duck End footpath works postponed until w/c 12th April.

20/0101 **Items for next meeting or for general interest-** St. Andrews Church Clock-hands have stopped although chimes working. Write to Conservation trust- write to them how do they wish to proceed as it is still their clock

Date of next virtual meeting-29th April 2021