

# Cranford Parish Council

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Minutes of the **Virtual Meeting of Cranford Parish Council** held via Zoom on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at 7pm.

## **Present**

Cllr S Pickard, M Cerrone, A Gorton, R Moore, S Holford

1 resident Clerk C.Tilley

20/054 **Apologies**-Received and accepted from Cllr West

20/055 **Declaration of Interests** –None

20/056 **Minutes of last virtual meeting**- 29<sup>th</sup> October 2020- Resolved to approve the minutes as a correct record

20/057 **Public Session**-

- Resident raised concern over mud on road near Twywell Hills and Dale at the weekend which caused car damage- Northants Highway came to investigate, gave resident a form to be able to claim costs from persons responsible.
- Residents along Cranford Road requested an update on speed limit. Highways have made the decision that it will be 40mph, but there is miscommunication between Highways and the developers. Clerk to chase both developer and Highways

20/058 **Governance**-

- a) **Internal Control**- Cllr Gorton completed the checklist and reported everything was in order
- b) **Received Budget proposal and report**-the Chairman gave background with regards to the upcoming Local Government Reform and NCALC budget suggestions. Village maintenance costs were budgeted for to build up reserves. S137 monies properly budgeted for and monies allocated to start building up a fund for Capital Projects. The budget totalled £11,644. It was resolved to set the precept at this amount, to cover budget and maintain the projected reserves at the end of the financial year of £7,448
- c) **Clerk annual review completed**-Clerk and Chairman to discuss targets at a future date. Resolved to increase hourly rate to £15 from April 2021

20/059 **Welcome Pack**- Cllr Moore volunteered to liaise with Clerk to move this forward.

20/060 **Finance**-

- a) Received and approved the bank reconciliation and approved a monthly account of financial situation showing a cash book balance of £9,160.58
- b) Resolved to sign application form for Unity Trust Bank and note that an automatic account transfer will occur to close existing NatWest account.
- c) Resolved to approve the following payments

C. Tilley	Clerk Salary & expenses Nov	£383.79	Chq 00849	LGA 1972 s112
NCALC	FOI training	£19.00	Chq 00850	LGA 1972 s111

- 20/061 **Planning-** to discuss and comment where necessary  
**KET/2020/0724 Mill Barn** Single storey courtyard extension-discussed and happy to support the application as can see no material objections  
**KET/2020/0714 Adjacent Parish -Wold Rd Burton Latimer-**electric compound. Observation to be sent regarding lack of Environmental enhancements, in the form of screening
- 20/062 **Community on-going matters**  
**a)** Biodigester at Cranford Farm- Clerk report was circulated- (appendix 1) and much discussion ensued. Chairman will liaise with Cranford Management in the first instance.  
**b)** Received Clerks report on speeding signs and PCSO. (appendix 2) Clerk to look into grant funding for mobile speed cameras and to contact Northants Highways for a survey as to best positions for them.
- 20/063 **Chairman's announcements- (for information)-**  
**a)** Graffiti on signs has been removed thanks to KBC
- 20/064 **Clerks report/correspondence** (for information- or action if required)  
**a)** Reported on FOI NCALC Training session- useful in explaining how much info to be divulged.  
**b)** Consultation on Northamptonshire Schools Admission Arrangements for 2022 between 9<sup>th</sup> Nov and 20<sup>th</sup> Dec <https://northamptonshire.citizenspace.com/schools-and-education/admission-arrangements-for-2022/>  
**c)** East Kettering Liaison Forum- Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec 6pm- virtual meeting if anyone wishes to attend.  
**d)** Residents concerns over possible waste material around Duck End- check into  
**e)** To note that Gigaclear will be continuing roadworks until 9<sup>th</sup> December along Church Lane for installation of Superfast broadband. Council were not informed as the community liaison officers are no longer working for them.  
**f)** Defib- Village Hall. Rotaid cabinet had broken strap and defib was overheating. New heat deflecting cover (FOC) and pads for defibrillator have been ordered- normal consumables  
**g)** Clerk has around three weeks annual leave to still take, so will be taking some of this over the Christmas period
- 20/065 **Items for next meeting or for general interest-** Co-option of new councillor

Meeting closed 8.45pm Date of next virtual meeting-28<sup>th</sup> January 2021