

Cranford Parish Council

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Minutes of the **Virtual Meeting of Cranford Parish Council** held via Zoom on Thursday 29th October 2020 at 7pm

Present

Cllr S Pickard (Chair), A Gorton, M Cerrone, J West. Resident S Holford Clerk C.Tilley

20/054 **Apologies**-received and accepted from Cllr R Moore

20/055 **Declaration of Interests** –Cllr Pickard declared an interest as a neighbour on KET/2020/0634 so would not participate in discussion

20/056 **Minutes of last virtual meeting**- 18th September 2020- Resolved as a correct record and will be signed when practical

20/057 **Public Session**- No comments- although representation made to councillors prior regarding car crime in village and note of graffiti. Clerk to report and ask about anti -vandalism paint

20/058 **Governance**-

- a) **Internal Control**- Due to internet connection issues, this did not occur- move to next meeting.
- b) **Vacancy**- Stuart Holford had expressed a wish to become a councillor. His information had been circulated. Councillors resolved to co-opt him onto the council. Chair welcomed him. Clerk will send relevant paperwork for completion.
- c) **Policies** -Council reviewed and resolved to readopt Email communication policy. Chairman again stressed the importance of a dedicated council email address. Councillors were reminded that email communications are public documents and need to be circulated by and copied to the Clerk.
- d) **Clerk annual review due**- The councillors who previously carried this comprehensively out have both resigned. Clerk to forward a shorter appraisal document to remaining councillors for consideration and completion.

20/059 **Welcome Pack**- Clerk has completed as much as she can- now waiting in input from councillors and village hall committee

20/060 **Finance**-

- a) Received and approved the bank reconciliation and monthly account of financial situation showing cash book balance of £11,737.22
- b) To note new mandate sent to NatWest, adding Cllr Pickard as a signatory
- c) Resolved to approve the following payments

C. Tilley	Clerk Salary & expenses Sep	£376.60	Chq 000844	LGA 1972 s112
C. Tilley	Clerk Salary & expenses- Oct	£394.88	Chq 000845	LGA 1972 s112
SLCC	Annual Clerk membership (half)	£75.00	Chq 000846	LGA 1972 s112
Secure-a-Field	Boardwalk works	£1556.16	Chq 000847	Highways Act 1980 ss43 50
Cumbria Clock Co.	Annual Service Church clock	£174.00	Chq 000848	Parish Councils Act 1957 s2

Signed as an accurate record of decisions made

Chairman

Date

20/061 **Planning-** to discuss or note where necessary

KET/2020/0634 21 St. Andrews Lane-Single storey rear and side extension. Cllr Gorton took the Chair for discussion. It appears applicants have addressed previous concerns. However, councillors wished to comment to KBC that they welcome the work to make property habitable but feel that the front design is not in keeping with the existing cottages and agree that the Cherry Tree should remain. After discussion Cllr Pickard resumed as Chairman.

KET/2020/0570 Replace windows- 6 High St- refused

Cranford Landfill Site- to note that the footpath GF17 will be rerouted until 2030. No further excavation from them, and the other works is not on their land.

20/062 **Community on-going matters**

- a) St Andrews Clock- update from Cllr West-Clock serviced and pendulum serviced. There is still an ongoing issue of the clock hands scraping the face which affects the timekeeping. This will require quotes for remediation. Resident, Rachel Davis has kindly offered to help with the maintenance, Cllr West will liaise with her.
- b) Speed Limit along Cranford Rd- to note that the Speed Review Panel decided on a 40mph limit along Cranford Road- No2-56. Signage should go up shortly.
- c) Suez reply re excavations works- it has no relationship to Suez- but the landowner
- d) To note that the boundary review order has been approved and will come into force on the 1st April. This will mean a reduced number of electors for Cranford- numbers to be confirmed but approximate loss of 38 households leaving 183 properties.

20/063 **Chairman's announcements- (for information)-**

a) The Chairman had questioned the large election cost of £720 with Kettering Borough Council. The elections officer had explained to Clerk the very complicated formulas used for this. Will need to allow in budget.

b) Increased noise and complaints from residents regarding odour from the Biodigester at Cranford Farm- Discussed at length in relation to the original planning permissions. Although the Parish Council cannot police this matter, the Clerk will clarify with KBC as to the current parameters for the operation and for all parties to work together to mitigate the odour and noise. Clerk to bring information back to next meeting.

20/064 **Clerks report/correspondence** (for information- or action if required)

a) KBC consultation on proposed changes to Local Council Tax Support Schemes LCTSS- councillors and residents encouraged to respond as will affect all.

b) Resident had expressed concern over speeding along Grafton Road and would like to know the Parish Councils view on either purchasing Speed Cameras or using PCSO's. Council discussed issue. Clerk to investigate costs of PCSO's and Speed Cameras for next meeting

c) Finding Fitness- request for council to contribute £1500 for a one-week playscheme-attached. Council to respond that unfortunately there are no available venues to use.

d) Council approved Clerks request to attend an NCALC Training session on FOI and Vexatious requests- cost £19.

e) NCALC useful info on Budget setting circulated electronically- councillors urged to read

20/065 Items for next virtual meeting -26th November – Budget proposal for precept

Meeting closed 8.35pm