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CRANFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Cranford Parish Council held at Cranford Memorial Hall on Monday 16th February 2026 at 7pm

Present: Cllr Stephen Pickard (chairman), Cllr Alison Gorton (vice-chairman), Cllr Paul Wilcox, Cllr Gary Kennedy

25/124 The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

25/125 Apologies were received from Cllr Emma McCullough (family), Cllr Stewart Holford (away)
It was **RESOLVED** that both absences be approved.

Planning Matters

25/126 Following consideration of the planning application [25/02093/FUL | Change of use of building and yard from B8 to B2/B8 \(Retrospective\) | Wood Lodge Cranford Road Cranford NN14 4AN](#) together with an aerial photo of the site, concern was expressed by the members that this retrospective planning application did not reflect the current unauthorised use of the site.

Considering the nature of the work being undertaken on the site, members felt that there were issues with responses made on the application form, and statements made in the Planning Statement.

Considering the relevant planning policies, members felt that this application does not meet RS1, RS4 and Policy 25.

It was **RESOLVED** that the council's response to North Northamptonshire Council (NNC) be to object to this planning application, request that a site visit is made by NNC before any decisions are made, and the case officer to be provided with sufficient information to address the council's issues with the application form and Planning Statement.

Members expressed their frustration with the ongoing planning enforcement case for the unauthorised change of use, which was first reported to NNC in February 2025.
It was **RESOLVED** that NNC be asked to consider issuing a stop notice or cleanup notice for this site.

Other Matters

25/127 The chairman closed the meeting at 7:50pm

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