

NETTLESTEAD PARISH COUNCIL
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 2nd JANUARY 2020 AT 7.45PM,
NETTLESTEAD VILLAGE HALL, NETTLESTEAD

Members Present

Cllr David Meredith - Chairman
Cllr Jackie Bennett
Cllr Emily Salter
Cllr David Thomas
Cllr Edward Walter

Also, in attendance – Mrs Michelle Rumble – Parish Clerk

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Van-Hensbergen, Cllr Hill

2. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY OR PERSONAL INTEREST IN ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA**

Where any councillor has a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (as defined in the Members' Code of Conduct) in any matter to be considered at a meeting of the Council, a committee, sub-committee or joint committee, they must withdraw from the meeting room during the whole of the consideration of that matter and must not participate in any vote on that matter unless a dispensation has been obtained from the Monitoring Officer.

No such interests were declared

3. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 5 December 2019 were approved and signed as a true and correct record, **RESOLVED** by all members present.

4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES**

Gibbs Hills

It was noted that Gibbs Hill may well have some work carried out to it later in the year, this is dependant on funding being available. The Clerk will monitor this and contact KCC on a regular basis to chase.

Speed Indicator Device

It was noted by all members present that this has now been decommissioned, and no replacement will be made.

Grit Bins

The Clerk will report the Grit Bin at the bottom of Gibbs Hill and Bishops Close to KCC

5. **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

None

6. **POLICE REPORT**

None

7. **CHATTERBOX**

Cllr Bennett was in attendance and reported that they had four new members to the group and things were going well.

8. **PARISH MAGAZINE**

Cllr Van Hensbergen was not in attendance

9. **VILLAGE HALL**

VE DAY

The Clerk reported that she had booked the hall for the 9th May – and was asked to change this to the 8th May due to a clash with another event happening in nearby Wateringbury. Cllr Thomas will see if the Scouts would be interested in helping with this event. The Clerk will speak with someone who may have an armoured vehicle and some camouflaging they could borrow for the event. The Parish Council have received £300 in funding for the Event, some will be allocated to purchase a silent soldier and the remainder will be used to fund the event at the Village Hall.

Cllr Bennett is awaiting communication from the Entertainment needed for the evening.

10. **KGV FIELD**

Trees – KGV Field

The Clerk confirmed that she had chased this with Golding Homes, a response had been received and she was told that work will be carried out – but will chase to find out exactly what and when it will be completed.

Cableway

The Clerk confirmed that she had now submitted a funding application for this and was waiting for a response – this might not be for a couple of months as there is a delay.

Goal Nets

The Clerk had received two quotes – one of which was quite different from the other and was asked to contact them and submit a like for like quote. The Clerk was asked to contact the resident to find out how much they would be prepared to contribute towards this work. The Clerk was also asked to contact the owner of 1 Rectory Cottages to see if they also have issues with footballs in their garden. The Clerk will report back to the Councillors at the next meeting.

11. **CHURCHYARD**

Cllr Bennett reported that the Holly Tree in the Churchyard had been damaged

12. **HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS**

Speed watch

The Clerk had spoken with the resident in Nettlestead Green who had come forward and they confirmed that they would be prepared to take on the role of Speed watch Coordinator, but that to make it work more volunteers would be required. The Parish Council will place an advert in the next edition of the Parish Magazine.

No further reports

13. **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Chairman reported that he had received correspondence from a resident of Hampstead Lane regarding the recent flooding and that he was disappointed with the

Parish Council. The Chairman had informed the resident that responsibility for this does not fall to the Parish Council but falls to the Environment Agency and the Borough Council. The Chairman did state that a valid point was made that Sandbags allocated to residents were available from Yalding Village Hall – but it was not accessible by the residents of Nettlestead due to the flooding of the surrounding roads. This has been forwarded to the Joint Parish Flood Group and they will take this on board at their next meeting. There has also been correspondence received from a resident from the former Riverside Restaurant, which had also been flooded.

14. PLANNING

19/506062	<p><i>Three Acres, Hampstead Lane, Nettlestead</i> <i>Variation of Condition 3 of appeal decision APP/U2235/C/99/1034977/8 – to allow 2 no mobile home caravans to be stationed on the site.</i> <i>It was RESOLVED by all members present that due to the recent flooding and that it is in a Metropolitan Green Belt that they would like to see the application refused</i></p>
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DECISIONS MADE BY MBC

As below

19/503546	<p><i>The Orchard, Hampstead Lane, Nettlestead</i> Retrospective application for replacement gates, walls and engineering works to create a cast-in culvert with concrete crossover. <i>AWAITING DECISION</i></p>
19/503547	<p><i>The Orchard, Hampstead Lane, Nettlestead</i> Retrospective application for change of use of agricultural land into residential curtilage, erection of replacement gates, new walls and driveway, and engineering works to create a cast-in culvert with concrete crossover. <i>AWAITING DECISION</i></p>

15. FINANCE

15.1 To note Budget monitoring report to January 2020

Noted by all members

15.2 To resolve that the cheques presented can be signed

It was noted that the Salary for January will be paid by Standing Order as will all future salaries to the Clerk. Any additional hours and expenses would be paid by cheque at the next Council meeting.

Cheque No	Gross	VAT	Nett	Supplier	Details
022055	£82.80	£0.00	£82.80	Mrs Michelle Rumble	Expenses - January
022056	£685.77	£0.00	£685.77	Mrs Michelle Rumble	Salary - December
022057	CHEQUE	CANCELLED			
022058	£457.32	£76.22	£381.10	Capel Groundcare	GM Contract 2019 - January
022059	£361.76	£0.00	£361.76	Came and Company	Insurance 2020
022060	£220.00	£0.00	£220.00	Nettlestead Village Hall	Hall Hire 2019/20
022061	£35.70	£5.95	£29.75	KCS	Stationery
022062	£62.13	£0.00	£62.13	HMRC	PAYE & NIC
022063	£80.55	£0.00	£80.55	Mrs Michelle Rumble	Salary - December
DD0101	£7.20	£1.20	£6.00	Sage Payroll	Payroll fee - January
SO0101	£572.63	£0.00	£572.63	Mrs Michelle Rumble	Salary - January
	£2,565.86	£83.37	£2,482.49		

15.3 Budget 2020/21

The Councillors had all received the amended Budget and it was **RESOLVED** by all members present to accept the Budget and a Precept increase of 3% which is an increase of £18,619.20 to £19,177.78 for 2020/21

15.3 Insurance

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the Insurance quotation from Came and Company.

16. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Speed watch
Cableway
KGV Field Goal nets
VE Day
Trees – KGV Field
Flooding

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be on the 6th February 2020 commencing at 7.45pm at Nettlestead Village Hall

There being be no further business the meeting closed at 21.06pm