

**NETTLESTEAD PARISH COUNCIL  
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 5<sup>th</sup> MARCH AT 7.45PM,  
NETTLESTEAD VILLAGE HALL, NETTLESTEAD**

**Members Present**

Cllr David Meredith – Chairman  
Cllr Anita Van-Hensbergen  
Cllr Hill  
Cllr Emily Salter  
Cllr Edward Walter

Also, in attendance – Mrs Michelle Rumble – Parish Clerk,

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Thomas – apologies received  
Cllr Bennet – no apologies received

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 6 February 2020 were approved and signed as a true and correct record, **RESOLVED** by all members present.

4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES**

*Grit Bins*

Grit Bin - Gibbs Hill bottom - full and upright  
Grit Bin – Gibbs Hill top – full but laying on side  
Grit Bin – Bishops Close – Full

The Clerk and Cllr Van Hensbergen had met with three KCC Highway representatives regarding parking problems at the bottom of Bishops Close, one of the Highway Representatives said she would complete a Highway Improvement Plan with the options spoken about at the meeting and then forward this to the Clerk.

They will also carry out a speed survey and look at the vehicles which are currently parking on the pavement.

Altogether the Clerk and Cllr Van Hensbergen felt that it was a very productive meeting.

5. **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

Report from Cllr Salter/Cllr Hill

(Gibbs Hill, Nettlestead On Wednesday 19th of February around 12:00am. Somebody broke into a large shed at a residential property. The owner is still to provide a list of stolen items, if any).

(Seven Mile Lane – Nettlestead on Saturday 22 February around 8pm, somebody broke into a garage at a residential property and stole a motor vehicle.)

6. **POLICE REPORT**

PCSO Nicola Morris was not able to attend but has sent through a crime report to the Clerk with the same information as above.

7. **CHATTERBOX**

Cllr Bennett was not in attendance and no report had been received, it was also noted that the Donation cheque had still not cleared.

8. **PARISH MAGAZINE**

Cllr Van Hensbergen was in attendance and had collected £1040 for the year 2019/20. It was noted that there was to be an £10 increase per issue for the printing of the Parish magazine. The Parish Council would also like to thank the advertisers who support the Parish magazine.

9. **VILLAGE HALL**

No report

10. **VE DAY**

Cllr Van Hensbergen gave the report from the working party which had met and was also due to meet again on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March, and the meeting was very productive. Tickets had been printed and were available at shops in the Parish at a cost of £1 per ticket, 120 had been printed.

Cllr Bennett had purchased the Silent Soldier for £140.00

11. **KGV FIELD**

Trees – KGV Field

The tree debris had now been collected by the contractors.

Cableway

The Clerk had previously informed members that a Grant of £10,000 had been received from Maidstone Borough Council through their SIPA Fund, they had also been given a Grant of £360.00 from Cllr Stockell – both of these Grants were going towards the purchase of a new Cableway for the KGV Field.

The Parish Council had received four quotes as below:

Supplier	Timber Cableway	Includes Groundwork	Metal Cableway	Includes Groundwork
1	£13,500	X	£18,500	X
2	£16,585	£1,500 or £2,500	£18,109	£1,500 or £2,500
3	£17,076	In price	£15,883	In price
4	X	X	£9,455.0	X

The Parish Council looked at all the quotes and it was **RESOLVED** by all members present that the Clerk should go back to Contractor 4 Wicksteed and ask for a meeting on site to get a more detailed quote which would include all the Groundworks. The other three contractors were over the Parish Council's allocated Budget for this project, so they would not be offered the project for the Cableway unless their quotes could be improved then the Parish Council would look at it again, but at this moment in time Contractor 4 were the cheapest. The Clerk

will then go back to the members once a meeting has taken place and seek approval by email from all the members. If the cost is within their Budget, then they will be offered the contract as per the agreement at the meeting. The Clerk did state that under Financial Regulations the Parish Council do not have to offer the contract to the cheapest Contractor.

Goal Nets

Cllr Thomas had prepared a survey which was to be distributed to all households in the Parish asking their opinion on the KGV Field and in particular the Goal nets, there was some slight amendments which needed to be made before it was able to be distributed to all households. Cllr Meredith and Cllr Van Hensbergen will both look at this.

Fly tipping

This had been cleared

GM Contract

The First cut of the year had been delayed due to the weather; the Clerk will ask for a copy of the GM Work Schedule for the coming season.

**12. CHURCHYARD**

Nothing to report

**13. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS**

Speed watch

The Clerk had received a further volunteer from Bishops Close, it was **RESOLVED** that they will run the advert in the Parish magazine for another month, but if no further volunteers come forward then the Council can no longer support the Speed watch.

7.5 tonne sign

This has now been repaired.

The Clerk was asked to report KM177 and KM178 as both footpath signs were broken

**14. CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**15. PLANNING**

None

**DECISIONS MADE BY MBC**

As below

<p>18/504139/FULL APP/U2235/W/19/3225715</p>	<p>Plot 4 The Three Sons, Hampstead Lane Proposal: Stationing of 1no. mobile home and 1 touring caravan for use by Gypsy &amp; Traveller family with associated hardstanding, dayroom and parking (Part retrospective). <b>Appeal will be heard at The Town Hall on the 25 March 2020 at 10.00am</b> <b>The members had already submitted their objection when the application was discussed at an earlier Parish</b></p>
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	<b>Council meeting and this objection still stands and will be considered by the Borough Council when making their decision.</b>
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**16. FINANCE**

**16.1** To note Budget monitoring report to March 2020

Noted by all members

**16.2** To resolve that the cheques presented can be signed

**RESOLVED** by all members that the cheques are approved and will be signed at the end of the meeting.

<b>NPC - Cheque List - MARCH</b>					
<b>Cheque No</b>	<b>Gross</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Nett</b>	<b>Supplier</b>	<b>Details</b>
022074	£94.87	£1.50	£93.37	Mrs Michelle Rumble	Expenses - February/March
022075	£165.00	£0.00	£165.00	Hadlum Design and Print	Parish magazine printing
022076	£471.04	£78.51	£392.53	Capel Ground care	GM Contract 2020 - February
022077	£92.75	£0.00	£92.75	Mrs Michelle Rumble	Clerks Extra hours - February
022078	£140.00	£0.00	£140.00	Jackie Bennett	Silent Soldier
022079	£91.81	£4.37	£87.44	Eon	Streetlighting Energy - February
022080	£25.60	£0.00	£25.60	HMRC	PAYE AND NIC
DD0301	£8.40	£1.40	£7.00	Sage Payroll	Payroll fee - March
S00301	£569.83	£0.00	£569.83	Mrs Michelle Rumble	Salary - March
	£1,659.30	£85.78	£1,573.52		

**16.3 Bank Reconciliations**

The Chairman and Clerk both signed the Bank Reconciliations

**16.4 Income**

This was noted by all members

**16.4** The Clerk stated that due to the changes in rules around websites, the current website which is currently hosted by EIS and part of KCC will no longer adhere to these regulations. The Clerk received an email from KALC stating that KCC alongside Cantium Business Solutions will fund the first year of a new website but the following years 2 and 3 will have to be paid for by the Parish Council. The Parish Council will also have to agree and sign a three-year contract with Cantium Business Solutions. This was **RESOLVED** by all members at the meeting and was therefore signed by the Chairman.

**17. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Speed watch
- Cableway
- KGV Field Goal nets - survey
- VE Day
- School House Clock

**18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Parish Council meeting will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2020 commencing at 7.45pm at Nettlestead Village Hall

There being be no further business the meeting closed at 21.05pm