

NETTLESTEAD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A REMOTE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
1st APRIL 2021 AT 7.30PM

Members Present

Cllr David Meredith – Chairman
Cllr Anita Van-Hensbergen – Vice-chairman
Cllr Emily Salter
Cllr David Thomas – joined the meeting at 8pm
Cllr Alison Green

Also, in attendance – The Clerk - Mrs Michelle Rumble,

1. **Apologies for absence**
Cllr Bennett – 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.
None

3. **Minutes last meeting**
The minutes of the meeting held on the 4th of MARCH were amended to highlight that Cllr Bennett had declared an interest in item 15.4, reviewed, approved, and signed as a true and correct record, **RESOLVED** by all members present.

4. **Matters arising from previous minutes and action points**

Old School House
It was noted by all members that the Clock on the Old School House had indeed be put to the correct time but was now 1 hour out because of the Clocks going forward at the end of March.

5. **Neighbourhood Watch**
Cllr Salter had nothing to report but had stated that earlier in the week there had been an accident on the Maidstone Road.

6. **Police report**
The Clerk had sent the report received from the PCSO to all members.

7. **Chatterbox**
Cllr Bennett was not in attendance, so no report received.

8. **Parish magazine**
Cllr Van Hensbergen gave her report.

9. **Village hall**
The Clerk had forwarded to all members that as from the June meeting, the Parish Council meetings will no longer be able to take place remotely and will have to be face to face. The members have asked that the Village Hall is contacted and asked if this is viable for the June

meeting. The Chairman has stated that he will write to the committee of the Village Hall to ask if this is possible, and if it is not, then the Parish Council will need to find an alternative place to hold the meetings.

10. KGV FIELD

Goal Nets

It was noted that the Goal nets have been removed and are laying on the ground of the KGV Field, the Clerk will contact the contractor and ask for an update.

ACTION CLERK

GM Contract

The Clerk circulated to all members the Grounds maintenance schedule for the coming year.

Cableway

The Clerk was asked to contact Capel Groundcare the Contractor who installed the Cableway as it appears to have stretched and is sagging quite badly and could be a potential Health and Safety issue.

ACTION CLERK

11. CHURCHYARD

It was noted that a cut had taken place.

12. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

Highways

KCC Highways – Bishops Close Parking

The Clerk had contacted KCC on this matter and received a response stating that they will try and attend the site in April since Lockdown was easing, but they suggested that in the meantime, the parish council should carry out an informal consultation with residents to gauge whether we might receive any objections to any proposed restrictions.

Cllr Meredith will prepare something which can be put in the Parish magazine.

Cllr Van Hensbergen stated that the road sign at the Hampstead Lane junction with Maidstone Road had been knocked over and needed to be stood up again. Clerk will contact KCC to report this.

ACTION CLERK

Footpaths

The Clerk was asked to contact the Public Rights of Way officer to ask if KM176 could now be reinstated as the path was a lot drier.

ACTION CLERK

13. CORRESPONDENCE

None

14. PLANNING

It was noted that the Yalding Enterprise Park proposals had gone to the planning committee and that it had been given outline planning permission, but it was noted that a Consultation group would be set up and this would include representatives from both Yalding Parish Council and Nettlestead Parish Council. The Clerk had not yet received any contact about this from the Maidstone Borough Council planning department. Cllr Green said that she will be quite happy to represent the Parish Council.

DECISIONS MADE BY MBC

<i>20/505330/FULL</i>	<i>The Orchard, Hampstead Lane, Nettlestead Insertion of replacement gates, walls, and engineering works to create a cast -in culvert with concrete crossover (resubmission 19/503546) part retrospective</i> APPLICATION PERMITTED
<i>20/505329/FULL</i>	<i>The Orchard, Hampstead Lane, Yalding Part-retrospective application for change of use of agricultural land into residential curtilage, erection of replacement gates, rendered walls and driveway, engineering works over culvert and bonded gravel surface to crossover.</i> APPLICATION PERMITTED
<i>21/500492/FULL</i>	<i>Cherry Hill, Maidstone Road, Nettlestead Erection of 1 no glasshouse, 1 no storage shed, vegetable beds and greenhouse</i> APPLICATION WITHDRAWN

15. FINANCE

- 15.1 To note Budget monitoring report to March 2021 and to note the April 2021 Budget monitoring report
Noted by all members

Payments

- 15.2 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.

NPC - Cheque List - April					
Cheque No	Gross	VAT	Nett	Supplier	Details
022162	£79.47	£3.78	£75.69	Eon	Street lighting energy - February
022163	£151.74	£0.58	£151.16	Mrs Michelle Rumble	Expenses
022164	£178.00	£0.00	£178.00	Hadlum Design	Parish magazine printing
022165	£416.17	£69.36	£346.81	Capel Groundcare	GM Contract
S00401	£8.40	£1.40	£7.00	Sage Payroll	Payroll fee - April
DD0401	£554.67	£0.00	£554.67	Mrs Michelle Rumble	Salary - April

	£1,388.45	£75.12	£1,313.33		

15.3 Bank Reconciliations

These were approved and were signed by the Chairman and the Clerk as RFO. In future the Clerk will send an Electronic version to all members when she sends all the meeting papers out.

15.4 Standing Order

It was **RESOLVED** by all members present to sign the amended Standing Order for the Clerks salary.

16. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Annual Meeting – the Clerk was asked to invite the PCSO, Borough Councillors and County Councillors
 KGV Field Goal nets – update
 Footpath KM176
 Old School House Clock
 Bishops Close Parking

17. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Parish Council meeting will be on the 6th of May at 7.30pm - this will be a remote meeting of the Council and will also be the Annual meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.08pm