

**NETTLESTEAD PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON THE 1<sup>st</sup> of JULY 2021 7.45pm  
at NETTLESTEAD VILLAGE HALL**

**Members Present**

Cllr Anita Van-Hensbergen – Vice-chairman  
Cllr Emily Salter  
Cllr Alison Green  
Cllr David Thomas

Also, in attendance – The Clerk - Mrs Michelle Rumble, Borough Councillors Cllr Claudine Russell, and Cllr Simon Webb, PCSO Nicola Morris and 1 member of the public

1. **Apologies for absence**  
Cllr Meredith, Cllr Bennett
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 last meeting were signed as a true and correct record, **RESOLVED** by all members present.
4. **Parish Councillor Vacancy**  
There have been three residents interested in this vacancy, due to self-isolating one of them is not able to attend the meeting tonight, therefore the remaining interested parties will attend the next Parish Council meeting in September where the Council will vote on who to accept as the Parish Councillor.
5. **Matters arising from previous minutes and action points**  
*This will be covered under the other agenda items*
6. **Neighbourhood Watch**  
Cllr Salter reported that a Bike had been stolen from a vehicle between the dates of the 15/06/2021 and the 16/06/2021
7. **Police report**  
PCSO Morris attended the meeting and spoke on the issue of people jumping in the river at Yalding, the Environment agency have now put-up CCTV which will hopefully deter people from doing this. PCSO Morris also stated that Nettlestead will have a new PCSO, Neil Denney, who is very experienced and works with the PCSO now, PCSO Morris has been deployed to the Town Centre. The handover will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> of August 2021.  
PCSO Morris was thanked for attending and then left the meeting at 8pm
8. **Chatterbox**

Cllr Bennett was not in attendance, but all being well they will resume their meetings in July. The Memorial Service to Warrant officer Blumer took place at the Hop Pole, Public House and was a great success and there was also fundraising for the Help for Heroes.

9. **Parish magazine**

Cllr Van Hensbergen gave her report.

10. **Village hall**

No report received

11. **KGV FIELD**

*Goal Nets*

The Clerk had received two letters from residents regarding the goal nets and that moving them closer to the larger net has not made any difference and that they are still having lots of balls in their garden, they have now asked if they can be removed and moved to the top of the Field. The Parish Council **RESOLVED** that at this time the goals have not been in position long enough for them to make that decision. When it was agreed to y move them to their current postion they said they would give it a year; it has only been a couple of months.

The Clerk will draw up a letter and send this to the residents asking them to record when the balls are going into their gardens.

The members also looked at whether they should replace the Goal nets due to the continual damage.

It was RESOLVED on a vote that the nets would not be replaced now, they will look at this again at the next meeting.

*Cableway*

The Clerk was asked to contact the Contractor to see if they can offer a maintenance contract for the Cableway.

The Clerk is waiting on a price from the Contractor on this at the moment.

12. **CHURCHYARD**

The Clerk was asked to contact the Grounds maintenance contractor as since the hedge has been cut there is some more mowing which needs to be carried out, the Clerk will speak with the GM Contractor on this and ask for a site meeting.

13. **HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS**

*Highways*

*KCC Highways – Bishops Close Parking/Speeding*

The Parish Council deadline for responses for this was the 30<sup>th</sup> of June, the Clerk will count the results and forward this onto KCC for them to carry out their Formal Consultation.

*Speedwatch*

The Parish Council had now received 6 volunteers for Speedwatch, which means now it can move forward to the next stage. The Clerk has forwarded all the names and contact details of the Volunteers to the Kent Police Speedwatch coordinator, the Clerk has also asked about how they get hold of the equipment to use in the Parish. Cllr Russell said that she would also speak with the Collier Street Speedwatch coordinator.

*Footpaths*

Footpath KM176 has now been cleared, but it has still not been reinstated by the owner of the Old School House but they have promised to do so. The Clerk was also asked to do a Land Registry Search on where the boundary of the Old School House is located.

Cllr Green will also look at the stiles on the Greensand way.

**14. CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**15. PLANNING**

21/502981/FULL	Cherry Hill, Maidstone Road, Nettlestead Maidstone Demolition of existing garage and porch, Erection of two storey side and rear extension, alterations to existing windows and roofs. Erection of detached garage to the rear. <b>RESOLVED TO NO COMMENT</b>
21/503137/FULL	Rock Farm Barn, Gibbs Hill, Nettlestead Conversion of an existing storage and distribution building into a 5 no bedroom dwelling with associated parking. <b>RESOLVED to NO OBJECTION</b>
19/504910/OUT	Former Syngenta Works, Hampstead Lane, Yalding Outline application for redevelopment of the former Syngenta works site to provide a new business park of up to 46,447 sqm of B1(c), B2 and B8 accommodation with associated access, parking and infrastructure works. (Access only being sought) Revised details concerning this application Additional information received 22.06.21 <b>RESOLVED TO OBJECT – CLERK TO SEND OFF ORIGINAL OBJECTION</b>
21/502757/	1 Malthouse Cottages <b>RESOLVED NO COMMENT</b>

**DECISIONS MADE BY MBC**

21/501935/FULL	3 Rose Cottages, Maidstone Road, Nettlestead Demolition of existing temporary timber structure and erection of part single storey, part two storey side and rear extension. <b>APPLICATION REFUSED</b>
21/501226/FULL	Nettlestead Green House, Maidstone Road, Nettlestead Change of use of land for construction of a riding arena

	<b>APPLICATION WITHDRAWN</b>
21/502004/FULL	3 Kings Cottages, Maidstone Road, Nettlestead Maidstone Erection of a rear conservatory <b>APPLICATION PERMITTED</b>

It was also noted that there was an Affordable Housing Survey, the Clerk will check her emails and forward this for completion to the Councillors.

16. **Finance**

16.1 To note Budget monitoring report to July 2021

16.2 Resolution to authorise payments for July and August 2021

It was **RESOLVED** by all members present to make the payments below, the cheques would be signed at the end of the meeting.

NPC - Cheque List - July					
Cheque No	Gross	VAT	Nett	Supplier	Details
022181	£87.99	£4.19	£83.80	Eon	Street lighting energy - May
022182	£143.64	£0.58	£143.06	Mrs Michelle Rumble	Expenses
022183	£416.09	£69.35	£346.74	Capel Groundcare	GM Contract
022184	£187.00	£0.00	£187.00	Hadlum Design	Parish magazine printing
022185	£107.97	£18.00	£89.97	Hugo Fox	Website fee May, June & July
022186	£120.00	£0.00	£120.00	Lionel Robbins	Internal Audit fee
DD0701	£8.40	£1.40	£7.00	Sage Payroll	Payroll fee - July
SO0701	£554.67	£0.00	£554.67	Mrs Michelle Rumble	Salary - July
	<b>£1,625.76</b>	<b>£93.52</b>	<b>£1,532.24</b>		

NPC - Cheque List - August					
Cheque No	Gross	VAT	Nett	Supplier	Details
022187	£139.54	£0.58	£138.96	Mrs Michelle Rumble	Expenses
DD0801	£8.40	£1.40	£7.00	Sage Payroll	Payroll fee - August
SO0801	£554.67	£0.00	£554.67	Mrs Michelle Rumble	Salary - August
	<b>£702.61</b>	<b>£1.98</b>	<b>£700.63</b>		

16.3 To sign the Bank Reconciliation

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the Bank Reconciliation and Statement, and these were signed by the Vice-Chairman and the Clerk.

16.4 **Statement of Internal Control**

To review the effectiveness of the system of Internal Control. Councillors are asked to consider the statement of Internal Control in support of the Annual Governance Statement. The Council considered and approved the Statement of Internal Control for the year ending 31 March 2021. The Vice-Chairman and Clerk signed the statement on behalf of the Parish Council.

16.5 **Annual Governance Statement 2020-21**

To approve the Annual Governance statement for the year ending 2020-21, section 1 of the Annual Return for the year ending 31 March 2021

The Council considered and approved the Annual Governance Statement for the year ending 2020-21. The Vice-Chairman and Clerk signed the statement on behalf of the Parish Council.

16.6 **Accounting Statements 2020-21**

To approve the Account statements for the year ending 2020-21, section 2 of the Annual Return for the year ending 31 March 2021.

The Council considered and approved the accounting statements and supporting documents as provided by the Responsible Financial Officer for the year ending 2020-21. The Vice-Chairman and Responsible Financial Officer signed the statement on behalf of the Parish Council.

17. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Footpath KM176

Bishops Close Parking

Speedwatch

Audit

Parish Councillor vacancy

Goal posts

County Councillor to have his own agenda item at beginning of agenda

18. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Parish Council meeting will be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September at 7.45pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.20pm