

NETTLESTEAD PARISH COUNCIL
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 6th FEBRUARY AT 7.45PM,
NETTLESTEAD VILLAGE HALL, NETTLESTEAD

Members Present

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

Also, in attendance – Mrs Michelle Rumble – Parish Clerk, 1 member of the public

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Thomas arrived at the meeting at 20.10pm

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

4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES**

Gibbs Hill

The members will monitor the situation regarding the possible re-surfacing. The Clerk has also emailed Clare Chewter from KCC.

Grit Bins

The Grit Bins have all been filled up, but the one at the bottom of Gibbs Hill is still laying on its side.

5. **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

- Between 3:50pm on Wednesday 8th of January and 8:30am on Thursday 9th of January. Somebody keyed a vehicle parked in the road.
- Station Road – between 11.45am on Thursday 23 January and 11.46pm on Sunday 26th January
Someone broke into a residential property and stole a laptop.

6. **POLICE REPORT**

PCSO Nicola Morris was not able to attend but has sent through a crime report to the Clerk with the following information in that.

- 08-09/01/20 – Criminal Damage – Maidstone Road – vehicle has been keyed
- 22/01/20 – Theft – Maidstone Road – trailer stolen
- 23-26/01/20 – Burglary – Station Road – laptop stolen

It was also noted that the following crime is currently trending – Marden/Horsmonden/Paddock Wood – Theft of Land Rovers – which is something the Parish Council and residents should be aware of

7. **CHATTERBOX**

Cllr Bennett was in attendance and reported that Chatterbox was doing well. The Clerk stated that the donation cheque for Chatterbox had still not cleared.

8. **PARISH MAGAZINE**

Cllr Van Hensbergen was in attendance and had collected monies from quite a few Parish magazine advertisers.

9. **VILLAGE HALL**

VE DAY

The Clerk updated members with what has been done to date.

The meeting was adjourned to hear from the member of public who was here to represent the Scouts who are helping the Parish Council with the VE Day celebrations. They will be holding a Vintage Tea room and will sell cakes, drinks. All the monies raised from this will go towards their Azores Trip. They will also try and sort out some other activities.

The meeting resumed.

The Clerk had contacted two companies regarding a military vehicle; The Hop Farm and Invicta Military Vehicle Preservation Society, neither of whom she has yet heard back from. The Clerk has also contacted the Royal British Legion and the contact she was given by Cllr Bennett, to try and locate a Tommy – both have stated that these were only available to celebrate 100 years of the end of the First World War.

Cllr Meredith stated that he wanted this to be run as a working party and to report back to the Parish Council at their meetings. Cllr Bennett would lead on this with help from Cllr Salter, Cllr Van Hensbergen and Cllr Walter. It was **RESOLVED** by all members that they would have £800 Budget, £300 of which is the Grant from the Ward members. The working group will keep in contact with the Clerk who will offer support when required. To date they have allocated between £150 - £200 for the Entertainment and the Village Hall has been booked at a cost of £10.50 per hour. The Clerk will email the Hall Bookings Clerk to let them know that they will like use of the Hall all day.

10. **KGV FIELD**

Trees – KGV Field

The Clerk confirmed that the work had now been carried out, but unfortunately a lot of the branches and tree debris had been left on the KGV Field. The Clerk will contact Golding Homes and ask that it is removed.

Cableway

There was no update yet on the funding applications

Goal Nets

The Clerk had forwarded an email received from the resident at 2 Rectory Cottages explaining that they too have had issues with balls going into their garden and would also like to see the goal nets moved. The Parish Council felt that they needed to ask the

residents of Nettlestead about the goal nets and how often they use them and what they would like to see happen to them. Cllr Thomas will prepare a survey, and this will be placed into the Parish Magazine, once responses have been received the Parish Council will then decide on the future of the goals.

It was noted that both quotes received for moving the goal posts were now like for like.

Fly tipping

It was noted that there had been some fly tipping on the KGV Field which had been removed. Originally this was dumped in the alleyway behind the numbers 21-22 Bishops Close, blocking the footpath and then it was thrown into the KGV Field. The Clerk was asked to speak with the PCSO about this fly tipping.

GM Contract

The Clerk was asked to contact the GM Contractor Capel Ground Care when they planned on doing the first cut of the year.

Parking

The Clerk had been contacted by a resident of Bryant Close regarding the parking on the pavements at the end of Bishops Close and the junction of Bishops Close and Maidstone Road. The Clerk has contacted Maidstone Borough Council regarding parking enforcement and spoken with the PCSO on this matter. Regarding the junction, there will now be a meeting with KCC as part of the Highway Improvement Plan – which is something the Parish Councils can ask to be looked at. The meeting will be on the 4th March at 10am with representatives from KCC.

11. CHURCHYARD

Cllr Bennett reported that the holly tree in the churchyard had been damaged.

12. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

Speed watch

The Clerk had received no further volunteers and it was **RESOLVED** that they will run the advert in the Parish magazine for another month, if no further volunteers come forward then they will abort the Speed watch.

7.5 tonne sign

The Clerk was asked to report that the 7.5tonne sign located by Esquire print is lying on the ground in the ditch – (KCC Report a Fault - reference number 486364)

13. CORRESPONDENCE

The Chairman reported that he had responded to the resident regarding the flood issues which had arisen regarding recent flooding in Hampstead Lane.

The Clerk also confirmed that two residents in Hampstead Lane would be the new flood wardens for Nettlestead.

14. PLANNING

None

DECISIONS MADE BY MBC

As below

19/503546	The Orchard, Hampstead Lane, Nettlestead
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	Retrospective application for replacement gates, walls and engineering works to create a cast-in culvert with concrete crossover. APPLICATION REFUSED
19/503547	<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. APPLICATION REFUSED
19/506062	<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> APPLICATION PERMITTED

15. FINANCE

15.1 To note Budget monitoring report to February 2020

Noted by all members

15.2 To resolve that the cheques presented can be signed

The chairman made some amendments to the Clerks salary, there was a discrepancy in the Salary and the HMRC payment, a new cheque was written out for the Clerks extra hours for January. It was **RESOLVED** by all members present to make the payments listed. It was also noted that due to an issue at the Bank the cheque from last month for Nettlestead Village Hall was cancelled in error by the Bank, therefore a new cheque had been written out to replace it.

NPC - Cheque List - FEBRUARY					
Cheque No	Gross	VAT	Nett	Supplier	Details
022064	£94.19	£1.83	£92.36	Mrs Michelle Rumble	Expenses - February
022065				CHEQUE CANCELLED	
022066	£36.00	£0.00	£36.00	HMRC	PAYE & NIC
022067	£165.00	£0.00	£165.00	Hadlum Design and Print	Parish magazine printing
022068	£457.32	£76.22	£381.10	Capel Groundcare	GM Contract 2020 - February
022069	£198.07	£33.01	£165.06	Streetlights	Streetlighting contract
022069	£117.30	£19.55	£97.75	Streetlights	Repairs to Column 6
022070	£220.00	£0.00	£220.00	Nettlestead Village Hall	Hall Hire - re-issued chq
022071	£196.28	£9.34	£186.94	Eon	Street lighting energy

022072	£154.68	£0.00	£154.68	Mrs Michelle Rumble	Clerks Extra hours - January
022073	£6.57	£0.00	£6.57	HMRC	PAYE & NIC
DD0201	£7.20	£1.20	£6.00	Sage Payroll	Payroll fee - February
S00201	£569.83	£0.00	£569.83	Mrs Michelle Rumble	Salary - February
	£2,222.44	£141.15	£2,081.29		

15.3 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. The Clerk was asked to seek further quotes, one from Esquire Print who are in Nettlestead.

16. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Speed watch
- Cableway
- KGV Field Goal nets - survey
- VE Day
- Trees – KGV Field
- Website
- School House Clock
- KCC Highways meeting

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be on the 5th March 2020 commencing at 7.45pm at Nettlestead Village Hall

There being be no further business the meeting closed at 21.20pm