

**NETTLESTEAD PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON THE 2<sup>nd</sup> of DECEMBER 2021 7.45pm  
at NETTLESTEAD VILLAGE HALL**

**Members Present**

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

Also, in attendance – The Clerk - Mrs Michelle Rumble, Borough Councillor Cllr Claudine Russell, County Councillor Simon Webb and two members of the public

**1. Apologies for absence**

Cllr Bennett, ( it was RESOLVED to accept that Cllr Bennett had not attended the last six meetings due to a bereavement so this was accepted)  
Cllr Thomas (work commitment)  
Cllr Pullen (illness)

**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.

Cllr Emily Salter declared an interest in item 18 Planning and will not take part in any such discussion or vote on this item.

**3. Minutes previous Parish Council meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting were signed as a true and correct record, **RESOLVED** by all members present.

The meeting was adjourned to hear from the two members of public who are the applicants for the planning application for the Granary at item 18. Once the planning application had been discussed, it was **RESOLVED to a NO COMMENT** for this application. The members of the public then left the meeting. They were thanked for attending and answering any questions the members had.

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

Fire Hydrants

*This has now been completed*

Village Hall Ground maintenance quote

*The Clerk will contact the contractor and amend the cut from twelve to three, as agreed at the last meeting and will send on the quote once received.*

**5. County Councillor report**

Cllr Webb was present and gave his report: -

## **Kent County Council – Maidstone Rural West Member update**

### **Education: Additional Bank Holiday**

An additional bank holiday has been given to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee. Thursday June 2<sup>nd</sup> and Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022 have now been confirmed, this will allow a four-day period.

### **Environment**

41 000 trees are to be planted in Swale and Ashford being paid for from government funds.

### **Under 5s Initiative**

Creative Play sessions for young children and mothers (0-24) are taking place in eight libraries across Kent.

### **Full Council Meeting: 4<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

Memories and tributes were the order of the day to celebrate the life of Ms Ann Allen who sadly died in post as Chairman of the County Council.

There are two current consultations running across Kent

- a) Adult Social Care strategy
- b) Libraries

### **General**

The impact of the COVID lockdowns has had an impact on people aged between 53 and 60; with the greatest impact on alcohol consumption being with women of this age.

In addition, I attended an excellent Police Seminar at Mercure Hotel entitled: 'Violence against Women and Girls' on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November.

Cllr Webb left the meeting

## **6. Borough Councillor Report**

Cllr Russell was present and stated that the Regulation 19 Consultation is now open and the cut-off date for comments is the 12<sup>th</sup> of December.

There will also be a discussion amongst the Cabinet next week on going to four yearly Elections this will save a lot of money if given the approval.

## **7. Neighbourhood Watch**

Cllr Salter gave the following report

- Medway Terrace in Nettlestead, Between 15:00 on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> of November and 15:05 on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> of November. Somebody stole both number plates from a Citroen parked in the road.  
Crime Report No. 46/246311/21

## **8. Police report**

PCSO Morris was not in attendance but did forward a report.

## **9. Chatterbox**

Cllr Bennett was not in attendance; the sleigh will be coming to the Village on the 12<sup>th</sup> of December.

## **10. Parish magazine**

Cllr Van Hensbergen gave her report.

**11. Village hall**

Nothing to report.

**12. KGV FIELD**

*Goal posts*

The Goal posts have now been removed and the Councillors will discuss the shooting goal at their next meeting.

*Plant a tree*

Cllr Van Hensbergen was still trying to seek an Oak Tree and will report back at the next meeting.

*Cableway*

The Parish Council are a little concerned that someone is again letting their dog hang on the seat of the Cableway, this is causing damage to the seat and the Councillors will put some Gorilla tape on the seat to avoid any more damage.

The Clerk was also asked to contact the GM Contractor about emptying the litter bin in the KGV Field and remove the flytipping.

**13. CHURCHYARD**

Nothing to report

**14. SPEEDWATCH**

The Clerk reported that all the equipment for Speedwatch is now located at the Village Hall, there was no update yet as to when it would be commencing.

**15. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS**

*Highways*

The Double yellow lines had been installed at the entrance to Bishops Close/ Maidstone Road.

It was noted that cars are still parking on the pavement.

*Footpaths*

No updates

**16. CORRESPONDENCE**

Local Plan paperwork

**17. PLANNING**

21/505741/FULL	<i>The Granary, Rock Farm, Gibbs Hill, Maidstone</i> <i>Conversion of existing hopper huts to two no residential dwellings with basements and associated parking amenity space and landscaping.</i> <b><i>It was RESOLVED by all members to NO COMMENT</i></b>
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21/505742/LBC	<p>Listed Building Consent for works associated with: - The Granary, Rock Farm, Gibbs Hill, Maidstone</p> <p>Conversion of existing hopper huts to two no residential dwellings with basements and associated parking amenity space and landscaping.</p> <p><b>It was RESOLVED by all members to NO COMMENT</b></p>
APP/U2235/D/21/3280658	<p>3 Rose Cottages, Maidstone Road, Nettlestead</p> <p>Demolition of existing temporary timber structure and erection of part single, part two storey side and rear extension.</p> <p><b>APPEAL MADE BY APPLICANT</b></p> <p><b>It was RESOLVED that the members previous comments will go forward to this appeal when it is heard.</b></p>

#### **DECISIONS MADE BY MBC**

21/504959/FULL	<p>Mousehole Fishing Lakes, Maidstone Road</p> <p>Erection detached annexe as part of existing fishery</p> <p><b>APPLICATION REFUSED</b></p>
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#### 18. **Finance**

18.1 To note Budget monitoring report to December 2021

18.2 Resolution to authorise payments for December 2021

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

				<b>NPC - Cheque List - DECEMBER</b>	
<b>Cheque No</b>	<b>Gross</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Nett</b>	<b>Supplier</b>	<b>Details</b>
622212	£191.22	£6.26	£184.96	Mrs Michelle Rumble	Expenses - December
622213	£416.09	£69.35	£346.74	Capel Groundcare	GM Contract
622214	£101.13	£4.82	£96.31	Eon	Streetlighting energy - October
622215	£198.00	£0.00	£198.00	Hadlum	Parish magazine printing
622216	£35.99	£6.00	£29.99	Hugofox	Website subscription
622217	£420.00	£70.00	£350.00	A & F services	Removal of existing goal posts
622218	£36.00	£0.00	£36.00	CPRE	Membership
DD1201	£8.40	£1.40	£7.00	Sage Payroll	Payroll fee - December
SO1201	£554.67	£0.00	£554.67	Mrs Michelle Rumble	Salary - December
	<b>£1,961.50</b>	<b>£157.83</b>	<b>£1,803.67</b>		

18.3 Bank Reconciliation

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

18.4 Budget 2022-2023

This was discussed and amendments made, this will be updated circulated to all members and approved at the next meeting.

**19. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Parish Council meeting will be on the 6<sup>th</sup> of January 2022 at 7.45pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.10pm