

NETTLESTEAD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A REMOTE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
6th MAY 2021 AT 7.30PM

Members Present

Cllr David Meredith – Chairman
Cllr Anita Van-Hensbergen – Vice-chairman
Cllr Emily Salter
Cllr Alison Green
Cllr Jackie Bennett

Also, in attendance – The Clerk - Mrs Michelle Rumble, Borough Cllrs David Burton and Annabelle Blackmore

1. **Apologies for absence**

Cllr Thomas

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. **Election Chairman**

Cllr Bennett proposed Cllr Meredith, this was seconded by Cllr Green and **RESOLVED** by all members present, Cllr Meredith signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

4. **Election Vice-chairman**

Cllr Meredith proposed Cllr Van Hensbergen, seconded by Cllr Green and **RESOLVED** by all members present.

5. **Minutes last meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting were signed as a true and correct record, **RESOLVED** by all members present, as were the minutes from the previous Annual Meeting held in June 2020.

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.

Yalding Enterprise Park

The Parish Council are still waiting to hear about the Consultation group which is to be set up. Cllr Burton confirmed that a representative from Nettlestead Parish Council would be invited to join the group, and Cllr Green confirmed her willingness to participate.

5. **Neighbourhood Watch**

Cllr Salter reported the following: -

- Between 6pm on the 21st of April and 1.58pm on the 22nd of April, somebody stole a Catalytic Converter from a Honda Jazz parked at Glenleigh Road in Nettlestead

6. **Police report**

The PCSO was not present, and no report had been received

7. **Chatterbox**

Cllr Bennett was in attendance and stated it was hoped that Chatterbox would be able to resume in July, but the date will be confirmed. Cllr Blackmore stated that she wished there were more of these community groups.

8. **Parish magazine**

Cllr Van Hensbergen gave her report.

9. **Village hall**

Cllr Meredith reported that the Village Hall will be open and our next meeting on the 3rd of June will take place in the Village Hall face to face. Members of the public can attend but if they could please contact the Clerk in the first instance to confirm their attendance. Cllr Blackmore suggested that if Wi-Fi were available at the hall members of the public could access the meeting that way.

The meeting will be held socially distanced within the hall, with hand washing continuing and to open windows and doors for ventilation. The Clerk will contact the Village Hall Bookings Clerk to confirm this with them and to make sure that Hand sanitiser would be available and wipes to clean down the chairs and tables before and after use by the Parish Council.

ACTION CLERK

10. **KGV FIELD**

Goal Nets

The Goal nets had now been moved closer to the large netting; it was now just a matter of time to see if this had worked. It was also noted that the Goal nets need to be replaced – Clerk will speak with Jeff Goodyer as he stated he knew someone who was able to supply a much stronger net.

The Clerk was also asked to speak with A & F Services regarding the large net behind the goals which needed some attention.

ACTION CLERK

Cableway

The Clerk reported that the Cableway had now been repaired and was fully operational again, and that the Parish Council would like to thank Capel Groundcare for their swift action in removing the damaged cable.

There had been some cutting back on the KGV Field by a contractor, most of the vegetation had been removed but the larger logs were still on the Field and unfortunately some of this had been thrown around the field and some of the logs had been thrown into the road causing a near miss for a car coming past the KGV Field. The Clerk was asked to contact the contractor to see if these could be removed.

Cllr Van Hensbergen and Cllr Green would attend the KGV Field and remove some other vegetation on the access by the five-bar gate. It was also noted that there had been quite a lot of fly tipping on the KGV Field which had been reported to the PCSO, there was also a motorbike which was driving round the field on a Sunday which had also been reported to the PCSO.

The Parish Councillors wondered if they should consider CCTV on the Field due to influx of problems which have been happening on their lately, but it would probably be prohibitively expensive.

11. CHURCHYARD

Cllr Bennett reported that the tree which had fallen was due to be removed along with another one.

12. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

Highways

KCC Highways – Bishops Close Parking/Speeding

The Clerk had forwarded to all members the Report from KCC which included costings for a set of double yellow lines 10metres into the junction, but an informal consultation would need to take place before this would be able to go ahead. Concern was expressed about vehicles parked on the pavements, and this may need to be raised again with KCC, but it was felt that photographic evidence would be necessary to support any future approach to KCC.

A speed survey had taken place on the Maidstone Road near to the junction of Bishops Close and the results had been circulated to all members of the Council and will be available to view on the Parish Council website.

Speedwatch

Cllr Meredith and Cllr Van Hensbergen had attended a Zoom meeting with Wateringbury Parish Council in which Speedwatch and speeding had been discussed within their Transport committee and had been highly informative.

The Parish Council are still keen to get a Speedwatch group together, and an advert has been placed in the Parish magazine. But, as yet, the Clerk has received no volunteers for this, so it was agreed that the advert be run again next month, and this will be discussed further at the next meeting. Cllr Burton suggested that the Parish Council speak with the Police and Crime Commission on this and our County Councillor.

The Clerk was asked to also speak with KCC on the SID which is flashing even when you are travelling at below 40mph coming into the Parish from Nettlestead Green.

ACTION CLERK

Footpaths

The Clerk had received a response from the PROW officer on Footpath KM176 and was told that this would be reinstated by the end of May

13. CORRESPONDENCE

Charging points

The Parish Council had received an email from a resident asking about electric charging points in the Village, as the Parish Council does not own any car parks or the Village Hall – the resident would be best advised to speak with Golding Homes on this matter. The Clerk will inform the resident.

14. PLANNING

21/501935/FULL	<p>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 It was RESOLVED by all members present that they would like to see this application REFUSED on the following grounds Metropolitan Green Belt Not in keeping with the area The Parish Council would also like it noted that the Temporary structure to the side of the property is used for business purposes and no change of use was ever submitted and approved. The Parish Council would also like to ask that this application is called into the Planning Committee if they are minded to approve. Cllr Blackmore would be willing to speak on behalf of the Parish Council at the Planning Committee.</p>
21/501226/FULL	<p>Nettlestead Green House, Maidstone Road, Nettlestead Change of use of land for construction of a riding arena It was RESOLVED by all members present that the Parish Council would like to support the concerns of the neighbouring resident regarding the drainage issues.</p>
21/502004/FULL	<p>3 Kings Cottages, Maidstone Road, Nettlestead Maidstone Erection of a rear conservatory RESOLVED by all members present to submit a NO COMMENT</p>

DECISIONS MADE BY MBC

None

15. FINANCE

- 15.1 To note Budget monitoring report to May 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 - May	

Cheque No	Gross	VAT	Nett	Supplier	Details
022166	£87.99	£4.19	£83.80	Eon	Street lighting energy - March
022167	£139.54	£0.58	£138.96	Mrs Michelle Rumble	Expenses
022168	£178.00	£0.00	£178.00	Hadlum Design	Parish magazine printing
022169	£416.01	£69.34	£346.67	Capel Groundcare	GM Contract
022169	£240.00	£40.00	£200.00	Capel Groundcare	Clear Waste KGV Field
022170	£356.78	£59.46	£297.32	KALC	Membership 2021/22
022171	£260.00	£0.00	£260.00	Art build	Work to KGV Field - Goal posts
022172	£50.46	£8.41	£42.05	KCS	Stationery - Parish Clerk
022173	£40.00	£0.00	£40.00	ICO	ICO fee 2021/22
022174	£180.00	£30.00	£150.00	A & F Services	Hedge cutting KGV Field
S00501	£8.40	£1.40	£7.00	Sage Payroll	Payroll fee - May
DD0501	£554.67	£0.00	£554.67	Mrs Michelle Rumble	Salary - May
DD0502	£35.99	£6.00	£29.99	Hugo Fox	Monthly fee - website
	£2,547.84	£219.38	£2,328.46		

15.3 Bank Reconciliations

These were approved and were signed by the Chairman and the Clerk as RFO.

16. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

KGV Field Goal nets – update
Footpath KM176
Bishops Close Parking
Speedwatch

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be on the 3rd June at 7.30pm at the Village Hall

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.35pm