

NETTLESTEAD PARISH COUNCIL
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 5th DECEMBER 2019 AT 7.45PM,
NETTLESTEAD VILLAGE HALL, NETTLESTEAD

Members Present

Cllr David Meredith

Cllr Anita Van- Hensbergen

Cllr Alan Hill

Cllr Edward Walter

Also, in attendance – Mrs Michelle Rumble – Parish Clerk

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Bennett, Cllr Salter, 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.

No such interests were declared

3. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 7 November 2019 were approved and signed as a true and correct record, **RESOLVED** by all members present.

4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES**

VE DAY 2020

The Clerk confirmed that she had applied for the Grant available from the Borough Councillors for the VE Day Celebrations that the Parish Council wish to do. The Clerk was also asked to confirm if the Village Hall was available on that day. Cllr Bennett who was not in attendance was going to speak with a resident who could provide the entertainment.

5. **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

None

6. **POLICE REPORT**

None

7. **CHATTERBOX**

Cllr Bennett was not in attendance, but the Christmas Lunch will take place on the 10th December at the Hop Pole Public House.

8. **PARISH MAGAZINE**

Cllr Van Hensbergen was in attendance and gave her report.

9. **VILLAGE HALL**
Nothing to report

10. **KGV FIELD**

Trees – KGV Field

The Clerk confirmed that she had chased this with Golding Homes, but no response to date and she will keep chasing them.

Grounds Maintenance

It was noted that as the last cut had not taken place a refund of one cut had been taken from this month's invoice.

Cableway

The Clerk confirmed that she had started a funding application for the cableway with Awards for All and is hoping to have this completed and submitted by the end of the year. The Clerk has also asked if Cllr Stockell would contribute and was waiting for a reply on this.

Goal Nets

The members had received correspondence from the resident on this matter on receipt of the Parish Council's letter to them. There were two suggestions which were on the table to try and help alleviate this issue.

- To move the large net back towards the resident's fence
- To move the goal post back to the large net – the members felt the second option would be more feasible, but this also depended on the cost. The Clerk was asked to seek quotes for the second option.

11. **CHURCHYARD**

No report

12. **HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS**

The Clerk reported the following to the various agencies.

- Potholes – Gibbs Hill – The Clerk received contact from KCC on this matter and there were not too many pot holes but the road surface is not great and KCC Highway Steward has put forward asking for some works to be carried out on this surface next year – but has not promised it will be accepted.
- SID along Maidstone Road near to the Village Hall – The Clerk reported this again and it has been confirmed that due to the age of the SID it may need to be removed and decommissioned and will not be replaced
- Litter pick throughout Nettlestead to MBC – this has been carried out

Speed watch

The Clerk has received response from one resident who lives in Nettlestead Green and the Clerk will contact them again and ask if they would like to be the speed watch coordinator and help get more volunteers on board.

Grit Bin

The Clerk was asked to report the Grit bin at the bottom of Gibbs Hill which was empty and keeps falling over and could be a Health and Safety issue if it was to fall on a young child.

13. **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

14. **PLANNING**

19/503546	<i>The Orchard, Hampstead Lane, Nettlestead</i> Retrospective application for replacement gates, walls and engineering works to create a cast-in culvert with concrete crossover. <i>It was RESOLVED by all members to comment that they were disappointed that the work had been completed without planning permission.</i>
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. <i>It was RESOLVED by all members to comment that they were disappointed that the work had been completed without planning permission.</i>

DECISIONS MADE BY MBC

As below

19/504569/FULL	<i>5 and 6 Whites Cottages, Maidstone Road, Nettlestead</i> <i>Demolition of existing rear extensions. Erection of part single storey, part two storey extensions to both semi-detached cottages</i> <i>APPLICATION PERMITTED</i>
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15. **FINANCE**

15.1 To note Budget monitoring report to December 2019

Noted by all members

15.2 To resolve that the cheques presented can be signed

NPC - Cheque List - DECEMBER					
Cheque No	Gross	VAT	Nett	Supplier	Details
022048	£80.50	£0.33	£80.17	Mrs Michelle Rumble	Expenses - December
022049	£562.43	£0.00	£562.43	Mrs Michelle Rumble	Salary - December
022050	£333.72	£55.62	£278.10	Capel Groundcare	GM Contract 2019 - December
022051	£165.00	£0.00	£165.00	Hadlum Design and Print	Parish magazine printing
022052	£193.11	£9.19	£183.92	Eon	Street lighting energy
022053	£36.00	£0.00	£36.00	CPRE	Membership
022054	£5.28	£0.88	£4.40	KCC	Paper
DD1201	£7.20	£1.20	£6.00	Sage Payroll	Payroll fee - December
	£1,383.24	£67.22	£1,316.02		

15.3 Risk Assessment

It was RESOLVED by all members present to accept the Risk Assessment

15.4 Budget 2020/21

Cllr Meredith had made the amendments to the Budget and suggested a 3% increase to the precept but this will be formally approved at the next meeting in January 2020.

16. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Speed watch
Cableway
KGV Field Goal nets
Budget

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be on the 2nd January 2020 commencing at 7.45pm at Nettlestead Village Hall

There being be no further business the meeting closed at 20.45pm