

Nettlestead Parish Council

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting

Held on 3rd November 2022 at 7.45pm
At Nettlestead Village Hall

Members Present

Cllr David Meredith - Chairman, Cllr Anita Van-Hensbergen – Vice Chairman, Cllr Emily Corfe, Cllr Jackie Bennett, Cllr Alison Green

1. Apologies for absence

The Clerk Michelle Rumble, Cllr Rebecca Pullen, Cllr Martyn Evans, KCC/MBC Cllr Simon Webb, MBC Cllr Claudine Russell, PCSO Nicola Morris

2. Declaration of pecuniary or personal interest in any item on the agenda

None

3. Minutes of Full Council Meeting held on 6th October 2022

It was noted that the minutes of the last meeting were missing Section 8.3: Draft Order SE/5188 Proposed Stopping Up of Highway at Former Syngenta Works, Hampstead Lane, Yalding, ME18 6HJ. The PC has NO OBJECTION to the proposal.

4. External Reports

4.1 County Councillor Report

No report had been received

4.2 Borough Councillor Report

MBC Cllr Claudine Russell had forwarded a booklet; The Rising Cost of Living Support Information, which details assistance that is available for those struggling to pay their energy bills and includes hints and tips for saving energy and staying warm. It was agreed that this is a useful publication and a link to it will be added to the Parish Council website and a summary will be placed in the Parish Magazine.

4.3 PCSO Report

The following report had been received from PCSO Nicola Morris:

Crime since the last meeting:

9th-10th Oct – Vehicle interference – Bishops Close – unknown person has got into vehicle and caused damage – wiring – vehicle not taken

23rd-24th Oct – Criminal Damage - Gibbs Hill – fencing has been cut on a number of occasions

I have been doing a bit of work with the waste crime team from Maidstone Borough Council as we have had a number of vehicles stolen across the rural areas and found burnt out in the Coxheath/Hunton area. They have had reports of large Fly-tipping offences in those areas. Also we have managed to place a number of wildlife cameras out – just for your awareness due to number of vehicles being stolen – ranging from Land Rovers to Ford Transits.

There is a big neighbourhood review of Policing going on in Kent so we are patiently waiting for updates regarding this.

5. Councillor's Reports

5.1 Neighbourhood Watch

Cllr Corfe reported the following incident that have been reported:

Between 22:00 on Sunday 9th October and 09:00 on Monday 10th October - somebody broke into a Peugeot 5008 Active parked in the road. The owner has not yet confirmed whether anything was taken. Crime Report No. 46/197085/22

5.2 Parish Magazine

Cllr Van-Hensbergen stated that the latest Parish Magazine had included information about the Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council Development Plan as there are a number of potential sites for housing development in the Wateringbury area that would have an impact on residents of Nettlestead.

Cllr Van-Hensbergen asked if the Clerk could provide a list of advertisers in order that she can collect payments due.

5.3 Chatterbox

Cllr Bennett reported that Chatterbox had an enjoyable meeting in The Railway Pub.

6. KGV Field

6.1 Goal Posts – Survey

It was agreed to defer the resident's survey regarding preferred use and potential re-instatement of goal posts on the KGV Field until the spring when it was felt there would be more interest as the weather would be improving.

6.2 Maintenance Report

A quote had been received from Capel Groundcare to address various maintenance issues at the KGV Field. These were discussed as follows:

BMX Track moss (ROSPA – Low Risk) – it was agreed that this should be deferred until the spring.

Cableway vegetation (Not mentioned on ROSPA report) – it was agreed that Cllr Green would visit the KGV and confirm whether this work needs immediate attention.

Exposed tyres in the mounds (ROSPA – Low Risk) – it was agreed to review this matter in the spring.

Brickwork down the steps (ROSPA- Low Risk) – it was agreed to review this matter in the spring and possibly consider adding into next year's budget.

Rabbit fencing – Jubilee Tree – it was noted that this is Capel Groundcare's responsibility and will be dealt with Free of Charge. The Clerk was asked to confirm with Capel that this work will be done.

It was noted that all the matters identified above are designated Low Risk in the latest ROSPA Report.

The Clerk was asked to check whether the Dismantling Inspection of the Cableway has taken place as no report has been received.

The Clerk was asked to follow up with Capel Groundcare regarding the replacement Cableway Seat.

The Clerk was asked to request an additional cut of the KGV as it has grown notably since the last cut. The additional cut is to be undertaken in good weather when the grass has had chance to dry out a bit.

The Clerk was asked to follow up on the latest quarterly inspection report as this has not been received.

It was noted that the bin on the KGV needs emptying; the Clerk was asked to mention this to Capel Groundcare.

The PC noted the potential for Grant funding for Trees. Cllr Green stated that the deadline has passed for this funding cycle but there are further opportunities to apply. Cllr Green has agreed to follow up on this with the aim of improving the hedge at the top of the KGV Field.

7. Churchyard

It was noted that the Churchyard is in good condition.

8. Highways and Footpath matters

8.1 Speedwatch

It was noted that the Police have been undertaking Speedchecks from the Village Hall. This was welcomed by the PC.

8.2 Dog Waste Bins

It was agreed by all that dog waste is an issue in and around the village. It was thought that the article in the Parish Magazine was a good reminder. MBC have confirmed that they will not supply any additional bins but have agreed to re-locate any of the existing bins. Cllr Corfe has identified the location of all bins within the village and it was agreed that The Clerk should ask MBC to re-locate the bin from the top of the bank at the side of the Village Hall to the junction of Footpaths 176 and 177 at the top of Bryant Close.

8.3 Parking – Bishops Close/Bryant Close

It was agreed that this item should be carried forward to the next meeting.

Planter on the triangle of land opposite The Railway Pub: it was noted that a planter has been placed on the triangle of land opposite The Railway. It was confirmed that this land is owned and maintained by NPC. Concern was expressed about liability should the planter be damaged during strimming and maintenance of this piece of ground. It is understood that the planter belongs to Wateringbury PC. The Clerk was asked to contact the Clerk of Wateringbury PC and let them know that NPC is happy to host the planter but will not accept responsibility for it or any loss or damage caused.

Grass verge on East side of B2015 by the allotments: it was noted that the upkeep of this strip of verge has until now been undertaken by an allotment holder who is now finding it difficult to continue to do this. It was agreed that responsibility for this verge lies with Highways and not the PC.

Strimming at the Village Hall: it was agreed to review this matter when debating next year's budget.

9. Old School House Clock

RESOLUTION to approve the £1.00 pa payment to the Landlord as per the Title Deed and for the Clerk to seek quotes to service, maintain the Clock as per the Title Deed (Nettlestead Parish Council as Tenant)

It was resolved to approve the payment of 2 year's rent as is due to the new owners of Old School House (OSH).

The Clerk was asked to write back to the owners of OSH confirming that the PC is seeking advice and quotes for servicing the clock and that we will reply in due course.

10. Planning Matters

10.1 New Planning Applications:

22/504425/REM	<p>Former Syngenta Works, Hampstead Lane, Yalding Approval of reserved matters of scale, layout, appearance and landscaping for Phase A being site entrance works of gatehouse building, fencing, construction of the conveyance channel, first section of distributor road and associated landscaping pursuant to 19/504910/OUT (outline application for the redevelopment of the former Syngenta Works to provide a new business park of up to 46,447sqm of B1 (c), B2 and B8 accommodation with associated access, parking and infrastructure works). It was RESOLVED by all members present to make NO COMMENT.</p>
22/504459/FULL	<p>Hawthorne Cottage, Hampstead Lane, Yalding Demolition of existing garage and erection of a replacement double garage with a home office and accommodation in roof space ancillary to the main dwelling. It was RESOLVED by all members present to make NO COMMENT.</p>

It was noted that the next meeting dates for the YEP Development Delivery Group are: 10th and 22nd November. Cllr Green confirmed that she will be attending both meetings.

10.2 Decisions made by MBC:

None

11. Finance

11.1 RESOLUTION to receive Budget Monitoring Report for November 2022

It was **RESOLVED** by all members present to receive the Budget Monitoring Report for November 2022.

11.2 RESOLUTION to approve payments for November 2022

NPC CHEQUE LIST - NOVEMBER					
Supplier					
Cheque No	Gross	VAT	Nett	Details	
622282	£84.95	£0.00	£84.95	Mrs Michelle Rumble	Expenses - September/October
622283	£198.00	£0.00	£198.00	Hadlum Design	Parish magazine printing
622284	£37.20	£6.20	£31.00	CAPEL GROUND CARE	9mth Playground Inspection
622284	£156.00	£26.00	£130.00	CAPEL GROUND CARE	Village Hall Strimming
622284	£428.54	£71.42	£357.12	CAPEL GROUND CARE	GM CONTRACT
622285	£202.43	£33.74	£168.69	Streetlights	Contract 3 of 4
622286	£245.95	£40.99	£204.96	Glasdon	New Bin - KGV Field
622287	£2.00	£0.00	£2.00	Mr Chris Conroy	Payment - Old School House Clock
622288	£122.56	£5.84	£116.72	N power Business Solutions	Street lighting electricity
622289	£166.69	£0.00	£166.69	Mrs Michelle Rumble	NALC Salary Award 2022/23
DD1101	£8.40	£1.40	£7.00	Sage Payroll	Payroll fee - November

S01101	£815.10	£0.00	£815.10	Mrs michelle Rumble	Salary - November
	£2,467.82	£185.59	£2,282.23		

It was **RESOLVED** by all members present to make the payments below except for Cheque No 622286 as approval has not been agreed for this expenditure.

It was also noted that the PC are still awaiting the report for the latest KGV Field Safety Inspection from Capel Groundcare.

11.3 RESOLUTION to approve the Bank Reconciliation.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the Bank Reconciliation and Statement, these will be signed by the Chair and the Clerk.

11.4 RESOLUTION to approve the Clerk's Standing Orders for November and December 2022

It was **RESOLVED** to approve and sign the Standing Orders for The Clerk for November and December 2022.

12. Social Media

It was noted that Cllr Pullen has set-up the NPC Facebook page and that this now has 40 followers. Cllr Pullen was thanked for her efforts and it was agreed that this is a useful additional form of communication for PC matters.

13. Correspondence

None.

14. Future Agenda Items

Old School House Clock
 Parking Bishops Close/Bryant Close
 KCC Trees Grant

Date of next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be on 1st December 2022 at Nettlestead Village Hall at 7.45pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.00pm