

Nettlestead Parish Council

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting

**Held on 4th November 2021 7.45pm
At Nettlestead Village Hall**

Members Present

CLLrs David Meredith - Chairman, Anita Van-Hensbergen – Vice Chairman, Emily Salter, Alison Green, Rebecca Pullen.

Also, in attendance; MBC Cllr Claudine Russell, Tamsin Miles & Daniel Kemp from EP Architects Ltd (Item 17.1 Planning Application 21/505282/FULL only), three members of the Village Hall Committee and the Village Hall Bookings Secretary.

Items 11 and 17.1 Planning Application 21/505282/FULL were taken after Item 3.

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Jackie Bennett, Cllr David Thomas, The Clerk – Michelle Rumble, KCC/MBC Cllr Simon Webb

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

None

3. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were signed as a true and correct record.

4. Matters arising from previous minutes and action points

4.1 YEP – Cllr Meredith noted the email from Richard Timms (Principal Planning Officer MBC) re Yalding Enterprise Park as follows:

The legal agreement has secured the 'Development Delivery Group' which includes a Parish Councillor each from Yalding and Nettlestead along with Ward Cllrs, Chair and Vice-Chair of Planning Committee, and Planning Committee Group Spokespersons. The Group must meet at least twice prior to the submission of any reserved matters applications and the applicant cannot submit any applications until this has taken place.

The Parish will therefore be invited at the relevant time.

It was noted that Cllr Green will represent NPC on this group.

4.2 Ward Cluster 6 Meeting – Cllr Pullen and MBC Cllr Russell had attended (via Teams) a meeting of Ward Cluster 6 which is an initiative to bring together MBC, the Community Safety Team and Maidstone Police to increase engagement and share initiatives that are aimed at improving Community Safety. A number of topics were covered including Anti-social Behaviour, School engagement, Speeding, Lorry Watch and Fly Tipping.

It was noted that the group meets twice a year.

Cllr Meredith thanked both Cllr Pullen and Cllr Russell for attending the meeting and providing their feedback.

5. County Councillor Report

In KCC Cllr Webb's absence MBC Cllr Russell asked on his behalf for the Clerk to provide a detailed breakdown of the expenditure to be covered by the Post Covid Recovery Grant that has been requested.

6. Borough Councillor Report

Borough Cllr Russell stated that she had sent the Clerk an email with details for feedback on the Emerging Local Plan. She also informed the meeting that there is a Kent Police Safeguarding Women & Children event taking place at the Maidstone Mercure Hotel on 10th November.

7. Neighbourhood Watch

Cllr Salter stated that there was nothing further to report than previously noted.

8. Police Matters

It was noted that PCSO Morris had sent an email to the Clerk. MBC Cllr Russell stated that she has been trying to arrange a meeting with our PCSO.

It was agreed to ask the Clerk to invite PCSO Morris to the next meeting.

9. Chatterbox

Cllr Van-Hensbergen provided an update confirming that unfortunately the group still have not been able to meet up but are looking forward to hopefully getting together soon.

10. Parish Magazine

Cllr Van-Hensbergen stated that she had now collected the advertising revenues due for this year. Cllr Meredith thanked her for doing this especially given the difficulties caused to local businesses this year due to the Pandemic. Cllr Van-Hensbergen also stated that she is in discussions to update the front cover of the magazine. It was also noted that the Parish Magazine is happy to include any updates from the Village Hall Committee in an effort to encourage the use of this facility.

11. Village Hall

The Village Hall Committee (VHC) confirmed that the Speedwatch group can use the verge by the sign to set up their equipment. It was noted that the activity of the Speedwatch Group is covered by NPC insurance policy. It was also noted that the VHC agreed that the Speedwatch equipment can be securely stored at a cost of £5.00/month.

The VHC asked NPC to consider adding the verge to the front of the VH and the grass to the left-hand side to the grass cutting and strimming schedule contract for next year. It was agreed to obtain a quote from Capel Groundcare to add these two areas into the schedule in order that a decision can then be made.

Other matters of interest to both the VHC and the Parish Council were discussed and the Chairman will report back to the Clerk on future procedures. It was noted that the VHC would welcome new members to assist with their work now that the Hall is open again. The Committee members were thanked for their efforts and it was agreed that it was very much in the interests of the village that the PC and the VHC work together to promote the use of the Hall.

12. KGV Field

12.1 Plant a Tree: It was noted that costs had not yet been received. It was agreed to remind the Clerk to provide these.

12.2 Goal Posts: It was agreed to carry this item forward to the next meeting in order to gain input from Cllr Thomas.

12.3 Further matters: Cllr Van-Hensbergen said that she had noticed significant damage to the seat suspender on the cableway. It was agreed to ask the Clerk whether the maintenance contract for the equipment at KGV has been signed, and if so, to report the damage. It was also agreed to ask the Clerk to confirm the insurance cover for the items identified in the ROSPA report that cannot be repaired due to obsolescence of the equipment.

13. Churchyard

Cllr Meredith confirmed that the issue of damage caused by the contractors has been resolved.

14. Highways and Footpath matters

14.1 Speedwatch: Refer to Item 11. Village Hall.

14.2 Bishops Close parking: It was noted that KCC has stated that the proposal for Yellow Lines at the junction of Bishops Close and Maidstone Road has been approved.

14.3 Fire Hydrant Map: It was agreed that Councillors would check the Fire Hydrants closest to them as follows:

- 17685 - Cllr Salter (Checked and is in good condition)
- 17679/17680 - Cllr Green
- 17686/17687 - It was agreed to ask Cllr Bennett to check these
- 17681 - Cllr Van-Hensbergen
- 17682/17683/17684 - Cllr Pullen

15. Footpaths

Nothing to report

16. Correspondence

It was noted that there had been no further correspondence not covered elsewhere in the meeting.

17. Planning Applications

17.1 New Planning Applications:

<p>21/505285/SUB</p>	<p><i>Nettlestead Green House, Maidstone Road</i> <i>Submission of details pursuant to condition 3 (Tree survey, AIA and AMS) condition 4 (Tree Protection) condition 5 (reptile migration survey) condition 6 (Bio-diversity enhancements) and condition 8 (Landscaping scheme and implementation) in relation to planning permission 21/503647/FULL).</i> RESOLVED by all members present that there was no wish to comment.</p>
<p>21/505282/FULL</p>	<p><i>Land adjacent to Sunnyside, Maidstone Road, Nettlestead.</i> <i>Proposed new house and landscaping scheme.</i> RESOLVED by all members present to see this application approved and , also referred to the full Planning Committee if the planning officers are minded to refuse permission. It was noted that the applicants and their architects had taken</p>

	<i>considerable effort and consideration to limit the impact of the proposed development on the local area and environment. It was noted that the application is for a single dwelling on the site and that this is in keeping with the linear nature of development in Nettlestead Green. The PC would like to see some formal restriction to prevent potential future further development on this site which would increase the density of the local housing adversely.</i>
21/505755/FULL	2 Wood Cottages, Maidstone Road, Nettlestead. Erection of single storey side- extension. RESOLVED by all members present to APPROVE

17.2 Decisions made by MBC:

21/504808/FULL	1 Hampstead Cottages.Hampstead Lane, Yalding Erection of first floor rear extension. APPLICATION PERMITTED
21/504555/FULL	The Meadows, Maidstone Road, Nettlestead Removal of existing equestrian buildings, menage, lunge arena, show jumping training area and hardstandings and erection of new dwelling, with associated landscaping and ecological enhancements (revised scheme to 19/502074/FULL). APPLICATION PERMITTED
21/504750/FULL	Three Pines, Gibbs Hill, Nettlestead Demolition of existing garage and outbuildings Erection of a single storey side and a two storey side and rear extensions. Replacement of existing roof and windows. APPLICATION REFUSED

18. Finance

18.1 To note Budget monitoring report to November 2021

18.2 Resolution to authorise payments for November 2021

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

NPC - Cheque List - October					
Cheque No	Gross	VAT	Nett	Supplier	Details
622198	£135.38	£0.58	£134.80	Mrs Michelle Rumble	Expenses - October
622199	£416.09	£69.35	£346.74	Capel Groundcare	GM Contract
622200	£87.99	£4.19	£83.80	Eon	Streetlighting energy August
622201	£187.00	£0.00	£187.00	Hadlum	Parish magazine printing
622202	£35.99	£6.00	£29.99	Hugofox	Website subscription
622203	£59.99	£9.99	£50.00	Mrs Michelle Rumble	Office 365 Subscription
622204	£240.00	£40.00	£200.00	PKF Littlejohn	External Audit fee
DD1001	£8.40	£1.40	£7.00	Sage Payroll	Payroll fee - October
SO1001	£554.67	£0.00	£554.67	Mrs Michelle Rumble	Salary - October
	£1,725.51	£131.51	£1,594.00		

18.3 To sign the Bank Reconciliation.

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

18.4 First Draft Budget 2022 - 2023

It was agreed to carry this item forward to the next meeting.

19. Future Agenda Items

Plant a Tree

KGV Field - Purpose/Goal Posts

Date of next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be on 2nd December 2021 at Nettlestead Village Hall at 7.45pm
There being no further business the meeting closed at 22.25pm