

# **NETTLESTEAD PARISH COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> MARCH 2023 IN NETTLESTEAD VILLAGE HALL at 19:45**

### **PRESENT:**

Cllr David Meredith - Chairman  
Cllr Anita Van Hensbergen – vice chair  
Cllr Jackie Bennett  
Cllr Emily Corfe  
Cllr Alison Green  
Cllr Martin Evans  
The Parish Clerk Mrs M Rumble,

### **1. Apologies**

Cllr Rebecca Pullen  
Cllr Claudine Russell  
Cllr Simon Webb  
PCSO Nicola Morris

### **2. Councillor Declarations**

No interests declared.

### **3. Minutes of the Meeting held on the 2<sup>ND</sup> of FEBRUARY 2023**

The minutes of the meeting had been previously distributed. The Chairman signed the original copy as a True and Accurate Record.

### **4. EXTERNAL REPORTS**

#### **County Councillor Report**

Cllr Webb was not in attendance and no report was received.

#### **Borough Councillor Report**

##### **MBC Members Report from Cllr Claudine Russell**

**Dated: March 2023**

##### **Coronation Street Party**

If any residents are planning to hold a street party during the King's Coronation weekend, do not forget to apply for a road closure by 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023 to Kent County Council. KCC have waived the road closure application fee.

##### **Voter ID**

From 4 May 2023 you will need to have photo ID in order to be able to vote at a polling station. You do not need to have ID for postal voting.

ID you can use.

You can use any of the following:

- passport
- driving licence (this includes a provisional driving licence)
- blue badge
- older person's or disabled person's bus pass

- identity card bearing the Proof of Age Standards Scheme hologram (a PASS card)
- biometric immigration document

You can use your ID even if it is out of date, as long as the photo looks like you. There are other types of ID that you can use, you can find out more on [The Electoral Commission website](#).

Photo ID for voting

If you do not have an accepted form of ID you can [apply for a Voter Authority Certificate](#) for free. The deadline to apply for the local elections on 4 May 2023 is 5pm Tuesday 25 April 2023.

### **Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling ShowPeople DPD**

The regulation eighteen consultation has begun.

This consultation is the first formal stage in the planning process, and will help to inform the Regulation 18 preferred approaches consultation documents which MBC hope to publish early in 2024. As part of the consultation there is the opportunity for people to submit sites for consideration as potential options for allocation at the next stage.

People will be asked to have their say between 28 February and 17 April 2023. The consultation will be available on Let's Talk Maidstone <https://letstalkmaidstone.uk.engagementhq.com/>

### **Lockmeadow**

Lockmeadow will be holding the first local producers' market on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March. Do not forget that the market is dog friendly.

### **Youth Hub**

Alessia Russo helped MBC by sending a message of support to celebrate the opening of the 326 Youth Hub. It is located in the upper level of The Mall and is open to young people Monday to Friday between 3pm and 6pm.

As always, if you need my help, please do not hesitate to email me at [claudinerussell@maidstone.gov.uk](mailto:claudinerussell@maidstone.gov.uk)

### **PCSO Report**

PCSO Nicola Morris was not in attendance, and no report had been received prior to the meeting.

## **5. COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

### **Neighbourhood Watch Report**

**Cllr Corfe had circulated the following report.**

- Between 18:00 on Sunday 12th of February and 08:30 on Monday 13th of February. Somebody smashed a window of a vehicle parked in the road on Hampstead Lane, Crime Report No. 46/29390/23.
- On Sunday 5th of February around 00:21. Somebody damaged a vehicle parked in the Maidstone Road, Nettlestead Crime Report No. 46/24263/23.

### **Chatterbox Report**

Cllr Bennett was in attendance and reported that Chatterbox was going well. Cllr Bennett also reported that the Warm Spaces facility which is being held at The Hop Pole is going extremely well and proving very popular and the Council is hoping that this can continue. The Clerk will speak with the Grants Officer at Maidstone Borough Council to confirm that it may continue and that any remaining Grant does not have to be re-paid.

### **Parish Magazine**

Cllr Van Hensbergen was in attendance and gave her report. It was noted that the advertising income for 2022/23 exceeded the budget, and Cllr Van Hensbergen was thanked for her work on this.

## **6. KGV Field**

### **GM Contract**

The Clerk was asked to contact Capel Groundcare and ask for the Grounds Maintenance work schedule for the coming year.

### **KCC Trees Grant**

Cllr Green is planning on working on this later this week. The Clerk was also asked to seek another quote for the tree removal at the top of the KGV Field.

### **7. Churchyard**

Nothing to report.

### **8. Highways and Footpath Matters**

#### **Speedwatch**

No Report received for this meeting.

#### **Lorrywatch**

Cllr Bennett reported that there had been one volunteer now who has come forward and will monitor and report any lorries seen going through the Village to the Clerk who in turn will report this to the companies. Hopefully we will get some more volunteers.

#### **Footpaths**

There were no items highlighted.

#### **Highways**

The Speed Survey had now taken place and the Parish Council were waiting for the results and any outcomes from Kent County Council Highway Improvements Team.

#### **Noticeboard**

Cllr Green has taken the Noticeboard to see if it can be repaired.

#### **Village Hall**

The Clerk circulated the quote for cutting round the Village Sign at the Village Hall at a cost of £35 per cut plus VAT, this will be done three times a year. It was Proposed by Cllr Meredith, Seconded by Cllr Corfe and RESOLVED by all members present to accept the quote.

#### **Old School House Clock**

The Clerk reported that the service had been booked in for the 30<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

### **10. Planning matters**

None

#### **Decisions made by MBC since last meeting.**

None

### **11. FINANCE**

To note Budget monitoring report to MARCH 2023  
The Budget monitoring report was **Noted**.

#### **PAYMENTS**

It was **RESOLVED** by all members present to make the following payments.

NPC CHEQUE LIST - MARCH					
Supplier					
Cheque No	Gross	VAT	Nett	Details	
622306	£91.04	£1.67	£89.37	Mrs Michelle Rumble	Expenses - February/March
622307	£7.88	£0.00	£7.88	HMRC	Employers NIC
622308	£441.54	£73.59	£367.95	CAPEL GROUND CARE	GM CONTRACT
622308	£153.60	£25.60	£128.00	CAPEL GROUND CARE	MAINTENANCE INSPECTION
622309	£198.00	£0.00	£198.00	Hadlum Design	Parish magazine printing
622310	£141.00	£0.00	£141.00	The Hop Pole	Warm Space Grant money
DD0301	£8.40	£1.40	£7.00	Sage Payroll	Payroll fee - March
DD0302	£85.16	£4.06	£81.10	NPOWER Business	Streetlighting Energy February
S00301	£815.10	£0.00	£815.10	Mrs michelle Rumble	Salary - March
	<b>£1,941.72</b>	<b>£106.32</b>	<b>£1,835.40</b>		

### Bank Reconciliation

The Chairman and the Clerk signed the Bank Reconciliations.

### Donations

Cllr Meredith proposed that the Donations Budget of £200 be donated to Chatterbox, this was **RESOLVED** by all members present. It was noted that at present Chatterbox does not have its own Bank Account, once it is opened the Donation cheque will be given to them.

### 12. SOCIAL MEDIA

Cllr Pullen was not in attendance, but her report was noted.

### 13. CORRESPONDENCE

MBC Ward Cluster Meeting – The Clerk had circulated this to all members and its contents had been noted.

### 14. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

### 15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Thursday the 6<sup>th</sup> of APRIL 2023 at NETTLESTEAD VILLAGE HALL, starting at 7.45pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.34pm