

NETTLESTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 2nd FEBRUARY 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,
Borough Councillor C Russell

1. Apologies

Cllr Pullen
County Councillor Simon Webb,
PCSO Nicola Morris

2. Councillor Declarations

No interests declared

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on the 1st of DECEMBER 2022

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

4. Councillors Report

Neighbourhood Watch Report

Cllr Corfe had nothing to report this month.

Chatterbox Report

Cllr Bennett was in attendance and reported that the Christmas Lunch had taken place and this month there will be an extra Chatterbox meeting.

Parish Magazine

Cllr Van Hensbergen was in attendance and gave her report. Cllr Van Hensbergen asked if the Clerk could forward her the up-to-date list of Parish magazine advertisers.

5. EXTERNAL REPORTS

County Councillor Report

Cllr Webb was not in attendance, and no report had been received.

Borough Councillor Report

Cllr Russell was in attendance and gave her report.

MBC Members Report from Cllr Claudine Russell

Dated: January 2023

Warm Spaces

MBC have launched two community hubs with a warm welcome, one in Maidstone Museum and one in Trinity.

Potholes

I mentioned the amount and epic proportions of the potholes around the borough in the Joint Transportation Board meeting on the 4th January. I received assurances from the KCC Highways officers that they are working hard to fill them. Potholes and other road issues can be reported online to Kent County Council at;

<https://webapps.kent.gov.uk/KCC.KHSFaultsGIS.Web.Sites.Public/ReportAFault.aspx>

Creative Communities Grant

The grants are to support events and activities encouraging art engagement and community cohesion in Maidstone. The first round applications have been assessed and round two will shortly be open to applications for up to £2,000 to get your community art project off the ground. More information and how to apply is at.

<https://arts.maidstone.gov.uk/home/funding>

Events

There are so many events coming up this year – please see the table below and the attached flyer for detail.

Date	Event	Location
4 January	MBC Community Hub with a Warm Welcome Launch	Maidstone Museum & Trinity Community Hub
12 January	Rising Cost of Living Support Event	Headcorn Village Hall
28 January	Lunar New Year	Town Centre
3 February	Light Up Maidstone	Town Centre
08 Feb - 17 Jun	Hooden Horse exhibition	Maidstone Museum
08 Feb - 17 Jun	Secret Stash? Discovering a Bronze Age hoard	Maidstone Museum
11 February	Family Fun Day (Hooden Horse)	Maidstone Museum
11 February	Arts Award (Hooden Horse)	Maidstone Museum
13 February	Talk & Panel on Kentish Folklore	Maidstone Museum
14 -16 February	Half Term Craft Activities	Maidstone Museum
17 February	Fossil Friday	Maidstone Museum
17 & 18 Feb	Talk of the Town	Town centre
7 March	Why don't we speak Latin (talk)	Maidstone Museum
24 Mar - 2 Apr	Heart of Kent Walking Festival	Various
1 April	Folklore & Hoodening Day	Maidstone Museum
1 April	Punk Up your Horse (craft activity)	Maidstone Museum
4 - 6 April	Easter-themed craft activities	Maidstone Museum
8 April	Easter fair	Brenchley Gardens
11 - 13 April	Treasure-themed craft activities	Maidstone Museum
22 April	Wild Escape (Earth Day)	Maidstone Museum

Waste Collection

Due to the snow and then the Bank Holidays over Christmas period the service has had some disruption.

Normal service will resume on the usual day as of Monday 9th January. The team worked extremely hard in the weather conditions to try to hold up the service, sustaining 10 injuries as a result of slipping over on the ice.

We have chosen the supplier for the future waste contract and MBC will be buying the fleet, to ensure that we

always have the tools to cover the service should that be necessary and to make sure that the new contract offers residents value for money with the excellent service level that they expect. An excellent new feature will be vehicle recording and tracking to find out exactly where they are on the route. In the meantime, should your bin be missed, please report it asap online using the following link;

<https://maidstone.gov.uk/home/primary-services/bins-and-recycling/primary-areas/bin-collection-updates>

Happy New Year. As always, if you need my help, please do not hesitate to email me at claudinerussell@maidstone.gov.uk

PCSO Report

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

6. KGV Field

KCC Trees Grant

The Clerk reported that she had contacted two contractors for a quote to remove the trees at the top of the KGV Field.

Oak Tree

The Rabbit fencing was installed but Cllr Van Hensbergen had previously reported that there are some sharp edges on the fencing. The Clerk reported that this has now been completed.

Cllr Van Hensbergen reported that she will inspect the play equipment tomorrow and report back to the council.

7. Churchyard

Nothing to report

8. Highways and Footpath Matters

Speedwatch

No speeders reported from the coordinator in the last Speedwatch completed.

Footpaths

There were no items highlighted.

Parking – Bishops/Bryant Close

This was discussed briefly and it was **RESOLVED** by all members that a short article should be published in the Parish magazine re being considerate when parking.

Highways

The Clerk reported that she has a Virtual meeting with a representative from KCC to discuss the HIP, this would include a Speed survey, Speed Indicator Device and the Zebra crossing. The Clerk has forwarded the link for this meeting to all Councillors.

Noticeboard

The Clerk was asked to seek quotes for either a new Noticeboard, or to repair the existing one.

9. Old School House

The Clerk had circulated prior to the meeting a quote for repairs to the Clock, and it was felt that another quote should also be sought for removing the Clock and carrying out any repairs. The two can be used for comparison. It was also noted that there may be insufficient funds to cover this work in the current financial year.

10. Planning matters

New applications

<p>PHASE C WEST SITE</p>	<p>YALDING ENTERPRISE PARK</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A single building is proposed (footprint 2787m², eaves height 7-8m). • The proposals do not deviate from the parameter plans in terms of development and landscaping areas. • The one-way system for vehicles was welcomed as it reduces the need for reversing beepers etc. • Mixed views on trees – A view that they should be increased along the west and north boundary but also that enough were proposed. • Mixed views on the design of the building – A view that there is a lack of interest through materials and articulation and not as much as Phase B but also a view that it was acceptable. • Concerns over white colours being used due to brightness. • Query whether solar PV will be provided. <p>IT WAS RESOLVED BY ALL MEMBERS THAT MEMBERS AGREED WITH THE ONE-WAY SYSTEM FOR VEHICLES. MEMBERS ALSO HAD CONCERNS OVER WHITE COLOURS BEING USED. THEY WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SEE MORE TREES BEING PLANTED ON THE SITE BOUNDARIES ADJOINING HAMPSTEAD LANE.</p>
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Decisions made by MBC since last meeting

<p>22/504459/FULL</p>	<p>Hawthorne Cottage, Hampstead Lane, Nettlestead. 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. APPLICATION WITHDRAWN</p>
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11. FINANCE

To note Budget monitoring report to JANUARY 2023
The Budget monitoring report was **Noted**

PAYMENTS

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

NPC CHEQUE LIST - JANUARY					
Supplier					
Cheque No	Gross	VAT	Nett	Details	
622295	£92.05	£1.83	£90.22	Ms Michelle Rumble	Expenses - December/January
622296	£101.93	£0.00	£101.93	HMRC	Employers NIC
622297	£428.54	£71.42	£357.12	CAPEL GROUND CARE	GM CONTRACT
622298	£885.51	£0.00	£885.51	Zurich	Insurance Renewal
622299	£99.40	£4.73	£94.67	NPOWER BUSINESS	STREETLIGHTING COSTS
DD0101	£8.40	£1.40	£7.00	Sage Payroll	Payroll fee - January
S00101	£815.10	£0.00	£815.10	Ms michelle Rumble	Salary - January
	£2,430.93	£79.38	£2,351.55		

Bank Reconciliation

The Chairman and the Clerk signed the Bank Reconciliations.

Budget 2023/24

The Budget was circulated prior to the meeting and discussed. It was **RESOLVED BY ALL MEMBERS** to increase the Precept by 5% which equates to an increase of £20,740.77 to £21,778.81. The Clerk will return the Precept request form to Maidstone Borough Council.

The detailed expenditure Budget will be approved by the members at the next meeting.

Insurance Renewal 2023

It was **RESOLVED** by all members present to accept the Renewal and sign the cheque for payment.

CIVILITY AND RESPECT PLEDGE

It was **RESOLVED** by all members present to approve and sign the Pledge, and **RESOLVED** by all members to approve the DIGNITY AT WORK POLICY.

12. SOCIAL MEDIA

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

13. CORRESPONDENCE

None

14. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

GM Cutting Schedule 2023/24
Trees Grant

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Thursday the 2nd of February at NETTLESTEAD VILLAGE HALL, starting at 7.45pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.04pm