

# Nettlestead Parish Council

## Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting

Held on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 7.45pm  
At Nettlestead Village Hall

### Members Present

Cllrs David Meredith - Chairman, Anita Van-Hensbergen – Vice Chairman, Emily Corfe, Jackie Bennett, Alison Green, Rebecca Pullen.

#### 1. Apologies for absence

The Clerk – Michelle Rumble, KCC/MBC Cllr Simon Webb, MBC Cllr Claudine Russell

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

None

#### 3. Minutes of Full Council Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022

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

#### 4. External Reports

##### 4.1 County Councillor Report

The following report had been provided prior to the meeting by KCC Cllr Webb:

The Council has re-elected Mrs Lesley Game as Chairman and Mr Gary Cooke as Vice-Chair for the forthcoming municipal year.

The Council voted to move to a council run with a Chief Executive, and deputy Chief Executive from 1st July 2022. This removed the flat structure and will allow a clear set of leadership drivers to operate.

This is a cost neutral change.

The Council has adopted 'Framing Kent's Future' – 'Our Council Strategy 2022-2026' which is a well-planned and designed document (available on the KCC website)

Work is ongoing and proceeding at pace to strategically prioritise the workings of the health and social care services.

##### 4.2 Borough Councillor Report

The following report had been provided prior to the meeting by MBC Cllr Russell:

*New Role:*

I have been newly elected to the cabinet as lead member for Leisure and Arts. This will mean that my new role will be working with the Economic Regeneration and Leisure Policy Advisory Committee (ERL PAC).

*ERL PAC:*

It was highlighted that there is much to do this year, with refurbishments to Maidstone Museum planned and all options are on the table for the leisure centre at Mote Park. Finally, the events list for the year was published and there are so many events planned, both organised by Maidstone Borough Council and external parties.

*Local Plan Review:*

The documentation is with the inspector now and an initial letter back asking for various further information, reformatting etc is publicly available on the Maidstone website. Examination will hopefully begin in the Autumn.

*Ukrainian Family MBC Arrangements:*

There is a webpage on the MBC site that will help with various things such as

- what you need to know in your first few days
- getting used to life in the UK

- accessing essential public services
- finding work
- education

There is also a handbook which is available in English, Ukrainian and Russian.

*Ward Cluster Meeting:*

The ward cluster plan was sent through following on from the April meeting, speeding is still highlighted as the key issue for our ward. The meeting was too large, with too many participants, so feedback has gone in that they should consider splitting this cluster into smaller groupings as a lot of time seemed to be devoted to talking about issues in other parishes.

**4.3 PCSO Report**

No report had been received.

**5. Councillor's Reports**

**5.1 Neighbourhood Watch**

Cllr Corfe reported that a catalytic convertor had been stolen from a vehicle in Bryant Close between 18:00 10<sup>th</sup> May and 07:30 11<sup>th</sup> May.

**5.2 Chatterbox**

Cllr Bennett reported that the last meeting of the Chatterbox group was held at The Hop Pole on 19<sup>th</sup> May. She stated that around 15 people had attended and a good time was had. The next meeting will be at The Railway pub. Cllr Bennet also reported that the group had run a tombola stall at the Jubilee fair held at The Hope Pole on 4<sup>th</sup> June and had raised some valuable funds.

**5.3 Parish Magazine**

Cllr Van-Hensbergen stated that remittance had been received from the new advertisers (Gill Turner Tucker Solicitors). It was also noted that apologies are due to Trade-in-Tackle as their full details were not in the last issue of the Parish Magazine due to a printing error.

**6. KGV Field**

**6.1 Platinum Jubilee Event**

It is believed that up to 50 people attended the Platinum Jubilee Event held at the KGV field on 5<sup>th</sup> June. It was noted that the Jubilee Tree will be recorded on the official Queen's Green Canopy register and map when it opens in October.

**6.2 Goal Posts**

Cllr Meredith updated the PC regarding the meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> April with residents whose properties adjoin the KGV field. Cllr Meredith and Cllr Green represented the PC and the Clerk was also in attendance. It was noted that the preference of these resident's is for no goals posts to be installed on the KGV and they also requested that the high protective netting be removed. Cllr Meredith reported that he had put forward the views of the PC on the matter and that at the time it was agreed to review the matter again at the PC meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> June. Subsequently further correspondence has been received from one of these parties again requesting the removal of the protective netting.

The matter was discussed at length with the following actions agreed:

- a) Retain the high protective netting as the PC believes that it would not be acting with due care if this was removed and the issue with stray footballs continued. It was felt that retaining the netting provides some protection to the adjoining properties.
- b) The Clerk was asked to seek further legal advice from KALC regarding both retaining the netting and possible replacement of the goal posts with smaller posts positioned further away from the affected properties, as previously agreed by the PC.
- c) Draft a further residents survey concerning the use of the top-end of the KGV and options for potential replacements of the goals. It was agreed that the immediately affected residents should be asked for their views on the scope and structure of the survey once drafted to ensure buy-in and involvement with the process and results. It was agreed that the survey should be ready and attached to the outside of the Parish Magazine for the September issue.

- d) Cllr Meredith agreed to speak directly with the residents impacted and update them on the intentions.

### 6.3 Inspection Report

The condition report was noted with the following actions agreed:

- a) Apply moss treatment to the affected areas of the BMX track
- b) No signage to be installed on the BMX Track this FY
- c) Request a quote from Mark Fisher to replace the missing pallings in the fence beside the cableway
- d) Request Capel Groundcare to keep rabbit holes under observation and fill any large holes deemed likely to be trip hazards on their regular visits to the KGV as and when required.

## 7. Churchyard

Cllr Bennett confirmed that the Churchyard is looking good, though there are issues with weeds and overgrowth that falls beyond the scope of the works under the remit of NPC and their contractor.

## 8. Highways and Footpath matters

### 8.1 Speedwatch

It was noted that the Speedwatch group continue to be visible undertaking their contribution to village safety.

### 8.2 Footpaths

The following footpaths were noted as being overgrown and in need of cutting, though it was also noted that they have already been cut this year and the MBC may not have the budget for further cutting. The Clerk was asked to report the following:

- a) KM 176 behind Old School House
- b) KM 177 by the side of Honey's Oast
- c) KM 179 behind Bryant Close

## 9. Planning Matters

### 9.1 New Planning Applications:

None

### 9.2 Decisions made by MBC:

21/501630/LAWPRO	1 Old School Cottages, Maidstone Road, Nettlestead Lawful Development Certificate (Proposed) for erection of part single storey part two storey rear extension. <b>APPLICATION REFUSED</b>
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## 10. Finance

### 10.1 To note Budget monitoring report to June 2022

It was noted that the cheque for RBLI may not clear due to issues re the Jubilee Tree plaque.

### 10.2 To approve payments.

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 - JUNE					
Supplier					
Cheque No	Gross	VAT	Nett	Details	
622255	£117.45	£0.00	£117.45	Mrs Michelle Rumble	Expenses - May/June
622256	£232.00	£0.00	£232.00	Hadlum Design	Parish magazine printing
622257	£428.54	£71.42	£357.12	Capel Groundcare	GM Contract
622257	£600.00	£100.00	£500.00	Capel Groundcare	Remove trees/Hedge
622258	£123.97	£5.90	£118.07	NPOWER Business	Streetlighting Energy - April
622258	£119.89	£5.71	£114.18	NPOWER Business	Streetlighting Energy - May
DD0601	£8.40	£1.40	£7.00	Sage Payroll	Payroll fee - June
S00601	£572.00	£0.00	£572.00	Mrs Michelle Rumble	Salary - June
	<b>£2,202.25</b>	<b>£184.43</b>	<b>£2,017.82</b>		

### 10.3 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. Social Media

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

### 12. Correspondence

There was no further correspondence that has not been covered elsewhere in the meeting.

It was agreed that the Clerk should send an official letter to Cllr Russell to thank her for her attendance at the Platinum Jubilee Event and for “unveiling” the tree.

### 13. Future Agenda Items

Social Media

KGV Field - Purpose/Goal Posts

### Date of next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at Nettlestead Village Hall at 7.45pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.35pm