

**NETTLESTEAD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THE 7th of OCTOBER 2021 7.45pm
at NETTLESTEAD VILLAGE HALL**

Members Present

Cllr Anita Van-Hensbergen – Vice-chairman
Cllr Emily Salter
Cllr David Thomas
Cllr Rebecca Pullen

Also, in attendance – The Clerk - Mrs Michelle Rumble, Borough Councillors Cllr Claudine Russell,

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Meredith, Cllr Bennett, Cllr Green, Cllr Webb

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

Where any councillor has a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (as defined in the Members' Code of Conduct) in any matter to be considered at a meeting of the Council, a committee, sub-committee, or joint committee, they must withdraw from the meeting room during the whole of the consideration of that matter and must not participate in any vote on that matter unless a dispensation has been obtained from the Monitoring Officer.

None

3. Minutes previous Parish Council meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were signed as a true and correct record, **RESOLVED** by all members present.

4. Matters arising from previous minutes and action points

This will be covered under the other agenda items

5. County Councillor report

Cllr Webb had given his apologies but he did send a report

Member for Maidstone Rural West – Update for October 2021

Firstly, thank you for giving me the opportunity to update you on my role as Member for Maidstone Rural West.

I have been very fortunate to be asked to serve on four cabinet committees:-

- a) Adult Social Care – (Vice-Chair)
- b) Public Health
- c) Governance and Audit
- d) Growth, Economic Development and Communities
- e) Transport Task and Finish Group
- f) Advisory Group (08 10 21 ... elected)

The Advisory group is equivalent to the 1922 Committee in Parliament.

The Conservative Group met on Friday 8th October and re-elected Mr Roger Gough as Leader for the forthcoming year, which is excellent news after his strong and effective leadership under the COV-ID pandemic.

6. Borough Councillor report

Cllr Russell was in attendance and gave her report.

MBC Members Report from Cllr Claudine Russell

Dated: October 2021

SPI Committee

The committee voted that the draft plan should be sent to the Regulation 19 consultation, the decision was then sent to full council on the 6th of October. The Lib Dems tried to table an amendment to the recommendations on the paper to take Lidsing Garden Settlement out and put Marden in (amongst other things), the amendment was contrary to the MBC constitution and was refused by the chair. The Plan was then voted to be sent to the Regulation 19 consultation and the two consultations, one on the made plan and the other on the sustainability appraisal will be for 6 weeks starting from the 29th of October to the 12th of December.

Ward Cluster 6 Meeting

Our ward cluster meeting has been set as a virtual meeting on the 12th of October. I note the recent update from Inspector Kent saying that the PCSOs will stay in the main as they are, so Nicola Morris stays in our patch.

Change Towards Executive Arrangements

The progress towards an executive and cabinet arrangements are in process in MBC.

Whole Council Elections

The motion for full council elections was narrowly defeated at full council. A named vote was requested. Currently elections every 3 years out of four remains the norm.

Yalding Enterprise Park

I attended the Planning Committee and spoke on the meeting to discuss the sequential test on the 26th of August 2021. I re-iterated traffic concerns and highlighted potential residual contamination on the site. The Planning Committee again granted the permission with conditions and recommendations. Please feel free to contact me for any help with issues via email claudinerussell@maidstone.gov.uk and I am more than happy to attend a meeting to discuss any issues. Failing that, I look forward to seeing you on the 5th of October.

7. Neighbourhood Watch

8. Police report

It was noted that PCSO Morris was now to stay on as the PCSO for Nettlestead, and no report had been received.

- *Maidstone Road, Nettlestead - Between 17:30 on Friday 17th of September and 10:00 on Monday 20th of September. Somebody broke into a business property.
Crime Report No. 46/183112/21*
- *Maidstone Road, Nettlestead Between 08:00 on Monday 20th of September and 16:56 on Tuesday 21st of September. Somebody broke into a commercial property. Crime Report No. 46/184423/21*
- *Maidstone Road, Nettlestead on Saturday 11th of September around 17:00. Somebody has removed items from a vehicle without consent.
Crime Report No. 46/176635/21*

9. Chatterbox

Cllr Bennett was not in attendance, but Chatterbox has not yet met, but are hoping to before Christmas.

10. Parish magazine

Cllr Van Hensbergen gave her report, it was noted that £805 had been collected in advertisement costs. The Clerk will in future when invoicing advertisers, she will copy in Cllr Van Hensbergen.

11. Village hall

The members asked that a representative from the Village Hall should be asked if they could attend one of our Parish Council meetings as the members had some questions, they would like to ask a committee member.

12. **KGV FIELD**

Goal posts

Cllr Thomas will have a look at the shooting goal and what size maybe suitable for the field and report back to the Clerk so she can get some prices.

The members also spoke about what they are trying to achieve and what age group it should be aimed at, as at the moment the Fitness equipment is aimed at the older age group and the BMX track is aimed at the age 5–7-year-olds. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Plant a tree

It was RESOLVED by all members present to proceed with this. the Clerk will look at what native trees are available, cost and size and will report back at the next meeting.

13. **CHURCHYARD**

The Clerk confirmed that the Grounds maintenance Contractor was meeting a representative from the Churchyard to check on the situation regarding the mowing and strimming.

14. **HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS**

Highways

Nothing to update currently.

Speedwatch

The Clerk stated that the Battery for the equipment had been ordered and she will also speak with the Insurance company about insuring the equipment, Cllr Van Hensbergen would also ask a Village Hall committee member if they could keep the equipment securely at the Hall.

Footpaths

The Clerk reported various footpaths to KCC, and it was noted that most of the footpaths reported had been cleared and were looking a lot better. The B2015 had also been sided out.

15. **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

16. **PLANNING**

21/504750/FULL	<i>Three Pines, Gibbs Hill, Nettlestead, Maidstone Demolition of existing garage and outbuildings. Erection of a single storey side and two storey side and rear extensions. Replacement of roof and windows. RESOLVED by all members present to OBJECT to the planning application on the following grounds METROPOLITAN GREEN BELT LAYOUT AND DENSITY BUILDING</i>
21/504903/FULL	<i>Hopper Hut, Land adjacent to Nettlestead Green House, Maidstone Road, Nettlestead</i>

	<p><i>Change of use and conversion of hopper hut building to residential use including works and landscaping.</i></p> <p>RESOLVED by all members to NO COMMENT</p>
21/504959/FULL	<p><i>Mousehole Fishing Lakes, Maidstone Road, Nettlestead</i></p> <p><i>Erection of detached annexe as part of existing fishery enterprise. (Resubmission of 20/503592/FULL)</i></p> <p>RESOLVED by all members present to Nettlestead Parish Council would like to OBJECT to this application on the following grounds: Metropolitan Green Belt Flood Zone the Council are also concerned and would like the Annexe to remain in the same ownership as Mousehole lakes - please could this be confirmed as they would not like to see it being sold off as a separate property</p>
21/504808/FULL	<p><i>1 Hampstead Cottages, Hampstead Lane, Yalding</i></p> <p><i>Erection of first floor rear extension</i></p> <p>RESOLVED by all members to NO COMMENT</p>

DECISIONS MADE BY MBC

21/502757/FULL	<p><i>1 Malthouse Cottages, Maidstone Road, Wateringbury</i></p> <p><i>Demolition of rear extension. Erection of part single storey, part two storey rear extension</i></p> <p>APPLICATION REFUSED</p>
21/503647/FULL	<p><i>Nettlestead Green House, Maidstone Road, Nettlestead</i></p> <p><i>Change of use of land to equestrian for construction of a riding arena (Resubmission of 21/501226/FULL)</i></p> <p>APPLICATION PERMITTED</p>

17. Finance

17.1 To note Budget monitoring report to October 2021

17.2 Resolution to authorise payments for October 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
622205	£163.20	£27.20	£136.00	Unipar services	Battery - Speedwatch equipment
DD1001	£8.40	£1.40	£7.00	Sage Payroll	Payroll fee - October
SO1001	£554.67	£0.00	£554.67	Mrs Michelle Rumble	Salary - October
	£1,888.71	£158.71	£1,730.00		

- 17.3 To sign the Bank Reconciliation
It was **RESOLVED** to accept the Bank Reconciliation and Statement, and these were signed by the Vice-Chairman and the Clerk.
- 17.4 *External Auditors report*
The contents of the report were noted by the members, and that the Clerk has publicised the Notice of Conclusion of the Audit on the website and the Noticeboards in the Village.

18. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Speedwatch
Plant a Tree
Goal nets
Bishops Close Parking

19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be on the 4th of November 2021 at 7.45pm