

**NETTLESTEAD PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF A REMOTE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**7<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2021 AT 7.30PM**

**Members Present**

Cllr David Meredith – Chairman  
Cllr Jackie Bennett joined at 7.44pm  
Cllr Anita Van-Hensbergen – Vice-chairman  
Cllr Emily Salter  
Cllr David Thomas  
Cllr Alison Green

Also, in attendance – Mrs Michelle Rumble,

1. **Apologies for absence**

None

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 last meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on the DECEMBER were reviewed, amended, approved, and signed as a true and correct record, **RESOLVED** by all members present.

4. **Matters arising from previous minutes and action points**

**Flood Warden**

The Clerk had received an email from the new Flood Wardens which stated that, due to a lack of communication from the Environment agency and other Flood wardens in the area, they felt they could no longer continue as Flood Wardens for the Parish. The members were extremely disappointed with the lack of support that had been provided. The Chairman stated that he will contact the Chairman of the Joint Parishes Flood Group and discuss the lack of communication with him. The Clerk will remove their details from the website and Cllr Van Hensbergen will remove their details from the Parish magazine.

If anyone else living down Hampstead Lane would be interested in taking on this role, they should contact the Parish Clerk.

5. **Neighbourhood Watch**

Cllr Salter had no further items to report, other than the theft listed on the Agenda.

6. **Police report**

PCSO Morris was not in attendance, but the Clerk had spoken with her about the parking issues at the bottom of Gibbs Hill and the near miss which recently happened when a resident had to go into the road to move around a car parked on the pavement, and the PCSO had attended and spoken with one of the residents concerned. The PCSO has said that she will monitor the situation and check again when she is passing.

7. **Chatterbox**

Cllr Bennett had no update.

8. **Parish magazine**

It was RESOLVED by all members present that Cllr Van Hensbergen will speak with the distributors of the Parish magazine to see how they feel about delivering the magazine under the current lockdown.

9. **Village hall**

No update

10. **KGV FIELD**

*Goal Nets*

There is no update on this at the moment

*GM Contract*

The Clerk has received two tenders in for the new contract and she is waiting for two more, once received they will be sent to all Councillors ahead of the next meeting in February.

*Play equipment*

The Risk assessment which is currently in place due to COVID-19 19 has been reviewed and due to the new lockdown, the outdoor gym equipment must be closed. However, the remaining pieces which include the Cableway, BMX Track, Basketball Hoop and Goals can all still be used but the same rules regarding social distancing and cleaning of equipment as applicable remain in place.

*Fly tipping*

Cllr Van Hensbergen stated there was some fly tipping in the corner of the KGV Field.

11. **CHURCHYARD**

No update since the last meeting.

12. **HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS**

*Highways*

The Clerk confirmed that she had sent an email to Maidstone Borough Council concerning the request for a waste bin for the layby on Maidstone Road on the 5<sup>th</sup> December but had received no response, she will chase after the meeting.

The Clerk was also asked to speak with Highways on the 5Tonne signs which have appeared at the top of Gibbs Hill.

*Footpaths*

The Clerk reported the signs after the last meeting, but it was noted that they had not been repaired/replaced. The Clerk will chase this with KCC.

Report a Fault reference number 523310

Report a Fault reference number 523318

The Clerk updated members that any requests for new signs will be completed when the Borough Council has a list of 12 that need replacing. There was no update on this, but the Clerk will chase.

It was noted that footpath signs where KM176 and KM177 cross at Bishops Close were misleading, but little was to be gained by reporting them.

The Clerk was also asked to report the Hedge on footpath KM176 as it needs cutting back.

**13. CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk had received an email from a resident concerning the playground next to the Village Hall, and a reply had been sent. It was agreed that there was nothing further to say.

The Clerk was asked to look for information on the Old School House Clock and find out what papers she has on it, in order to respond to correspondence received.

**14. PLANNING**

No new applications

**DECISIONS MADE BY MBC**

20/504868/FULL	Cherry Hill, Maidstone Road, Nettlestead Section 73 - Application for Minor material amendment to approved plans condition 9 (to allow amended eaves height to north side and alterations to fenestration) Pursuant to 20/502069/FULL for - Minor material amendment to condition 9 of 19/503867/FULL (Demolition of existing outbuilding and erection of a detached dwelling) for alterations to window and door positions <b>APPLICATION PERMITTED</b>
20/504659/FULL	5 Kings Cottages, Maidstone Road, Nettlestead Demolition of existing garden room and wc, and erection of a part single storey, part two storey rear extension and a single storey side extension, with associated internal alterations. <b>APPLICATION PERMITTED</b>

**15. FINANCE**

15.1 To note Budget monitoring report to January 2021

Noted by all members

15.2 To resolve that the cheques presented can be signed

**RESOLVED** by all members that the cheques are approved and will be signed at the end of the meeting.

				NPC - Cheque List - January	
Cheque No	Gross	VAT	Nett	Supplier	Details
022142	£85.16	£4.06	£81.10	Eon	Street lighting energy - November
022143	£144.69	£0.58	£144.11	Mrs Michelle Rumble	Expenses

022144	£471.04	£78.51	£392.53	Capel Groundcare	GM Contract -
022145	£40.80	£0.00	£40.80	HMRC	PAYE - December/January
022146	£13.18	£2.20	£10.98	Mrs Michelle Rumble	Website domain purchase
022147	£371.11	£0.00	£371.11	Came and Company	Insurance
S00101	£8.40	£1.40	£7.00	Sage Payroll	Payroll fee - January
DD0101	£534.27	£0.00	£534.27	Mrs Michelle Rumble	Salary - January
	<b>£1,668.65</b>	<b>£86.75</b>	<b>£1,581.90</b>		

15.3 Bank Reconciliations

These were approved and were signed by the Chairman and the Clerk as RFO.

15.4 Insurance

It was **RESOLVED** by all members present to accept the Insurance renewal quote and make the payment at this meeting.

15.5 Precept 2021

It was **RESOLVED** by all members present to sign the precept request form from Maidstone Borough Council. This was signed by the Chairman and the Clerk.

15.6 Website

The Clerk had purchased the domain name for the new website and was now in the process of collating photographs and proof-reading the new website for accuracy.

16. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

KGV Field Goal nets – update  
Footpath KM176  
GM Contract  
Old School House Clock  
Bishops Close Parking

17. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Parish Council meeting will be on the 4<sup>th</sup> of February 2021 at 7.30pm - this will be a remote meeting of the Council

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.56pm