

**NETTLESTEAD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A REMOTE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
3rd DECEMBER 2020 AT 7.30PM**

Members Present

Cllr David Meredith – Chairman
Cllr Jackie Bennett joined at 8.15pm
Cllr Anita Van-Hensbergen – Vice-chairman
Cllr Emily Salter
Cllr Alison Green

Also, in attendance – Mrs Michelle Rumble,

1. **Apologies for absence**

Cllr David Thomas

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 5th NOVEMBER were reviewed, 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

It was noted that the new Flood wardens' details are now in the Parish magazine and on the website.

5. **Neighbourhood Watch**

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

6. **Police report**

PCSO Nicola Morris was not in attendance and no report had been received. The Clerk forwarded an email to all Councillors which she had received from Councillor Geraldine Brown asking for views on how the PCSO is working for the Parish and to send any comments in to her.

The Clerk will type up a draft reply and forward to all Councillors for their approval.

7. **Chatterbox**

Cllr Bennett reported that no meetings were being held during the current lockdown.

8. **Parish magazine**

Cllr Van Hensbergen reported that the December/January parish magazine had been delivered.

Cllr Van Hensbergen also reported that the Covid Helpers are still helping residents of Nettlestead. The Chairman expressed the Council's thanks for all of their hard work.

9. **Village hall**

The Village Hall will remain closed until such time as they can open, and it is safe to do so. It was noted that the Defibrillator located at the Village Hall has had new pads and battery installed, and these will need to be replaced again in November 2024.

10. **KGV FIELD**

Goal Nets

The Clerk had no update on this but will contact Mr Goodyer to see if he is able to confirm when the work is likely to be done.

Grass cutting

The KGV Field has had its last cut of the season.

GM Contract

The Clerk has now sent out the Grounds maintenance contract to three possible contractors and this will be discussed, and a contractor appointed at the meeting in February.

Play equipment

The Risk assessment which is currently in place due to Covid 19 has been reviewed and no change is needed to it at this time.

11. **CHURCHYARD**

No update since the last meeting.

12. **HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS**

Highways

Cllr Van Hensbergen asked if there was any chance of getting a new waste bin to be located in the layby along Maidstone Road, as a lot of vehicles stop there, and litter always seems to be left behind. The Clerk will contact Maidstone Borough Council to see if this is possible, and if it could also be a combined dog waste bin.

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, but the Clerk will keep chasing.

It was also noted that footpath KM176 which runs from the bottom of Gibbs Hill to the rear of the KGV Field is extremely muddy. The beginning part of the footpath at Gibbs Hill has had the tarmac removed by the owner of the Old School House. The owner confirmed with Councillors that this would be replaced once their new fence had been installed. This was well over a month ago and this has not been completed. The Clerk has now reported this to the Public Rights of way officer to deal with as it is so muddy that residents of the village who have complained are no longer able to use this part of the footpath.

Highways

The Clerk had contacted the owner of Quince Cottage regarding the vegetation overhanging the footpath.

The Clerk has also reported some fly tipping which was a sofa and other items placed on the footpath at the bottom of Bishops Close. The Parish Council have no idea if it was dumped there or put there by a resident. The Parish Council will monitor this to make sure no further items appear and if they do, it will be reported to Maidstone Borough Council as fly tipping.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

It was noted that Flood training on the 24th November had been attended by the two new Flood wardens in Nettlestead.

14. PLANNING

No new applications

DECISIONS MADE BY MBC

20/503592/FULL	Mousehole Fishing Lakes, Maidstone Road, Nettlestead Erection of a detached annexe APPLICATION REFUSED
20/504312	<i>2 Old Quarry Cottages, Gibbs Hill</i> Nettlestead Erection of a single storey side and rear extension. APPLICATION PERMITTED

15. FINANCE

15.1 To note Budget monitoring report to December 2020

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 - December					
Cheque No	Gross	VAT	Nett	Supplier	Details
022136	£87.99	£4.19	£83.80	Eon	Street lighting energy - October
022137	£134.04	£0.58	£133.46	Mrs Michelle Rumble	Expenses
022138	£471.04	£78.51	£392.53	Capel Groundcare	GM Contract - November
022139	£283.02	£47.17	£235.85	WEL Medical	Defibrillator parts
022140	£36.00	£0.00	£36.00	CPRE	Membership
022141	£178.00	£0.00	£178.00	Hadlum Design	Parish magazine printing
S01201	£8.40	£1.40	£7.00	Sage Payroll	Payroll fee - December
DD1201	£554.67	£0.00	£554.67	Mrs Michelle Rumble	Salary - December
	£1,753.16	£131.85	£1,621.31		

15.3 Bank Reconciliations

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

16. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

KGV Field Goal nets – update
Footpath KM176

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be on the 7th January 2021 at 7.30pm - this will be a remote meeting of the Council

There being be no further business the meeting closed at 20.33pm