

**NETTLESTEAD PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF A REMOTE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> JULY 2020 AT 7.30PM,**

**Members Present**

Cllr David Meredith – Chairman  
Cllr Jackie Bennett  
Cllr Anita Van-Hensbergen  
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. There were no such declarations.

3. **Co-option Parish Councillor**

It was proposed by Cllr Meredith and seconded by Cllr Van Hensbergen and **RESOLVED** by all members present that Alison Green is co-opted onto the Parish Council. All the papers required for the co-option have been signed and will be returned to the Clerk.

4. **Minutes last meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 4 June 2020 were approved and signed as a true and correct record, **RESOLVED** by all members present.

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

New website

The deadline for this now was the 1<sup>st</sup> November and it is in the process of being transferred over to Cantium the new website provider

6. **Neighbourhood Watch**

The Clerk had reported that she had received an email from a local resident regarding damage to his car on two occasions whilst it was parked in the layby opposite his property. It was noted that this has been reported to the Police, and the PCSO. The Clerk will contact the PCSO Nicola Morris and ask if she could contact the resident. The resident had asked if an additional street light could be installed near the layby, and the Clerk would contact KCC and make enquiries.

7. **Police report**

PCSO Nicola Morris was not in attendance and no report had been received.

8. **Chatterbox**

Cllr Bennett was in attendance and gave her report

9. **Parish magazine**

The Parish magazine had been distributed and thanks were expressed to the additional volunteers who made this possible.

10. **Village hall**

Clr Meredith reported that the Village Hall had secured a Grant from Maidstone Borough Council, it was also noted that at the moment the Village Hall will remain closed until such time as they feel it is safe to open.

11. **KGV FIELD**

Cableway

The Cableway installation is due to start this week/next week and should be completed by the 13<sup>th</sup> July when the post inspection will take place ready for it to be opened. The first part of the payment was **RESOLVED** by all members to make at this meeting. The Installation payment will follow.

Goal Nets

Since the last meeting the survey for the goal nets had been distributed with the parish magazine, by the September meeting the Parish Council should have a good idea of what residents would like to see happen to the existing goal nets.

Signs

The signs for the KGV Field need to be replaced due to changes to the Covid-19 Guidance. It was **RESOLVED** by all members present that the equipment on the Field should remain out of use until such time as the Parish Council feel it is safe to open.

Grass cutting

The Field was looking good after having its most recent cut.

12. **CHURCHYARD**

No update since the last meeting.

13. **HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS**

Highways

The micro surfacing to the B2015 had taken place. Following the recent heavy rain, it was noted that the bottom of Gibbs Hill needs to be swept as the grit has collected and this is a skid risk to vehicles coming down Gibbs Hill. The Clerk will report this to KCC and ask if this part of the road could be swept.

Footpaths

The Clerk was asked to report that KM186 has become impassable at the rear of the Three Sons. The Clerk will report this.

14. **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Chairman had received emails from a resident regarding the issue of flooding on Hampstead Lane. The Chairman had replied to the resident but unfortunately the resident was not satisfied with the response and had contacted the MP Helen Grant. The Chairman has also written separately to Helen Grant. Specifically the Chairman advised Councillors that:

- a) Sandbags should be provided at Yalding Station for residents of Hampstead Lane, and this request had already been passed on to the Joint Parishes Flood Group in order for them to liaise with the Environment Agency. The Chairman will pass on these comments again.

- b) We had not previously been aware of footpath KM186 becoming impassable at the rear of the Three Sons, but the Clerk is now going to advise MBC.
- c) We had also not previously been aware of an obligation on the owners of the old Syngenta site to clear the ditch opposite the Orchard on Hampstead Lane. The Clerk will raise this matter with the owners.
- d) It was noted that advice had been previously received from KALC confirming that the Parish Council had no obligation to provide any sort of emergency response service in the event of flooding. It was again noted that emergency flood responses were the responsibility of the Environment Agency, MBC and the normal emergency services.
- e) Two residents had agreed to be Flood Wardens, and the Clerk was asked to contact the Flood Wardens to see if they would agree to have their details printed in the Parish magazine.

**15. PLANNING**

20/502203/SUB	<p>Nettlestead Yard Maidstone Road  Nettlestead Maidstone Kent  Submission Of Details to Discharge  Condition - 1 and 2 Development start within 3 years, Condition 3 - Class B1 Use, Condition 4 - No development within schedule 2, part 7, Class F, Condition 5 - No open storage, Condition 9 - 1) Investigation site and contamination report, 2) Detailed proposals, 3) Quality assurance scheme, 4) Closure report, Condition 11 - Mitigation and enhancement, Condition 13 - Slab levels, Condition 14 - Site provision a) Construction Vehicles, b) Parking, Condition 16 - Parking and turning and Condition 17 - Approved plans subject to 17/503346/FULL.  <b>RESOLVED NO COMMENT</b></p>
20/502539/TCA	<p>8 Phoenix Cottages Maidstone Road  Wateringbury ME18 5EH  Conservation area notification to fell and remove one large Cypress tree; Prune one mature cherry back to height of 4 metres; Cotoneaster - Remove sections of branch extending over shed roof, reducing the height to 2.5m.  <b>RESOLVED TO SUPPORT THE APPLICATION</b></p>

**DECISIONS MADE BY MBC**

**As below**

20/501914/FULL	<p>The Orchard Hampstead Lane, Nettlestead  Kent ME18 6HJ  Retrospective application for change of use of</p>
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	agricultural land into residential curtilage, erection of replacement gates, new walls, driveway, and engineering works over culvert (resubmission of 19/503547/FULL). <b>APPLICATION REFUSED</b>	
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## 16. FINANCE

16.1 To note Budget monitoring report to July 2020

Noted by all members

16.2 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.

It was also noted that two cheques were still outstanding and had not yet cleared the Bank.

NPC - Cheque List - JULY					
Cheque No	Gross	VAT	Nett	Supplier	Details
022102	£76.27	£1.33	£74.94	Mrs Michelle Rumble	Expenses - July
022103	£471.04	£78.51	£392.53	Capel Groundcare	GM Contract 2020 - June
022104	£98.14	£4.67	£93.47	Eon	Streetlighting energy - May
022105	£235.00	£0.00	£235.00	Hadlum Design	Parish magazine printing
022106	£40.27	£1.33	£39.93	Mrs Michelle Rumble	Clerks expenses - August
022107	£9,253.92	£1,542.32	£7,711.60	Capel Groundcare	Cableway purchase
022108	£471.04	£78.51	£392.53	Capel Groundcare	GM Contract 2020 - July
DD0701	£8.40	£1.40	£7.00	Sage Payroll	Payroll fee - July
SO0701	£598.33	£0.00	£598.33	Mrs Michelle Rumble	Salary - July
	£11,252.41	£1,708.07	£9,545.33		

Payments for August were post-dated.

NPC - Cheque List - August					
Cheque No	Gross	VAT	Nett	Supplier	Details
022106	£40.27	£1.33	£38.94	Mrs Michelle Rumble	Expenses - August
022109	£471.04	£78.51	£392.53	Capel Groundcare	GM Contract - August

DD0801	£8.40	£1.40	£7.00	Sage Payroll	Payroll fee - August
SO0801	£598.33	£0.00	£598.33	Mrs Michelle Rumble	Salary - August
	£1,118.04	£81.24	£1,036.80		

**17. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Cableway  
 KGV Field Goal nets - survey  
 Flooding  
 Footpath signage  
 Flood wardens  
 Footpath KM186

**18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Parish Council meeting will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> September – it is hoped that this will be at the Village Hall, but this will need to be confirmed nearer to the date.

There being be no further business the meeting closed at 21.05pm