

**NETTLESTEAD PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF A REMOTE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**4<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2020 AT 7.30PM,**

**Members Present**

Cllr David Meredith – Chairman  
Cllr Jackie Bennett  
Cllr Anita Van-Hensbergen  
Cllr Emily Salter

Also, in attendance – Mrs Michelle Rumble – Parish Clerk, 1 member of the public

1. **Apologies for absence**

Cllr Thomas

It was also noted that Cllr Walter had resigned from the Parish Council, he was thanked for all his hard work

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.

Cllr Meredith declared an interest in the planning application for 2 Old Quarry Cottages.

3. **Minutes last meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 5 May 2020 were approved and signed as a true and correct record, **RESOLVED** by all members present.

4. **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

*Footpath*

The Clerk reported KM178 and KM179 to the Public rights of way officer and the response was circulated to all members.

*Covid support group*

The Parish Council wished to thank the volunteers Cllr Van Hensbergen, Alison Green and Cllr Bennett for all their hard work in supporting the parishioners of Nettlestead in these trying times.

6. **Neighbourhood Watch**

Nothing to report

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**

It was **RESOLVED** by all members present that they will run the Parish magazine for the June issue and it was reported that there are enough distributors to deliver the Parish magazine.

10. **Village hall**

No report

11. **KGV FIELD**

Cableway

It was **RESOLVED** by all members present and this had been approved by email earlier that the contract for the new Cableway should be awarded to Capel Ground care. The Clerk has informed the contractor and they have stated that they will start work as soon as is practicable. The Clerk also reported that she had secured another £1000 from Maidstone Borough Council as a Grant for the new cableway.

Goal Nets

Since the last meeting, the Clerk had received a further complaint from a resident who backs onto the Field and stated they are also having problems with balls coming into their garden. It was **RESOLVED** by all members present that Cllr Meredith will put a survey together and this will be delivered to all residents of Nettlestead for their views on the goal posts. Cllr Bennett will also try and speak with some of the younger residents for their views. The survey will also be signposted on the website and residents can email the Clerk with their responses.

12. **CHURCHYARD**

No update since the last meeting.

13. **HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS**

Highways

It was noted that micro surfacing will take place on the B2015 from Waterside mews to the Wheelbarrow roundabout in the coming week. The work on Gibbs Hill had now been completed.

Footpaths

The Clerk was asked by Cllr Bennett to report the footpath KM183 which is known as the Greensand way and runs from Nettlestead Green to Roydon Hall. The Clerk will speak to the Public Rights of way officer due to the signage not being sufficient as walkers are getting confused about where the actual footpath is and end up in residents' gardens.

14. **CORRESPONDENCE**

PSPO Dog Survey – Cllr Van Hensbergen will complete this on behalf of the Parish Council.

15. **PLANNING**

20/501914/FULL	The Orchard Hampstead Lane, Nettlestead Kent ME18 6HJ Retrospective application for change of use of agricultural land into residential curtilage, erection of
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	<p>replacement gates, new walls, driveway, and engineering works over culvert (resubmission of 19/503547/FULL).</p> <p>Nettlestead Parish Council objects to this planning application. The Site is in a Flood Zone 3 area. The concrete drive is non-permeable materials which should not be used in a Flood Zone 3 as it increases the risk of flooding to the property and those in the surrounding area. It is not clear whether the size of the culvert meets regulations for the size of the ditch, as rainwater backed up during the winter floods. This property is in the Metropolitan Green Belt and the design is harmful for the open countryside.</p>
<i>20/501913/FULL</i>	<p>The Orchard Hampstead Lane, Nettlestead Kent ME18 6HJ</p> <p>Retrospective application for replacement gates, walls and engineering works over culvert (resubmission of 19/503546/FULL).</p> <p>Nettlestead Parish Council objects to this planning application. The Site is in a Flood Zone 3 area. The concrete drive is non-permeable materials which should not be used in a Flood Zone 3 as it increases the risk of flooding to the property and those in the surrounding area. It is not clear whether the size of the culvert meets regulations for the size of the ditch, as rainwater backed up during the winter floods. This property is in the Metropolitan Green Belt and the design is harmful for the open countryside.</p>
<i>20/502069/FULL</i>	<p>Cherry Hill Maidstone Road Nettlestead Maidstone Kent ME18 5HE</p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED NO COMMENT</b></p>
<i>20/502278/FULL</i>	<p>2 Old Quarry Cottages, Gibbs Hill, Nettlestead</p> <p>Cllr Meredith did not take part in this planning application as he lives next door and the applicant is related to him. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> by remaining members to <b>NO COMMENT</b></p>

**DECISIONS MADE BY MBC**

As below

20/501431/FULL	Riverside Cottage, Bow Bridge, Wateringbury, Erection of external stairs and Balcony <b>APPLICATION PERMITTED</b>
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## 15. FINANCE

15.1 To note Budget monitoring report to June 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 - JUNE					
Cheque No	Gross	VAT	Nett	Supplier	Details
022097	£67.33	£1.33	£66.00	Mrs Michelle Rumble	Expenses - June
022098	£471.04	£78.51	£392.53	Capel Ground care	GM Contract 2020 - May
022099	£94.97	£4.52	£90.45	Eon	Streetlighting energy - April
022100	£220.00	£0.00	£220.00	Nettlestead Village Hall	VH Hire replacement cheque for 19/20 period
022101	£1,950.00	£325.00	£1,625.00	Streetlights	Installing new streetlights
DD0601	£8.40	£1.40	£7.00	Sage Payroll	Payroll fee - June
S00601	£598.33	£0.00	£598.33	Mrs Michelle Rumble	Salary - June
	£3,410.07	£410.76	£2,999.31		

Additionally it was noted that two cheques had been signed after the May meeting:

Cheque No	Gross	VAT	Nett	Supplier	Details
022095	£1.40	£0.00	£1.40	C Welfare	Balance of refund re incorrect cheque for the Village Hall
022096	£43.55	£0.00	£43.55	Dawn Thomas	VE Day expenses

## 16. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Cableway

KGV Field Goal nets - survey

## 17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2020 commencing at 7.30 pm and will be a Remote Meeting.

Alison Green had attended the Parish Council meeting as a potential councillor and would like to join the Parish Council. The Clerk will arrange the co-option at the next Parish Council meeting.

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