

**NETTLESTEAD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A REMOTE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
5th NOVEMBER 2020 AT 7.30PM**

Members Present

Cllr David Meredith – Chairman
Cllr Jackie Bennett joined at 8.08pm
Cllr Anita Van-Hensbergen – Vice-chairman
Cllr Emily Salter
Cllr David Thomas
Cllr Alison Green

Also, in attendance – Mrs Michelle Rumble, 3 members of public

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 1st OCTOBER 2020 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 and thanks given to Katriona and Finn O'Hare of Hampstead Lane who will become the new Flood wardens for the Parish of Nettlestead, contact details will be available in the next edition of the Parish magazine and on the Parish Council website.

5. **Neighbourhood Watch**

Cllr Salter had no items to report

6. **Police report**

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

7. **Chatterbox**

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

8. **Parish magazine**

The members all agreed that the Parish magazine will be distributed after the 2nd lockdown has finished, the next edition will be the December/January edition.

9. **Village hall**

The Village Hall will remain closed and will only open when it is safe to do so. Cllr Van Hensbergen will contact one of the committee members for an update on the situation.

The Clerk was asked to check the defibrillator to see that the pads are still useable and if not, she will order some replacements.

10. KGV FIELD

Goal Nets

The meeting was adjourned to hear from two members of the public who live next to the KGV Field and they felt that moving the goal nets closer to the large netting would not stop the balls entering their back garden. Their other real concern is the damage which has been caused to their fencing and gate when footballers enter their garden without permission to get their balls back. Mr Goodyer was also present who is representing the residents from Bishops Close who also back onto the playing field.

After a long discussion on how to move forward with this, it was **RESOLVED** by all members present to move both goal nets closer to the large netting at a cost of £260.00 and then monitor that. If this is not working then it will need to be reviewed again later next year.

This part of the meeting finished, and the members of public left the meeting.

Grass cutting

The members have asked the Clerk to contact the Grounds maintenance contractor to ask if the last cut of the year could be delayed for at least another two weeks and if it rains then to look at whether or not it is too wet before undertaking the final cut.

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.

Trees

The trees overhanging the Maidstone road have now been removed.

Play equipment

Members discussed the play equipment and the 2nd lockdown, and agreed that the risk assessment was unchanged from the position when the field reopened again after the 1st lockdown. It was felt that at this time no new notices would be required but of course the equipment should be used in accordance with Government guidelines in that people need to maintain the 2 metre rule.

11. CHURCHYARD

No update since the last meeting.

12. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

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.

Highways

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

13. CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence received from the Fields in Trust regarding the pipeline which runs through the KGV field was noted by all members.

14. PLANNING

20/504659/FULL	5 Kings Cottages Maidstone Road Nettlestead Maidstone Kent ME18 5ER 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. RESOLVED BY ALL MEMBERS THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE APPLICATION REFUSED ON THE FOLLOWING GROUNDS: LOSS OF LIGHT OVERSHADOWING LOSS OF PRIVACY
20/504868/FULL	Cherry Hill Maidstone Road Nettlestead Maidstone Kent ME18 5HE 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. RESOLVED BY ALL MEMBERS NO COMMENT

DECISIONS MADE BY MBC

None

Planning Correspondence

The Clerk had circulated prior to the meeting the powers for Planning and that a Parish Council has the right to be Consulted and be notified and has an obligation to respond to Planning applications.

15. FINANCE

15.1 To note Budget monitoring report to November 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 - November	

Cheque No	Gross	VAT	Nett	Supplier	Details
022130	£85.16	£4.06	£81.10	Eon	Street lighting energy - September
022131	£138.47	£0.58	£137.89	Mrs Michelle Rumble	Expenses
022132	£471.04	£78.51	£392.53	Capel Groundcare	GM Contract - October
022133	£175.00	£0.00	£175.00	Hadlum Design & Print	Parish magazine
022134	£202.43	£33.74	£168.69	Streetlights	Contract 3 of 4
022135	£700.00	£0.00	£700.00	Marchant Garden services	Tree work
SO1101	£8.40	£1.40	£7.00	Sage Payroll	Payroll fee
DD1101	£554.67	£0.00	£554.67	Mrs Michelle Rumble	Salary - October
	£2,335.17	£118.29	£2,216.88		

15.3 Website

The Parish Council has received four proposals for a new website
 Web Expand £1500 for the website and £360.00 per year
 Vision ICT £1475 for the website and £175.00 per year
 Hugo Fox £ £399 one off payment and £360 per year ongoing cost
 SOS Web £ 585.00 plus £102.00 per annum

It was **RESOLVED** by all members present to accept the Hugo Fox quote and proceed with them. The Clerk will contact them.

15.4 Budget 2020/21

The Budget had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting and it was **RESOLVED** by all members present to approve the Budget and accept an increase to the precept of 3% taking the precept from £19,177.78 to £19,753.11 for the next financial year 2021/22.

15.5 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

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be on the 3rd December 2020 at 7.30pm - this will be a remote meeting of the Council

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.20pm