

NETTLESTEAD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A REMOTE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
4th FEBRUARY 2021 AT 7.30PM

Members Present

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

Also, in attendance – The Clerk - 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 JANUARY were reviewed, amended, approved, and signed as a true and correct record, **RESOLVED** by all members present. There was an amendment made to the Police report where it said Gibbs Hill and should have said Bishops Close.

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

Flood Warden

The Chairman said that he will in due course write to David Goff regarding the Flood wardens in Nettlestead

The Parish Council are keen to hear from anyone in the Village, but specifically the Nettlestead Green end who would be interested in becoming a Flood warden. Please contact the parish clerk in the first instance.

Fly tipping

Cllr Van Hensbergen had removed the fly tipping from the KGV Field. Cllr Salter noticed that quite a lot of peelings have been left on the footpath KM176.

5. **Neighbourhood Watch**

Cllr Salter had nothing to report

6. **Police report**

The Clerk had circulated the response to the PCSO as asked by Insp Kent, this has been amended by the Chairman and the Clerk will formally send this off to Insp Kent with their comments.

7. **Chatterbox**

Cllr Bennett had no update.

8. **Parish magazine**

The Parish magazine was circulated to all the residents in Nettlestead despite the lockdown.

9. **Village hall**

No update

10. **KGV FIELD**

Goal Nets

The Clerk had contacted Jeff Goodyer and he stated that he would let her know when he would be able to make a start. The Clerk was asked to contact him again advising that at the moment, with the field being so muddy, it would be unwise to carry out any works to the goal posts and to wait until such time the weather improves.

GM Contract

The Clerk has received two tenders for the new contract, one from Nepicar and the other from Capel Groundcare, both were for a three-year term. It was proposed by Cllr Meredith and seconded by Cllr Salter and **RESOLVED** by all members present to accept the quote from Capel Groundcare on a 3-year contract. The Clerk was asked to thank Nepicar for taking the time to tender.

11. **CHURCHYARD**

No update since the last meeting.

12. **HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS**

Highways

The Clerk had circulated the response from Maidstone Borough Council on the location of the bin, and it was **RESOLVED** by all members present that it was not a good idea to locate a bin by the bench at the bottom of Gibbs Hill, and the Clerk will contact MBC and decline their offer. MBC had previously declined to install a bin at the layby, on the grounds that it would encourage fly-tipping.

Footpaths

The Clerk reported that a new road name sign had been placed on the junction of Hampstead Lane/Maidstone Road but the one further down Hampstead Lane will not be replaced.

The Clerk reported the hedge on Footpath KM176 to the Public Rights way officer after the last meeting, and the reply received was that it is the responsibility of the landowner to cut the hedge. The Clerk stated that this side of the hedge had always been cut by KCC.

Bishops Close Parking

The Clerk had contacted KCC but due to the COVID-19 restrictions they were not able to visit the site at present, but if anything changes, they will let the Clerk know. The Clerk was asked to contact the PCSO and ask her to visit regularly, and enforce the parking restrictions.

13. **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Chairman had circulated an email regarding Cabs4Jabs which had started in Yalding. They are a local taxi firm who has set up a GoFundMe page to raise money to take residents who have no transport to be able to get their COVID-19 Vaccinations. It was **RESOLVED** by all members present to donate £100 of their original £300 Member Grant for this if they decide to extend the service to Nettlestead.

The Clerk will contact the taxi firm to make enquiries.

14. PLANNING

No new applications

DECISIONS MADE BY MBC

None

The Clerk had circulated an email from a resident regarding a piece of land which was up for sale between the properties of Grassmere and Hampstead Cottages. Until such time as a planning application had been submitted, the Parish Council could not respond or make any comments formally. However, it was agreed by all Councillors that it would be desirable for this piece of land to be owned by the neighbouring residents, or by someone who would only seek to use it for agricultural purposes. The land was definitely in a high-risk Flood Zone, whereby flooding will be frequent, and it was therefore unsuitable for residential use.

15. FINANCE

15.1 To note Budget monitoring report to February 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 - February					
Cheque No	Gross	VAT	Nett	Supplier	Details
022148	£87.99	£4.19	£83.80	Eon	Street lighting energy - December
022149	£142.15	£0.58	£141.57	Mrs Michelle Rumble	Expenses
022150	£471.04	£78.51	£392.53	Capel Groundcare	GM Contract - January
022151	£20.40	£0.00	£20.40	HMRC	PAYE - February
022152	£178.00	£0.00	£178.00	Hadlum Design	Parish magazine printing
022153	£202.43	£33.74	£168.69	Streetlights	Contract
SO0201	£8.40	£1.40	£7.00	Sage Payroll	Payroll fee - February
DD0201	£534.27	£0.00	£534.27	Mrs Michelle Rumble	Salary - February
	£1,644.68	£118.42	£1,526.26		

15.3 Bank Reconciliations

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

15.4 PSS

To note the PSS Grant for the year 2021/22 would be £1976.00 paid in two instalments

15.5 Website

The Clerk will circulate the link to all members, as the website was almost ready to go live depending on feedback from Councillors.

16. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

KGV Field Goal nets – update
Footpath KM176
Old School House Clock
Bishops Close Parking
Donations
Cabs4Jobs

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be on the 4th March 2021 at 7.30pm - this will be a remote meeting of the Council

There being be no further business the meeting closed at 20.56pm