

**NETTLESTEAD PARISH COUNCIL**  
**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**7<sup>th</sup> July 2016 7.45PM, NETTLESTEAD VILLAGE HALL, NETTLESTEAD**

**Members Present**

Cllr David Meredith (Chairman)  
Cllr Jackie Bennett  
Cllr Alan Hill  
Cllr Avril Watson

Also in attendance – the Clerk Mrs Michelle Rumble, PCSO Nicola Morris and 6 members of the public

**1 Apologies for absence**

Cllr Anita Van-Hensbergen, Cllr Emily Salter, Cllr David Baker

**2. Declarations of Pecuniary interests on 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 David Meredith declared an interest in any discussion surrounding All Season Grounds Maintenance, Cllr Jackie Bennett declared an interest in discussing the Churchyard

The meeting was adjourned to hear from members of the public

Ms Yvonne Cronk spoke as a member of PCC, she stated that St Marys Church Nettlestead would like thank the Parish Council for supporting the Queens 90<sup>th</sup> Party at the Village Hall, Yvonne also thanked the Parish Council for their support on the repair of the Footpath from the Lych Gate to the Church, this has made a huge difference to the footpath.

Margarite and David Allen were also in attendance and spoke about the grass cutting at the Church and stated that they were not happy with the way the grass is being cut and that when it is strimmed the grass goes all over the headstones, they also said that it has not been cut once a month as it should have been but had only been cut twice since September. The Harebells behind the Holly Tree have also been cut and they were still in bloom.

Yvonne Cronk then said that round her families graves it has been gauged.

The Grounds maintenance contractor then entered the room and spoke on this item, she apologised to Mr and Mrs Allen for cutting the Harebells, she also said that on the number of cuts it has been cut more than twice, regarding the grass left on the gravestones from the strimming there is not much that can be done about this as it is not in the contract to sweep every grave. It was also noted that the Churchyard receives 1 initial cut and then 11 further cuts between the period April to November.

The Chairman then added that when contact is needed it must go through the Clerk and that the Grounds maintenance contractor must not be contacted directly. Mr and Mrs Allen assured the Parish Council that this would be the case in the future.

Mr and Mrs Smith from Bishops Close then spoke on the problems they are having with the footballs coming into their garden from the KGV Field, they have had quite a few footballs being kicked in their garden which has broken panes of glass in their greenhouse. Mr and Mrs Smith asked the Parish Council if they would consider moving the goals to a different location, it was noted that there is a large net at either end of the goals to avoid the balls going in neighbouring gardens but it seems that it is a game by hitting the balls higher than the nets. Mr and Mrs Smith offered to help moving the goals. The Parish Council were concerned that moving the net to a different location could cause a health and safety risk as the balls could then hit children on the play area. Cllr Meredith resolve to call the meeting into Closed Session to discuss this for Legal Reasons and asked that all members of the public be excluded from this part of the meeting.

The members of public all left the room.

The meeting then resumed.

3. **Confirmation of Minutes of June Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2016 were approved and signed as a true and correct record, **RESOLVED** by all members present.

4. **Matters arising from the minutes**

None

5. **Neighbourhood Watch**

Cllr Hill gave his report.

6. **Police Report**

PSCO Nicola Morris was in attendance and gave her report and the following crimes were noted as having taken place

8<sup>th</sup> June Maidstone Road – Attempt Burglary other than dwelling – unoccupied property, attempt to door, nothing stolen

18<sup>th</sup> June Gibbs Hill – Burglary Dwelling – all doors open on property – iPad stolen

28<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> June Gibbs Hill – Burglary other than dwelling – outbuildings on farm broken into, nothing stolen

5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> July Maidstone Rd (Wateringbury) – Theft from motor vehicle – wing mirrors, door handles and bumper strip light – car parked on driveway

5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> July Maidstone Rd (Wateringbury) – Criminal Damage – to fencing

There have been various break ins to outbuildings in surrounding areas

PCSO Nicola Morris also said that if the Parish Council are interested in holding an equine event this could be done in conjunction with a crime prevention surgery, the Clerk will contact the Village Hall bookings Clerk to see if Monday or Tuesday evenings would be available.

The Clerk will also check the date for the next Police/Parish Forum

7. **Chatterbox**

Cllr Bennett stated that Chatterbox takes place every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month 1pm at the Hop Pole Public House.

8. **Parish Magazine**

Cllr Van Hensbergen was not in attendance

9. **Village Hall**

Cllr Meredith was in attendance and stated that the Village Hall AGM had taken place. Cllr Meredith also confirmed that the date for Quiz night will now take place on the 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

10. **KGV Field**

No further information

11. **Highways & Footpaths**

The Clerk was asked to report the following

Gibbs Hill – overgrown verges, only partially cut

Station Road – overgrown hedges which are obstructing the visibility

Maidstone Road/Hampstead Lane – overgrown hedges

Old School House – overgrown hedge, the Clerk has reported this previously but report this again to the owner and will also report this to Kent County Council.

Japanese Knotweed – Layby along Maidstone Road – Clerk will report this to KCC

Greensand way – stiles, Clerk to speak to PROW regarding the stiles

**ACTION CLERK**

12. **Correspondence**

HMRC Consultation – Cllr Meredith confirmed that this does not affect the Parish Council

13. **Planning**

None

**Outcome of Previous Applications**

Former Syngenta Works – pending consideration

15/507406 Three Sons – awaiting decision

15/508103 Three Sons – awaiting decision

15/509334 Three Sons – awaiting decision

16/501032 Mousehole Fishing Lakes – awaiting decision

14. **Financial Reports**

a. To make payments as listed below, cheques were signed outside the meeting.

Cheque No	Gross	VAT	Nett	Supplier	Details
001828	£115.87	£1.33	£114.54	Mrs Michelle Rumble	Clerks expenses - July (Incl Transparency fund)
001829	£376.02	nil	£376.02	Mrs Michelle Rumble	Clerk's salary - July
001830	£93.80	nil	£93.80	HMRC	PAYE - June
001831	£132.04	£22.00	£110.00	SSE Contracting	Street Lighting maintenance - May & June
001832	£198.37	£9.45	188,92	Eon	Street Lighting energy - May & June
001833	£340.00	nil	£340.00	Rita Parkinson	Parish magazine printing - June & July/August
001834	£100.80	nil	£100.80	Nettlestead Village Hall	Hall hire - Queens Jubilee
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£1,356.90</b>	<b>£32.78</b>	<b>£1,135.16</b>		

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**Cheque List 4th August 2016**

Cheque No	Gross	VAT	Nett	Supplier	Details
001834	£40.00	nil	£40.00	Mrs Michelle Rumble	Clerks expenses - August (incl Transparency fund)
001835	£376.02	nil	£376.02	Mrs Michelle Rumble	Clerk's salary - August
001836	£93.80	nil	£93.80	HMRC	PAYE - August
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£509.82</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£509.82</b>		

b. Budget monitoring report at 07/07/2016

Noted by all members as correct

c. To sign bank reconciliations to date

Cllr Meredith and the Clerk both signed all the Bank Reconciliations to date

d. Transparency Fund 2016/17

The Clerk confirmed that she has submitted an application for the fund for 2016/17

e. It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the following policies

Financial Regulations

Complaints Procedure

The Risk assessment will be adopted at the next meeting once the Clerk has made all the amendments.

**15. Future agenda items**

Notice board – Insurance claim

Parking update – Bishops Close/Bryant Close

Stiles – greensands way

Japanese knotweed

Footpaths

16. **Date of next meeting**

The next Parish meeting will be on Thursday the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016

There being be no further business the meeting closed at 9.30pm