

NETTLESTEAD PARISH COUNCIL
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
1st December 2016 7.45PM, NETTLESTEAD VILLAGE HALL, NETTLESTEAD

Members Present

Cllr David Meredith (chairman)
Cllr Anita Van Hensbergen (vice-chairman)
Cllr David Baker
Cllr Jackie Bennett
Cllr Alan Hill
Cllr Emily Salter
Cllr Avril Watson

Also in attendance – the Clerk Mrs Michelle Rumble, PCSO Nicola Morris

1 Apologies for absence

None.

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 Meredith declared an interest in All Seasons Grounds maintenance and will not take part in any such discussion.

3. Confirmation of Minutes of November Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on the 3 November 2016 were approved and signed as a true and correct record, **RESOLVED** by all member's present.

4. Matters arising from the minutes

Community Warden

The Community Warden Dawn Riach Brown attended the October meeting and promised to forward her details to the Parish Clerk. The Clerk will chase the Community Warden for this, this has still not been received and the Clerk will speak with the Supervisor on this matter.

Football Goals

This will be discussed in the new Financial Year; the Clerk will speak with Mr and Mrs Smith regarding this. The Clerk informed Mr and Mrs Smith on the council's decision and that it will be discussed again in the next Financial Year.

The Clerk also confirmed that she had ordered a new set of goal nets.

Greensand Way stiles

This was discussed at the last meeting and there was no further information on this to add now.

Dog bins

This will be discussed under Highways & Footpaths.

Flood Warden

This will be discussed under correspondence.

Noticeboard

The Clerk had no update on this matter.

Lottery Application

The Clerk confirmed that the application had been submitted but was not expecting to hear anything until next year.

Defibrillator

This will be discussed under correspondence.

Trees – Maidstone Road

This will be discussed under KGV Field.

5. **Neighbourhood Watch**

Cllr Hill stated that he had nothing to report.

6. **Police Report**

PSCO Nicola Morris was in attendance and a report had been circulated to all members prior to this meeting and the following crimes were reported.

Crimes since last meeting:

10th Nov – Theft – Gibbs Hill – electricity cable stolen

24th Nov – Burglary other than dwelling – Bow Bridge – gas bottles stolen

24th Nov – Theft of Motor vehicle – Bow Bridge – Jeep Cherokee – located burnt out

Gibbs Hill – another stolen vehicle also located Land Rover Defender – stolen from Lenham.

Other reports locally:

Theft of motor vehicle – Medway Ave – Peugeot Partner Van – 3rd-4th Nov

Theft of motor vehicle – Benover Road – Ford Transit Van – 4th Nov

Theft of motor vehicle – Battle Lane – Land Rover Defender – 9th Nov – male arrested – crime series.

A man has been arrested by officers investigating reports that a Land Rover was stolen from a property in Marden on Wednesday 9 November.

The 37-year-old, from Maidstone, was arrested on Sunday 13 September on suspicion of stealing a Land Rover Discovery from a property in Battle Lane.

He has been bailed, pending further enquiries, until Thursday 2 February.

To reduce the chances of falling victim to this type of offence, members of the public are reminded to:

- Ensure their vehicle is locked when it is left unattended.
- Avoid leaving car keys on display. This includes making sure they cannot be seen through any windows while at home.
- Where possible, parking vehicles in a secure garage or in a well-lit area.

7. **Chatterbox**

Cllr Bennett stated that a Chatterbox fundraising event had taken place on the 19th November at the Hop Pole Public House and £350 had been raised for Chatterbox. Cllr Bennett stated it was an extremely well attended and successful event.

Residents were also reminded that Chatterbox takes place every 3rd Tuesday of the month 1pm at the Hop Pole Public House.

8. **Parish Magazine**
Cllr Van Hensbergen gave her report.

9. **Village Hall**
Cllr Meredith reported that the Fashion Show which had taken place on the 25th November was a huge success and that £600 plus had been raised for the Village Hall.

10. **KGV Field**
Dog bins
Cllr Van Hensbergen reported that the field looks good. It was reported that there had been communication between the Clerk, Borough and County Councillors and John Edwards at Maidstone Borough Council regarding the removal of the dog bins at the KGV Field. This matter was of a real concern to the Parish Council. The dog bins and the Parish Council owned bin were all overflowing with general waste and dog waste. The Clerk had instructed the Grounds maintenance contractor to empty the bin on this occasion at a cost to the Parish Council of £40 plus VAT. The Parish Council does not have the Budget for this on a regular basis. The Clerk has not yet received a response from John Edwards as to whether the Parish Council will be having a bin installed. The Clerk was asked to chase MBC and the first locations preferred for the bin was the top of the steps, if this was not an option then perhaps the bottom of the steps.

Grounds maintenance contract 2017

The Clerk had received the quote from All Seasons Grounds Contractor for the renewal of the Grounds maintenance for a further year. The quote was £4068.50 plus VAT, it was also **RESOLVED** that a book would be placed at the Churchyard and signed every time a visit was made to cut the Churchyard, this was a stipulation of the Contract which the Parish Council wished to have in place. It was proposed by Cllr Van Hensbergen, seconded by Cllr Watson and **RESOLVED** by all members present to accept the quote and renew the contract for a further year.

The Clerk had no update on the trees in Maidstone Road, this was ongoing and was down to UK Power Networks to decide as to whether they will carry out the necessary works to the trees. The Clerk had also received a further quote from Stuart Wilson Tree Surgery at a cost of £2500.

ACTION CLERK

11. **Highways & Footpaths**
Cllr Watson reported on the ongoing matter of the parking in Bishops Close, she reported that Mr. Paul Brand from Kent County Council had now reported that KCC along with some funding from Cllr Paulina Stockell will paint double yellow lines 10 meters from the junction of Bishops Close and the B2015 Maidstone Road in all directions. Cllr Watson was thanked by the Parish Council for all her hard work on this matter.

The Clerk was asked to chase Mereworth Castle on the cutting of verges/hedges along Maidstone Road as no response had been received from the Clerk's letter sent to them earlier in the month.

ACTION CLERK

The Clerk was asked to report pot holes in Gibbs Hill.

ACTION CLERK

12. Correspondence

Defibrillator

The Clerk had been in touch with the Community Heartbeat Trust regarding the installation of a Defibrillator in the Phone Box. The Clerk stated that they could apply for funding through the National Lottery, previous applications by other councils had been successful. The Parish Council would need to decide if they wished to be responsible for the Defibrillator and who in the village would have the code to access the Defibrillator. These were all decisions that if the Parish Council wished to go ahead they would need to discuss at some point.

The Clerk will speak to the Marden History Society who have a Defibrillator and gather more information from them and come back to the Parish Council at the next meeting.

ACTION CLERK

JPGF

Cllr Meredith stated that Mr Nick Davy had attended the last Joint Parish Flood Group as the representative of the Parish Council. Cllr Meredith said that there had been a slight issue at the meeting with a clash of personality between two of the members. Cllr Meredith said that he would speak with the representative on this matter. The Parish Council also have another potential representative for the Group and the Parish Council are hoping that they will be able to attend any further JPGF meetings which are held.

ACTION CLLR MEREDITH

All other correspondence received was noted by the Parish Council.

13. Planning

None

Outcome of Previous Applications

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15/507406/FULL The three sons, Hampstead Lane, Nettlestead

Part retrospective application for residential use for a gypsy family, including log cabins, amenity blocks and 2 x stable blocks, associated fencing and hardstanding.

APPLICATION REFUSED

15/508103 Three Sons

Residential use for a gypsy family, including amenity block and chalet home with associated fencing and hardstanding.

APPLICATION REFUSED

15/509334 Three Sons

Residential use for a gypsy family including 2 No. amenity blocks and 2 No. chalet homes; Associated fencing and hard standing.

APPLICATION REFUSED

16/501032 Mousehole Fishing Lakes

Part retrospective application for proposed timber wardens chalet

AWAITING DECISION

16/501503 3 Rose Cottages

Part Retrospective - Two-storey side extension and single storey side and rear extension; Off road parking and single storey temporary out-building

APPLICATION REFUSED

16/506247 6 Whites Cottages

Erection of a part single and part two storey rear extension and front porch.

APPLICATION PERMITTED

16/505971 32 Bishops Close

Erection of a detached three bedroom dwelling.

APPLICATION PERMITTED

Enforcement

None.

14. Financial Reports

a. To make payments.

NETTLESTEAD PARISH COUNCIL				Cheque List	1st December 2016
Cheque No	Gross	VAT	Nett	Supplier	Details
001860	CHEQUE	CANCELLED		WRITTEN IN ERROR	
001861	£1,216.02	nil	£1,216.02	Mrs Michelle Rumble	Clerk's salary - December
001862	£75.35	£1.33	£74.02	Mrs Michelle Rumble	Clerks expenses - December
001863	£340.00	nil	£340.00	Rita Parkinson	Parish magazine printing
001864	£36.00	nil	£36.00	CPRE	Membership 2016/17
001865	£117.06	£5.57	£111.49	Eon	Street Lighting energy - October
001866	£66.02	£11.00	£55.02	SSE Contracting	Street lighting maintenance - October
001867	£48.00	£8.00	£40.00	All Seasons Grounds maintenance	Emptying on bins - KGV Field
TOTAL	£682.43	£6.90	£656.53		

b. Budget monitoring report at 01/12/16

Noted by all members as correct.

c. To sign bank reconciliations to date

Clr Meredith and the Clerk as the Responsible Financial Officer signed these.

d. Budget 2017/18

The Clerk had prior to this meeting circulated the first Draft of the Budget for 2017/18, at this meeting the Councillors went through each line on the Budget for Income and Expenditure. The Parish Council really need to have a Balanced Budget and would need to look at a possible increase in the precept for 2017/18. The Chairman will look further into the Budget along with the Clerk and between now and the next meeting, circulate various options and in January the Budget will be agreed as will the Precept for 2017/18.

ACTION CLERK/CLLR MEREDITH

15. Future agenda items

Notice board – Insurance claim

Parking update – Bishops Close/Bryant Close

Footpaths/Highways

Dog bins

Trees on Maidstone Road

Hedges/Verges

Budget 2017/18

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Defibrillator
Lottery Application

16. Date of next meeting

5th January 2017 at 7.45pm, Nettlestead Village Hall.

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