

NETTLESTEAD PARISH COUNCIL
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
2nd March 2017 7.45PM, NETTLESTEAD VILLAGE HALL, NETTLESTEAD

Members Present

Cllr David Meredith (chairman)
Cllr Alan Hill
Cllr Emily Salter

Also in attendance – the Clerk Mrs Michelle Rumble

1 Apologies for absence

Cllr Jackie Bennett, Cllr Van- Hensbergen, Cllr Watson and PCSO Nicola Morris

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 February Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on the 2 February 2017 were approved and signed as a true and correct record, **RESOLVED** by all member's present.

The meeting was adjourned to hear from members of the public
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Tina Freedman the Parish Council representative on the JPCG committee was welcomed to the Parish Council meeting. Tina had attended the last two Flood group meetings and reported that from the meetings came two projects; the first was a proposal from the Environment Agency, and their proposal was to address property resilience and to carry out a survey for "at risk" properties to see how they can help, although it was not clear if any funding would be available from this. If the Flood Group go with this option, it was unclear if this would then rule out other options which may be available. Tina asked how many properties in Nettlestead were or are at risk from flooding. There were 7+ properties which flooded in the 2013 floods, 5 on Hampstead Lane and two next to Wateringbury Bridge.

The second project is being carried out by Arcadis on behalf of Maidstone Borough Council, and they are looking at various measures which could be undertaken. It is not clear at this time whether MBC will fund the study and if MBC will support the group. Until more information from the Environment Agency and Arcadis is available there is not much more than Tina can update the Parish Council on. It was also noted that at the moment Yalding had withdrawn from the Flood Group committee but they were hoping that they would come back on board.

The Chairman thanked Tina for attending the Parish Council meeting and for also being the representative on the Flood Group, and she was welcome to attend further Parish Council meetings to update them.

Tina Freedman then left the meeting.

Carol Funnell, a resident of the Parish, then spoke on the changes to the Arriva Bus Timetable which will have an impact on the Residents of the Parish. Arriva will, as from the 2nd April 2017, remove the 6 and 6A Service. There will be the 6X service and this will run as at present between Tunbridge Wells hospital and Maidstone Hospital, with some adjustment to the off- peak timetable, but will extend from Maidstone Hospital via Tonbridge Road to and from Maidstone town centre between approximately 09.30 and 15.30 hours.

Arriva will be running a new service, the number 66 between East Peckham and Maidstone Hospital on Mondays to Fridays with connections available to Maidstone town centre by Service 7 from Wateringbury or Barming. The evening buses will no longer run due to insufficient use having been made of them. The Clerk will check to see if the new bus service 66 will run through Nettlestead. The Parish Council supports the residents and will contact Arriva and will also contact the bordering Parish Councils affected by the change. The chairman stated to the resident that it would be beneficial for residents to write and complain about the changes to the bus services.

Carol Funnell then left the meeting,
The meeting resumed.

4. **Matters arising from the minutes**
All matters covered under the agenda.
5. **Neighbourhood Watch**
Cllr Hill had nothing to report.
6. **Police Report**
PSCO Nicola Morris was not in attendance and no report had been received.
7. **Chatterbox**
Cllr Bennett was not in attendance.
8. **Parish Magazine**
Cllr Van Hensbergen was not in attendance, but the Clerk reported that the Parish magazine had been handed out to all the various distributors in the Parish. There had also been receipt of income from various advertisers.
9. **Village Hall**
Cllr Meredith reported that a meeting of the Village Hall Committee was held in February, and there was further fund raising events being considered. The Committee are also taking forward the renovation of the kitchen.
10. **KGV Field**
Dog bins
The Clerk reported that the new comingle dog bin had been installed at the bottom of the steps at the entrance to the KGV Field. The Clerk was asked to place a notice on the Parish Council owned bin to say " Litter only no dog waste". The Clerk had met with a contractor regarding the new play surfacing. The Quotes were as below

Contractor 1

To take up 147m² of existing rubber tiles. Remove from site.
Break out 79m² of concrete bases. Remove from site
Supply and install 60 liner metres 4 x2 inch treated timber
Supply and lay 88m² x40mm black wet pour safety surface, plus 30.8 m² x20mm black wet pour safety surface.
For the sum of £6960 + vat.

Contractor 2

To take up 147m² of existing rubber tiles. Remove from site.
Break out 79m² of concrete bases. Remove from site
Supply and install 60 liner metres 4 x2 inch treated timber
Supply and lay 88m² x40mm black wet pour safety surface, plus 30.8 m² x20mm black wet pour safety surface.

Total price for supply and install.....£7,200 + VAT

The Clerk had sought a third quote but this had not yet arrived.

It was **RESOLVED** by all members present to accept Contractor 1, the Clerk will inform them by letter and seek a start date for the work. The Clerk had also sought a quote from All Seasons Grounds Maintenance to make good the areas where the wet pour had been removed and was not being replaced.

Cable ride

The Parish Clerk informed members that unfortunately the seat on the cable ride had been damaged again, this had only been replaced two weeks ago. The Clerk had spoken with Playquest who maintain the ride to enquire as to whether a dog proof seat would be available. Unfortunately this was not an option at this time due to quantities that would have to be purchased from the supplier, and therefore Playquest agreed to fit a second hand seat when they were next in the area. The Parish Council would monitor this and members also suggested a sign asking people not to let their dogs chew the seat.

11. Highways & Footpaths

Bishops Close parking

Cllr Watson was not in attendance but she had reported no update on this at the moment..

Noticeboard

The Clerk had received the Insurance claim of £500 from Ageas Insurance Company and the Parish Council will look at sites in Nettlestead Green to place a new noticeboard, the most obvious place would be the Hop Pole Public House. Cllr Bennett was not in attendance to update the Parish Council on this.

Hedges/Verges

Cllr Salter stated that footpath from the bottom of Gibbs Hill through to Nettlestead Green had been cleared and looked much better.

The Clerk had also reported to Ian Packer at MBC the litter problem throughout the whole Parish.

12. Correspondence

Defibrillator

The Chairman stated that the Village Hall Committee were quite happy to have a Defibrillator at the Village Hall, but felt the best location was on the wall outside the hall.

ACTION CLERK

All other correspondence received was noted by the Parish Council.

13. Planning

None

Outcome of Previous Applications

None

Enforcement

None.

14. Financial Reports

a. To make payments.

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				Cheque List	2nd March 2017
Cheque No	Gross	VAT	Nett	Supplier	Details
001879	£72.03	nil	£72.03	Mrs Michelle Rumble	Clerks expenses - March
001880	£469.82	nil	£469.82	Mrs Michelle Rumble	Clerk's salary - March
001881	£117.06	£5.57	£111.49	Eon	Street lighting energy - January
001882	£66.02	£11.00	£55.02	SSE Contracting	Street lighting maintenance - January
001883	£170.00	nil	£170.00	Rita Parkinson	Parish magazine printing - March
TOTAL	£894.93	£16.57	£878.36		

b. *Budget monitoring report at 02/03/17*

Noted by all members as correct. Cllr Meredith also noticed that the Parish Council had not been invoiced for the hall hire, and the Village Hall Contribution had also not been requested by way of a letter. Both of these items will be rolled over and the Budget for 2017/18 amended to reflect this and then sent to all members.

c. *Donations*

Cllr Bennet was not in attendance so any donation to Chatterbox could not be discussed and would be on the agenda for next month. The members did think that it would be a good idea to roll over part of the Donations budget to 2017/18 to put towards the purchase of a Defibrillator.

d. *Bank Reconciliations*

The Chairman and the Clerk both signed these to date.

15. Future agenda items

Parking update – Bishops Close/Bryant Close

16. Date of next meeting

6th April 2017, 7.45pm Nettlestead Village Hall

There being be no further business the meeting closed at 9.20pm