

**NETTLESTEAD PARISH COUNCIL
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
6 APRIL 2017 AT 7.45PM, NETTLESTEAD VILLAGE HALL, NETTLESTEAD**

Members Present

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

Also in attendance – the Clerk Mrs Michelle Rumble, 2 members of the public

1 Apologies for absence

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 March 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

Defibrillator

A resident of Nettlestead was present and the Parish Council spoke on the Defibrillator which they would like to purchase to go on the outside of the Village Hall, the resident would be prepared to contribute towards the purchase of this and would also like to have a plaque in memory of her son on the wall.

The Clerk had prior to the meeting circulated one quote for this, the Clerk was asked to seek two further quotes. The Clerk was also asked to email Cllr Stockell to see if she would be prepared to put some of her member Grant towards this. Cllr Bennett would speak with Mr Mike Williams who might be able to offer some advice on the Defibrillator. The Parish Council would also need a quote for the electrics. The Clerk will speak with DJ Adams who had previously carried out work for the Parish Council. The Parish Council could also look at possible fundraising for this.

4. Matters arising from the minutes

Buses.

The members spoke on the changes to the bus timetable which took effect on the 2nd April, the new service does not offer the residents of Nettlestead a regular bus to and from Maidstone Town Centre. The members all agreed that a letter should be written

expressing their views. The Chairman would draft such a letter and accept views from other members on this.

5. **Neighbourhood Watch**

Cllr Hill had nothing to report.

6. **Police Report**

PSCO Nicola Morris was not in attendance and no crimes had been reported

7. **Chatterbox**

Cllr Bennett was in attendance. Cllr Meredith had attended the last Chatterbox at the Hop Pole.

8. **Parish Magazine**

Cllr Van Hensbergen was in attendance and gave her report.

9. **Village Hall**

Cllr Meredith stated that there had been a committee meeting and forthcoming projects had been discussed. There will be dog show on the field by the Village Hall on the 8th July which is being run by Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council and Maidstone Borough Council.

The other project is a possible Farmers market but this needs more discussion.

10. **KGV Field**

Grounds Maintenance

The Clerk was asked to speak with the contractor and ask that all cuts are emailed to the Clerk every time this takes place, this means the Parish Council can then monitor the cutting schedule for the year. The Clerk was also asked to place a book in the Church so that when then Churchyard is strimmed or mowed it can be written in this book and the Parish Council can also monitor the cutting schedule.

ACTION CLERK

Dog Bin

The Clerk had received a telephone call from a resident who lives near the KGV Field asking if the dog bin which has been placed at the bottom of the steps could be relocated. The Clerk confirmed that the bin is emptied on a Wednesday, and the feedback from Maidstone Borough Council indicated that a weekly collection was sufficient, and the bin was not overflowing. The Parish Council agreed that they would monitor the situation.

11. **Highways & Footpaths**

Bishops Close parking

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

Hedges/Verges

It was noted that a litter pick had taken place through the Village.

12. **Correspondence**

Defibrillator

This had already been discussed.

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Cllr Meredith stated that he will be attending a presentation by the Environment Agency on the 26th April at 2.30pm at the Environmental Agency offices.

13. Planning

16/501032/FULL – Mouse hole Fishing Lakes, Maidstone Road

Part retrospective application for proposed timber warden’s chalet.

It was RESOLVED by all members present that their previous comments still stand and that they would like to see the application refused for the following reasons:

- Metropolitan Green belt
- Breach of planning consent
- Visual appearance
- Flood zone

Outcome of Previous Applications

None

Enforcement

The Clerk updated members on the enforcements

14. Financial Reports

a. To make payments.

NETTLESTEAD PARISH COUNCIL				Cheque List	6th April 2017
Cheque No	Gross	VAT	Nett	Supplier	Details
001884	£59.58	nil	£59.58	Mrs Michelle Rumble	Clerks expenses - April
001885	£479.01	nil	£479.01	Mrs Michelle Rumble	Clerk's salary - April
001886	£222.83	£10.61	£212.22	Eon	Street lighting energy - February & March
001887	£132.04	£22.00	£110.04	SSE Contracting	Street lighting maintenance - February
001888	£170.00	nil	£170.00	Rita Parkinson	Parish magazine printing - April
001889	£328.82	£54.80	£274.02	KALC	Membership 2017/18
TOTAL	£1,392.28	£87.41	£1,304.87		

b. *Budget monitoring report at 06/04/17*

Noted by all members as correct. Cllr Meredith asked the Clerk to forward to all members the last report for March 2017

ACTION CLERK

c. *Donations*

The Parish Council have a donations Budget for 2017/18 of £950.00, some of which was rolled over from 2016/17. The Parish Council would welcome an application from Chatterbox and would also like to support the purchase of the Defibrillator.

d. Bank Reconciliations

The Chairman and the Clerk both signed these to the 31/03/2017

15. Future agenda items

Co-option of the new Councillor Mr David Thomas

Parking update – Bishops Close/Bryant Close

16. Date of next meeting

11th May 2017, 7.45pm in the Village Hall. This meeting will be the Annual Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Parish Council meeting.

There being be no further business the meeting closed at 9.45pm