

**NETTLESTEAD PARISH COUNCIL
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
11 MAY 2017 AT 8.05PM, NETTLESTEAD VILLAGE HALL, NETTLESTEAD**

Members Present

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

Also in attendance – the Clerk Mrs Michelle Rumble, Mr David Thomas, Borough Councillor Steve Mcloughlin and 1 member of the public.

1 Apologies for absence

PCSO Nicola Morris, Cllr Stockell

2. To co-opt Mr David Thomas as new Parish Councillor

Cllr Salter proposed this co-option, seconded by Cllr Meredith, **RESOLVED** by all members present. All paperwork was duly signed by Cllr Thomas and where necessary the Clerk as proper officer.

3. 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.

4. Confirmation of Minutes of April Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on the 6 April 2017 were approved and signed as a true and correct record, **RESOLVED** by all member's present.

Item 16 Planning

- 17/501658 – 2 Malthouse Cottages, Maidstone Road, Watringbury
Erection of flat roof over existing courtyard to create a new kitchen/dining room
The applicant was present and explained to the members the proposed application and that she had sought pre-application advice from the Conservation officer Jocelyn Miller as to what would be acceptable to the Parish Council.
All members **RESOLVED** no objection
The applicant then left the meeting

5. Matters arising from the minutes

Buses.

The members spoke on the Bus timetable and the changes, Cllr Meredith will put something together on this, any further input from other members would be appreciated.

6. **Neighbourhood Watch**

Cllr Hill had nothing to report.

7. **Police Report**

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

8. **Chatterbox**

Cllr Bennett was in attendance and said that attendance at Chatterbox is very good; the meetings take place every 3rd Tuesday at 1pm.

9. **Parish Magazine**

Cllr Van Hensbergen was in attendance and gave her report.

10. **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 next committee meeting will take place on the 18th May.

11. **KGV Field**

Grounds Maintenance

The Grounds maintenance contractor was now informing the Clerk of the cuts, the Clerk had also placed a book for signing at the Church.

The new play surfacing has now been installed and all members were extremely delighted with this, the contractors who carried out the work were Abacus and the work had been carried out to a high standard. Cllr Van Hensbergen also stated that after a site meeting on Monday it had been agreed to pay £150 to the Grounds maintenance contractors to clean all the fitness equipment prior to the new play surfacing being installed.

The Clerk was asked to contact Playquest the company who installed the Cable ride to enquire as to whether a different kind of seat could be installed as the existing one is still being chewed by a dog. The dog warden is aware of this and has stated that it is in hand.

12. **Highways & Footpaths**

Bishops Close parking

Cllr Watson was in attendance but she had reported no update at the moment

Hedges/Verges

The Clerk was asked to speak with Maidstone Borough Council regarding another litter pick in the village.

The Clerk will also report the footpath from the bottom of Gibbs Hill all the way along to Nettlestead Green which had been partly cleared but really needs to be completed.

The Clerk will also ask the dates for the scheduled footpath cuts in the Parish.

13. Defibrillator

The Clerk had obtained two quotes, but will try for a third. The Clerk is also still seeking quotes for the electrics. Four volunteers had come forward to be trained on the Defibrillator, Cllr Stockell had also agreed to help towards the Defibrillator by way of her Community Grant.

14. Flooded property survey

Cllr Meredith had attended the talk at the Environment Agency and a report from this had been sent to all members prior to the meeting, giving them time to look through and make any comments at the meeting. Cllr Mcloughlin also added further points to this survey

15. Correspondence

None

16. Planning

- 17/501838/FULL – Diamond Place Farm, Maidstone Road, Nettlestead
Erection of timber stable block consisting of 3x stables and store room.
The members all RESOLVED to NO OBJECTION but would like to also support the concerns highlighted by the Environment agency:
Waste
Waste Disposal
Damage to the Water Course

Outcome of Previous Applications

None

Enforcement

The Clerk updated members on the enforcements

16. Financial matters

a. To make payments

RESOLVED by all members to make the following payments, all cheques will be signed outside the meeting.

				Cheque List	11th May 2017
Cheque No	Gross	VAT	Nett	Supplier	Details
001890	£64.38	nil	£64.38	Mrs Michelle Rumble	Clerks expenses - May
001891	£479.01	nil	£479.01	Mrs Michelle Rumble	Clerk's salary - May
001892	£66.02	£11.00	£55.02	SSE Contracting	Street Lighting maintenance - April
001893	£440.00	nil	£440.00	Nettlestead Village Hall	Hall Hire 2016/17 and 2017/18
001894	£123.91	£5.90	£118.01	Eon	Street Lighting energy - April
TOTAL	£1,173.32	£16.90	£1,156.42		

b. *Budget monitoring report at 11/05/17*

Noted by all members as correct.

c. To sign and agree the Annual Return for 2016/17

The Chairman read out Section 1 of the Annual Return, the Annual Governance Statement, to all members and completed the form with Yes or No Answers, and this part was then signed and dated by the Chairman and the Clerk as the Responsible Financial Officer. The Chairman also signed Section 2 Accounting Statements and this was also signed by the Clerk as the Responsible Financial Officer.

d. Income

Income to date was noted by all members

17. Future agenda items

Buses

Parking update – Bishops Close/Bryant Close

Litter

Noticeboard

Footpaths

Defibrillator

Flooding

18. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be the 1st June 2017, 7.45pm

There being be no further business the meeting closed at 9.35pm