

NETTLESTEAD PARISH COUNCIL
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 31st AUGUST 2017 AT 7.45PM,
NETTLESTEAD VILLAGE HALL, NETTLESTEAD

Members Present

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

Also in attendance – the Clerk Mrs Michelle Rumble, 4 members of the public

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.

The meeting was then adjourned to hear from members of the public.

Dawn Dunmill was present and was extremely pleased to see that the Defibrillator had been installed and they had a plaque which they would like placed beside the Defibrillator. It was noted that the Chairman along with Mr and Mrs Dunmill will open the Defibrillator on Sunday morning; photos will be placed on the Website and in the next edition of the Parish Magazine.

Three other residents were present. The first Resident asked if it would be possible for the footpath which leads from Maidstone Road to Bryants Close to be cleared as it is extremely overgrown. The Clerk confirmed that this has been reported to the PROW and that it is possible for members of the public to report and they are encouraged to do so. The same resident also asked if the Parish Council could consider possible speed calming measures along the Maidstone Road. The Chairman stated that they would look at what could be considered but unfortunately could not promise anything.

The second two residents were present regarding the parking on the grassed area at the end of Bryants Close. The Clerk had been in touch with Lucy Stroud from Maidstone Borough Council who confirmed that she had met with Golding Homes and stated that they would be placing bollards to stop the parking. The residents felt that as there was a lack of parking perhaps 2 or 3 extra spaces could be marked out on the grassed area. The Clerk will contact Lucy Stroud and put forward their suggestion.

The members of the public all then left the meeting and the meeting resumed at 8pm

3. **Confirmation of Minutes of July Meeting**
The minutes of the meeting held on the 6 July 2017 were approved and signed as a true and correct record, **RESOLVED** by all member's present. There was an amendment made to 11.2 to amend the name from Paul Brand to Allison Allan who deals with the member Grants at KCC which was initialled by the Chairman.

4. **Matters arising from the minutes**
 - Flood survey**
An email on this had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting and the progress on this was noted.

 - Network Rail**
The Clerk had received a response from Network Rail which had been forwarded to the resident who expressed a concern on this matter.

 - Traffic Calming**
The Clerk had informed the Clerk at Wateringbury that the Parish Council would like to support and be consulted on any measures of traffic calming up Gibbs Hill/Pizien Well.

 - Planning**
It was noted that the new development in Nettlestead will be named Blumer Lock.

 - Noticeboard**
The Clerk was asked to order this from NAG Carpentry and that it would be located at the Hop Pole Public House.

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. It was noted that due to the PCSO's having to cover a larger area the Parish Council were very unlikely to have Crime figures or attendance at future meetings on a regular basis. However, PSCO Morris had provided details of a website where current information can be found: www.e-watch.co

7. **Chatterbox**
Cllr Bennett was in attendance and said that attendance at Chatterbox is very good with the meetings taking place every 3rd Tuesday at 1pm at the Hop Pole Public House.

8. **Parish Magazine**
Cllr Van Hensbergen was in attendance and gave her report.

9. **Village Hall**
Cllr Meredith stated that the dog show unfortunately was not as successful as they would have liked. There should be a committee meeting next month.

10. **KGV Field**
 - Grounds Maintenance**
The KGV field had recently been cut and was looking very nice. The Clerk had spoken with All Seasons who will be providing a quote on the items highlighted in the ROSPA Report. The Clerk will also chase the removal of the dog bin, and speak with Playquest

on a new seat for the Cable ride to get it up and running. The nets on the KGV Field also need replacing.

The Churchyard was looking very nice and it was noted that the Yew Hedge in the Church has recently been cut and looks very nice.

11. Highways & Footpaths

11.1 Highway matters

It was reported at the last meeting that there had been a pipe installed from the Three Sons property draining into the main drain on the Highway, the Clerk had reported this to Kent County Council, no update yet. The Clerk will chase.

11.2 Bishops Close parking

Cllr Watson stated that this was ongoing and that the funding for the double yellow lines is being chased.

11.3 Footpaths

The Clerk is going to be meeting with Clare Chewter from KCC to walk the footpath along the Maidstone Road. The Clerk has also reported KM177 to PROW as overgrown.

11.4 Fire Hydrant Review

This has now been completed

12. Defibrillator

Already covered

13. Correspondence

None

14. Planning

New applications

17/503928 – The Orchard, Hampstead Lane, Yalding

Retrospective application for replacement, store, garage and workshop

All members **RESOLVED** to **OBJECT** to this application for the following reasons: -

Metropolitan Green Belt

Flood Zone

Visual appearance

Plans inconsistent with what has been built

The Parish Council also highlighted that as the new building seems to be a separate dwelling they would like it noted that it should not be sold separately.

17/503397 – 16 Kings Cottages, Maidstone Road, Nettlestead

Erection of two storey detached dwelling house together with associated demolition of the side extension to existing cottage and provision of new parking facilities for both properties.

All members RESOLVED NO OBJECTION

Outcome of Previous Applications

17/501658 – 2 Malthouse Cottages, Maidstone Road, Wateringbury

Erection of flat roof over existing courtyard to create a new kitchen/dining room.

APPLICATION PERMITTED

17/501838/FULL – Diamond Place Farm, Maidstone Road, Nettlestead

Erection of timber stable block consisting of 3x stables and store room

APPLICATION PERMITTED

Enforcement

None

15. Financial matters

a. *To make payments*

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

				NPC PAYMENTS	31st August 2017
Cheque No	Gross	VAT	Nett	Supplier	Details
001909	£65.60	£0.45	£65.15	Mrs Michelle Rumble	Clerks expenses
001910	£479.01	nil	£479.01	Mrs Michelle Rumble	Clerk's salary - September
001911	£128.04	£6.10	£121.94	Eon	Street lighting energy - July
001912	£66.02	£11.00	£55.02	SSE Contracting	Street Lighting maintenance - July
001913	£88.20	£14.70	£73.50	ROSPA	Playground Inspection
001914	£14.40	£2.40	£12.00	Fresh air Fitness	Fittings for leg press - KGV Field
001915	£1,639.50	£273.25	£1,366.25	WEL Medical	Defibrillator
001916	£330.00	£55.00	£275.00	DJ Adams	Installation of Defibrillator
001917	£170.00	nil	£170.00	Rita Parkinson	Parish magazine printing
TOTAL	£2,980.77	£362.45	£2,617.87		

b. *Budget monitoring report at 31/08/2017*

Noted by all members as correct.

c. Bank Statements

The Chairman and the Clerk as RFO both signed and agreed the statements and reconciliations to date.

16. Future agenda items

Parking update – Bishops Close/Bryant Close
Noticeboard
Footpaths
Speed calming measures Pizien Well/Gibbs Hill

17. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be the 5th October at 7.45pm, It was noted that Cllr Meredith will not be present at the next Parish Council meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.25pm