

**NETTLESTEAD PARISH COUNCIL
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 6th DECEMBER 2018 AT 7.45PM,
NETTLESTEAD VILLAGE HALL, NETTLESTEAD**

Members Present

Cllr David Meredith (chairman)

Cllr Anita Van- Hensbergen

Cllr Jackie Bennett

Cllr Emily Salter

Cllr Alan Hill

Cllr David Thomas

Also, in attendance – the Clerk Mrs Michelle Rumble

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Edward Walter

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY OR PERSONAL INTEREST IN 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.

None

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on the 4 November were approved and signed as a true and correct record, **RESOLVED** by all members present.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

Tree Work

No Update

BT Telephone Box

The Clerk was advised by BT that the box will be removed before March 2019

Golding Homes

The Clerk will chase them for an update

Blumer Lock

No update on this

Siding Out

This has now been completed by KCC Highways.

Footpath KM177

This is due to be partly re-surfaced, but no work has taken place on this at the moment probably due to the inclement weather.

5. **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

Cllr Salter had nothing to report this month

6. **POLICE REPORT**

No report

7. **CHATTERBOX**

Cllr Bennett was in attendance, and reported that two dates to be noted are

- 16th December – Santa visiting and Tea
- 18th December – Christmas Lunch

8. **PARISH MAGAZINE**

Cllr Van Hensbergen was in attendance and reported that Loose printed the Parish magazine this month. The Clerk was also asked to send Cllr Van Hensbergen an up to date list of advertisers to date.

9. **VILLAGE HALL**

Nothing to report

10. **KGV FIELD**

Grounds maintenance

The Chairman had received a complaint from a resident about the damage which has been caused to the KGV Field, it was noted that it looked like it had been cut too close. The last cut which had taken place on the KGV Field was on the 21st November. Cllr Van Hensbergen stated that she had visited the KGV Field today and felt that it was not looking too bad. It was felt by all Councillors that the weather has been extremely wet and this could possibly contribute to the marks on the Field if it was mown when it was too wet. The Clerk will speak with the Contractor on this matter. It was also noted that a Coke can had been strewn all over the field – possibly picked up when mowing. The Clerk was also asked to speak with the Contractor on this matter.

This item was discussed in great detail by all Councillors – it was felt that overall the Contractor had carried out the work on the KGV Field well.

Fencing

The Clerk had obtained three quotes all of which were of a similar price, but one included the removal of the fencing which the other two did not. It was RESOLVED by all members present to accept the quote of £570.00. The Clerk will inform the contractor. It was noted though that the work will probably not be carried out until next year.

Goal posts

The large nets behind the goal posts were discussed as the bottom of the netting has lifted meaning that children are climbing underneath which is a potential hazard, the Clerk was asked to seek a quote to repair this. This must take priority over the fencing which was approved above.

The Clerk was also asked to seek a quote for the concrete which has become visible on the mound, this is also a potential hazard.

11. **CHURCHYARD**

Reported as looking nice

12. **HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS**

12.2 Streetlights

The Clerk had recently sent to all members an updated inventory list of Parish owned street lights, this highlighted that the Parish actually owned 25 streetlights within the Parish. The quote received was to replace all the lights with the more modern LED lighting thus reducing the maintenance and energy for the streetlights. The Parish had **RESOLVED** at the last meeting to allocate £5000 to replace the lights, now realising they owned more the costs had escalated to £8125.00 – bearing in mind we had already replaced two. The Parish had also been advised that some maintenance was also required on some of the lights at a cost of £1240.00. The Councillors discussed all options and it was **RESOLVED** that they would still allocate the £5000.00 to replace the lights and that they would do one road at a time starting with Bishops and Bryant Close. The maintenance work would go ahead as planned. The Clerk will inform the contractor of their decision.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

Network Rail update
Flood update
All noted

14. PLANNING

18/505169/FULL	<i>4 Malthouse Cottages, Maidstone Road Wateringbury, Maidstone New Flat roof to cover existing courtyard to create new Kitchen, along with erection of two double glazed windows and new timber framed glazed door to rear. RESOLVED NO OBJECTION</i>
18/505596/FULL	<i>8 Phoenix Cottages, Maidstone Road, Nettlestead Proposed new dormer to match existing to SW facing slope. RESOLVED NO OBJECTION</i>

DECISIONS MADE BY MBC

These were noted by the Parish Council

15. FINANCIAL MATTERS

15.1 To make payments

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

				NPC - Cheque List - December	

Cheque No	Gross	VAT	Nett	Supplier	Details
	£	£	£		
002012	49.52	0.44	49.08	Mrs Michelle Rumble	Expenses - December
002013	£ 10.00	-	£ 10.00	HMRC	PAYE
002014	£ 548.18	-	£ 548.18	Mrs Michelle Rumble	Salary - December
002015	£ 145.52	£ 6.93	£ 138.59	Eon	Street lighting energy - October
002016	£ 60.78	£ 10.13	£ 50.65	Fresh Air Fitness	Parts for fitness equipment
002015	£ 444.00	£ 74.00	£ 370.00	Capel Groundcare	GM Contract - November
002018	£ 36.00	n	£ 36.00	CPRE	Membership 2018/19
002019	£ 140.83	£ 6.71	£ 134.12	Eon	Street lighting energy - November
TOTAL	£ 1,434.83	£ 98.21	£ 1,336.62		

15.2. Budget Monitoring Report
Noted

15.3. To sign Bank Reconciliations 041018 - 031118

The Bank Reconciliation was signed by the Chairman and the Clerk

15.4. Draft Budget 2019/20

The Chairman had made amendments to the draft budget and in order to cover the costs for the Streetlighting it was **RESOLVED** by all members present to increase the precept by 10% which means for the year 2019/20 the Parish Council will increase the Precept from £16,926.55 to £18,619.20

16. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Trees
Insurance
Draft Budget
BT Telephone Box
Netting – KGV Field
KGV Field

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

3rd January 2019, 7.45pm – Nettlestead Village Hall

There being be no further business the meeting closed at 9.10pm