

Nettlestead Parish Meeting

7.30 pm Wednesday 30th September 2020

Due to Government regulations on Covid-19, the meeting was held by Zoom.

Present: Nick Cooper, Fran Cooper, Jeanna McCarthy, Neil McCarthy,
Clerk to the Meeting: Janet Gobey

The Meeting was opened at 7.35 pm.

The Chairman welcomed everybody, noting that this virtual meeting was a first for Nettlestead Parish Meeting.

1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Patricia Cullen, Anne Pratt, John Pratt, Ken Southall, Joan Dickinson.

2. Election of the Chairman of the Meeting.

The Clerk asked for nominations for the office of Chairman of Nettlestead Parish Meeting. Nick Cooper was proposed by Jeanna McCarthy. This was seconded by Neil McCarthy. and agreed unanimously. The Chairman accepted the office of Chairman, but said that he would be standing down from this position sometime in 2021.

3. Approval of the Draft Minutes of the Meetings of 29th January 2020.

Jeanna McCarthy proposed that the Draft Minutes were approved. This was seconded by Fran Cooper and the Draft Minutes were approved unanimously. The Meeting noted that it has not been possible to hold the Annual Meeting of the Parish of Nettlestead in 2020 in the legal time frame due to restrictions on public meetings caused by Covid-19.

4. Matters Arising from the Meetings of 29th January 2020.

In Touch article – not followed up because of Covid-19 lockdown.

Privacy policy – outstanding.

5. Finance

a. To approve the Meeting's 2019/2020 accounts.

Jeanna McCarthy proposed that the 2019/2020 accounts be accepted. This was seconded by Neil McCarthy and agreed unanimously by the Meeting.

b. To note the Internal Audit Report 2020/2020.

The Meeting noted this.

c. To approve the Annual Governance and Audit Return for 2019/20.

Section 1: Annual Governance Statement for 2019/2020.

Fran Cooper proposed that Section 1 be approved. This was seconded by Jeanna McCarthy and agreed unanimously by the Meeting.

Section 2: Accounting Statement 2019/2020.

Neil McCarthy proposed that Section 2 be approved. This was seconded by Fran Cooper and agreed unanimously by the Meeting.

d. To approve the issuing by the Meeting of a Certificate of Exemption from a limited assurance review (external audit) for the financial year 2019/2020 – Section 9 of the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015

Neil McCarthy proposed that the Certificate should be issued. This was seconded by Jeanna McCarthy and agreed unanimously by the Meeting.

e. To receive the Meeting's Financial Report.

The meeting noted the Financial Report for the period 30/1/2020 TO 30/9/2020

6. To consider the following planning applications:

DC/20/04004

Address: Watering Farm Main Road Nettlestead Suffolk

Proposal: Full Planning Application - Change of use and conversion of Grade II listed barn to 1No dwelling and erection of 3no new dwellings.

DC/20/04005

Address: Watering Farm Main Road Nettlestead Suffolk.

Proposal: Listed Building Consent - Change of use and conversion of Grade II listed barn to 1No dwelling, alterations as Design & Access inc Heritage Statement.

The Chairman urged any residents of Nettlestead who wished to comment on these applications to do so through MDSC's website.

7. Any Other Business

The Clerk informed the Meeting that apart from the solar farm application going from Somersham to Flowton, at least one and possibly two more were expected shortly.

On behalf of the meeting, Neil McCarthy thanked the Chairman and the Clerk for all their hard work.

The meeting was closed at 8.07 pm.

Signed as a true and correct record of the Meeting.



Chairman of Nettlestead Parish Meeting

Date 2/10/2020