

LOWER HARDRES AND NACKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 14TH JUNE 2016

In attendance were Cllrs McCully, Mrs Markes, Taylor, Miss Grundy, Moore, the Clerk and five members of the public – There were no apologies

1. **Declarations of Interest** Cllr Miss Grundy declared an interest in item 3i Payments and Cllr Moore declared an interest in Items 4i, ii, iii Planning

2. **To Approve the Minutes of the last Meeting and Matters Arising**

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th May were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

Item Butts Court: It is understood that a meeting was held between residents of Butts Court and East Kent Housing on the car parking issues. The outcome is unknown.

Item 3 Old Bygones Site: As the telephone number does not exist, Cllr Moore has agreed to write to the owner inviting him to address the Council on his future plans for the site.

3. **Financial Matters**

The clerk explained that the cheque for our insurance paid last month was incorrectly addressed to Broker Network and should have read Came & Co, we therefore have to re-submit payment.

- (i) To Approve Accounts for Payment

Came & Co	£ 375.42	Came & Co Insurance
C. Castle	£ 150.00	Internal Audit of Accounts
HMRC	£ 50.20	Paye
J. Grundy	£ 44.50	Flowers
Parish Clerk	£ 38.11	Stationary & Expenses
L & N Village Hall	£ 91.00	Annual Parish Council Rent

- (ii) Community space: There is no change other than the draft lease has been passed on to one party's own solicitor. Our legal advisor suggests that a meeting should take place between the tenants and the Parish Council in an attempt to move things along. Cllr Taylor has offered to act on the matter whilst Cllr Mrs Markes is on holiday.

- (iii) The clerk has completed and sent to KCC, the application form requesting a grant in the sum of £1172.00 towards renewal of speedwatch equipment. She explained that she is a little anxious about this as it appears that KCC are also funding the 50% grant we have requested from Unipar. It was proposed, seconded and the motion carried that should we not be successful in obtaining a members grant, the Parish Council consider providing funding up to £1000.00.

- (iv) Members noted the Draft Level of Reserves as of 15th May 2016. Cllr Taylor stated that we may have to file a tax return on our NS&I account as interest is paid without the deduction of tax. This to be checked.

During the planning applications the meeting was suspended to allow members of the public to speak

4. **Planning Matters**

- (i) CA/14/00086/FUL North part of field that borders A2 and southern part to the east & south of Nackington, Lower Hardres. Installation of solar farm & solar generation equipment complete with mounting equipment, security fence, CCTV & all necessary ancillary equipment associated with such Proposal – Site B.
- (ii) CA/14/00087/FUL Field west of Nackington Road & south of A2 Lower Hardres. Construction of solar PV generation farm complete with security cameras, security fence, landscaping, screening, footpaths, mounting equipment, inverters, & all necessary equipment. Site A
- (iii) CA/14/00085/FUL S shaped field north of Bridge Road Bridge. Installation of solar photovoltaic park complete with mounting fixtures, security fence, inverters, CCTV & all necessary ancillary equipment required for such proposal. Site C

All three applications above include submission of an Environmental Impact Assessment.

The meeting was informed that despite retaining the same application no's as the previous submission in 2014, there are some differences, not least the increase in size of the area for development. Whilst the applicants have been more thorough in the detail there are still some discrepancies which have been brought to the attention of the Planning Authority. The plans show that 96% of the land to be used is in the top three grades. Kent Downs AONB response is against all the applications. Although there is reference to noise, the report only identifies 3 locations where screening may be required, this is considered inadequate as it ignores the impact of noise generated in the countryside. It was also considered that the staging would have a devastating impact on Nackington Road and the buildings on site would be quite large and unsightly. Following a lengthy discussion it was agreed not to support any of the applications. It was then decided who should be included with a copy of our response and it was agreed initially, the Ward Members, Chair of Planning and leader of the Council.

5. Planning Decisions Granted by CCC

- (i) 15, Whitehill Close, Lower Hardres. Single-storey side and rear extension.
- (ii) Farnham House, Merton Lane, Lower Hardres' Erection of replacement ground-floor extension, first-floor extension with alterations to elevation and driveway.
- (iii) 5, Faussett Hill, Lower Hardres. Formation of new vehicular access.

During the next item the meeting was suspended to allow a member of the public to speak

6. Highways

- The clerk from Bridge Parish Council enquired as to who would be paying for the proposed signs advising against lorries using Bridge Road. Cllr Simmonds advised our clerk that he would speak to the KCC Ward Member for Bridge, but felt the important issue here is that the safety aspect should take priority and get the signs erected as soon as possible.
- The speedwatch co-ordinator advised that she will be attending a training session arranged to help those interested in the Lorry Watch scheme.
With regard to speedwatch, ten teams, which includes Lower Hardres, have been selected to trial electronic speed monitoring.

7. Broadband

Members connected to cabinet 3 in Petham have noticed a marked improvement in the service.

8. Correspondence, Publications and Other Matters of Importance

- Members were sorry to learn that Pat and Pete Smith are moving to Cornwall. Members referred to the phenomenal contribution they have both given to Lower Hardres, Pete having been a Parish Councillor and an avid organizer of the Garden Society and shows and currently a member of the village hall committee, whilst Pat worked alongside Ian Wrigley as deputy editor for many years, finally taking over the role of editor of the Village News magazine. They will both be greatly missed. We wish them every success and happiness in their new life in Cornwall.
- Having been approached by a footpath officer from Upper Hardres, it was agreed to appoint Cllr Moore as Footpath Officer for Lower Hardres and Nackington.
- The clerk advised that she is unable to attend the August meeting. It was agreed to wait until closer to the time to see if it is necessary to hold a meeting.
- The clerk thanked Cllr Taylor for the loan of a laptop to tide her over if necessary.
- As the clerk's current computer and printer were purchased by another Parish Council from which she has now resigned, it was agreed that should they be prepared to sell the equipment, Lower Hardres will help towards the cost of the purchase.

9. Confirmed the Date of the next Parish Council Meeting as 12th July 2016 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

Signed.....Date.....