

LOWER HARDRES AND NACKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 8th September 2015

In attendance were Cllrs McCully, Mrs Markes, Moore, the Clerk and two Members of the Public for part of the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllrs Taylor and Miss Grundy.

Prior to commencement, members viewed the designs for the community space/play area. These were provided by three separate play equipment companies who also specialise in the design and layout of new play areas. All three were given the same brief that there should be one multiplay equipment, a multi swing, a spiral and a hopper for the very young. Cllr Mrs Markes and two residents negotiated with the companies and managed to shave off some of the costs, as items such as landscaping and tables/benches can be dealt with locally. The decision as to the preferred design and layout of the area will be considered under item 3ii Community Space.

1. **Declarations of Interest.**

There were no declarations of interest.

2. **Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising**

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th August 2015 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

Item 3iii Mandate: The bank has written to the clerk confirming that the signatures have been updated.

Item 6 Highways: The clerk reported to Kent Highways the two items raised by the Village Hall, that of the bank slippage and the raised curb at the entrance, both of which received a rapid response and have now been dealt with. Although Highways have cleared the bank slippage on the road, they do state that the bank is not in their ownership.

3. **Finance Matters**

(i) The following invoices were approved for payment

HMRC	£	50.40	PAYE September
Canterbury City Council	£	52.69	Election Expenses
Parish Clerk	£	33.52	Expenses & Stationery

(ii) **Community Space/Play Area:** Following consideration of the proposals for the layout and equipment for the play area, and prior to knowing the quotations, all members had the same preference for one specific design. They were then notified of the quotations one of which favored the selected design. It was therefore proposed and seconded that the Parish Council opt for the lowest quotation which matched the unanimously preferred design and layout.

It was agreed that the design should be made available for the public to view, various ways to carry this out were suggested, such as to put a notice in the Village News, convene a meeting inviting the public to attend and view the design and to display them at a Family Service in both Churches in the Parish.

Now that the selection has been made, the planning application can be submitted along with the Ecological document and an accompanying report provided by Cllr Mrs Markes.

The Parish Council wish to place on record their thanks and appreciation to Cllr Mrs Markes, Cathy Parkin and Ali Williams for all their hard work in arriving at this stage.

(iii) **Concurrent Functions Funding:** Members considered the previously circulated estimates for Concurrent Functions Funding for 2016-2017 which included a sum for the Rospa inspection, insurance and mowing of the new play area. The clerk has written to CCC asking them to include the proposed play area in the funding of Concurrent Functions. The clerk pointed out that she had received an email from CCC enquiring the ownership of various sections of land listed as Open Spaces. She had responded as best she could but needed clarification from members. The clerk is of the opinion that some of these, not in the ownership of the Parish Council will be deleted from receiving CFF in order to cut funding. Despite this it was proposed and seconded that the estimates are approved and we claim the sum of £2966.00 Concurrent Functions Funding for 2016-2017.

- (iv) **Website:** The clerk advised that a number of documents have been uploaded on the website which is now available for public viewing. There is a need for a suitable photograph and some details of the Parish. There will be further documentation to upload but the clerk has at the moment only passed on the urgent items that we are now obliged to have on the website. A member contacted the clerk and was uneasy with having the personal email addresses on the web. It was agreed to defer this matter to the next meeting:
- (v) Members approved the Payments Sheet and the Draft Level of Reserves as follows:

Draft Level of Reserves 12 th August 2015		
Opening Balance 01.04.15		9844.71
Income Received to Date		
Precept & Council Tax Grant	6103.00	
Concurrent Functions Funding	1841.07	
Total	7944.07	
Total Income & Reserves		17788.78
Less expenditure to date		2668.59
Balance		15120.19
Bank Balances as at 12 th August 2015		
Lloyds Account sheet 26		8003.33
National Savings Account		7116.86
Balance		15120.19

During item 4i the meeting was suspended to allow a member of the public to speak

4. **Planning Matters**

- (i) Nackington Solar Farm. Although there is no information to add other than to date no further application has been submitted, a resident of the parish attended the meeting specifically to thank the Parish Council for all their efforts in preventing this application from progressing and although members considered that it was really down to the assistance of two or three members of the public, the resident stated that it probably could not have been achieved without the backing of the Parish Council.
- (ii) CA/15/01722/FUL Woodley House, Nackington Road, Lower Hardres
Timber summer room plus erection of replacement boundary treatment. No objection.
- (iii) CA/15/01713/FUL Street End Place, Hardres Court Road, Lower Hardres
Construction for new roof and internal walls to replace structure damaged and removed due to fire damage. No objection
- (iv) CA/15/01707/FUL 2, Highfield Cottages, Hardres Court Road, Lower Hardres
Demolition of rear garden room and erection of two-storey rear and side extension. No objection.
- (v) CCC advise that the Canterbury District Local Plan 2014 – Main Outcomes of Stage 1 Hearings can be viewed on www.canterbury.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/local-plan

5. **Highways**

A communication and map was received from KALC showing the proposed route to Manston should it be required as an additional holding area in the event of Operation Stack. KALC is asking parishes to advise if this would impact on their area. The route is via the A249 linking the M20 and M2 and from then on to the A299 passing Whitstable and Herne Bay. Members considered that it would not alleviate the traffic cutting through Bridge Road and the B2068. It was therefore agreed the clerk write to KALC.

6. **Broadband**

The Chairman reported that six or seven telegraph poles were being erected in Hardres Court Road in readiness for the upgrading of broadband, which appears to be a fibre to the premises system but none of this will help those dwellings connected to cabinet 35 in Dover Road.

The clerk had asked CCC Cllr Robert Thomas to take the matter up with the Economic Development Department to try and enlist their help on this. The clerk to follow this up.

7. Correspondence, Publications and Other Matters of Importance

The clerk explained that our current Standing Orders 2010 as amended have now been replaced with an updated version so there is now a need to review them. It was agreed the clerk adapt them to suit the Council, keeping a record of all changes for members to consider at a future meeting.

A member referred to the humps in Merton Lane and asked if the Council had previously written to Kent Highways on this matter. The Parish Council has communicated on a number of occasions but has always received a negative response.

It was asked if anyone knows what is happening with the Bygones area and it now looks so unsightly. A member to make enquiries.

Due to the confidential nature of the next item the press and public were excluded from the meeting.

The Chairman reported that he had been approached by a representative of the Tillards Trust in naming needy recipients of a donation. It was agreed to name one resident.

8. Confirmed the date of the next Parish Council Meeting as 13th October 2015 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9.05pm