

**LOWER HARDRES AND NACKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2016**

In attendance were Cllrs McCully, Mrs Markes (part of meeting), Taylor, Miss Grundy, Moore, the Clerk and three members of the public

1. **Apologies for Absence** Cllr Mrs Markes sent her apologies that she would arrive late

2. **Declarations of Interest and Update to Disclosable Pecuniary Interests Register**  
There were no Declarations of Interest

3. **To Approve the Minutes of the last Meeting and Matters Arising**  
The minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2016 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

Item Old Bygones Site: The Chairman and Cllr Moore had a meeting with a prospective developer of the site who outlined his proposals for a Reveille Home for ex Servicemen. He wishes to have an office, a catering unit and the occasional sales area for boot fairs and the like. He stressed that it will not be for residential purposes. At present there has been no application for Change of Use. Members agreed to monitor the situation.

4. **Financial Matters**

(i) Members were disappointed to learn that the KCC funding for speed watch equipment in the County has been withdrawn. It was therefore proposed and seconded that the Parish Council meet the shortfall in the approximate sum of £928.00

(ii) The following payments were approved.

HMRC	£ 50.20	PAYE – August (Paid)
HMRC	£ 50.40	PAYE - September
Parish Clerk	£ 36.65	Stationary & Expenses

(iii) Community space: *Due to the confidential nature, this item was deferred to the end of the meeting*

(iv) Review of Risk Assessment: It was agreed three new headings be inserted as follows:

Speed Watch	Loss or damage to equipment, Injury to users of the equipment	L/M	Equipment fully insured by Parish Council. Persons monitoring the speed of vehicles are covered under the Police Volunteer Insurance policy, Kent Police indemnifies Speed Watch practitioners against public liability risks after safety awareness training and only whilst they are operating at specified sites. The policy also offers limited personal injury insurance cover.	Existing procedure adequate. PC insurance reviewed annually
Open Spaces	Loss or damage to equipment. Injury to user or injury to public	L/M	To ensure contractor is fully insured for equipment & public liability	Review when using outside contractors.
Community Space Play Area	Safety of equipment, Public liability, Inspections.	L	Area not yet finalised	

(v) Consideration of the Concurrent Functions Agreement between the Parish and City council was deferred to a future meeting as the clerk had been informed by CCC that the document drawn up by the City Council's Legal Department needs alterations.

(vi) It was proposed and seconded that the Concurrent Functions Funding estimates for the four year period from 2017 – 2021 be approved in the sum of £2965.00 per year. It was noted with some disquiet that CCC had specifically requested that no inflationary figures going forward during the four years to be included.

- (vii) Members to give some thought for a project for a Capital Grant application 2017-18
- (viii) In order for smaller Parishes to meet the requirements of the Transparency Act a fund has been set up for Computer/Office Equipment/website that Parishes with an annual turnover of less than £25000.00 can apply. It was agreed the Parish Council apply.
- (ix) PROW Maps: It was agreed not to purchase a full set of the definitive PROW maps for Cllr Moore, the current footpath Warden, but to allow him use of the Parish Council set.
- (x) Members approved the payments sheet and the Draft Level of Reserves as Follows:

<b>Opening Balance 01.04.16</b>		<b>9405.32</b>
Income Received to Date		
Precept	6573.58	
Concurrent Functions Funding	2235.41	
CCC Capital Grant	5084.00	
KCC Members Grant – Speedwatch	1172.00	
Total	15064.99	
<b>Total Income &amp; Reserves</b>		<b>24470.31</b>
Less expenditure to date		2567.79
<b>Balance</b>		<b>21902.52</b>
Bank Balances as at 12 <sup>th</sup> August 2016		
Lloyds Account sheet 50		14732.28
National Savings Account		7170.24
<b>Balance</b>		<b>21902.52</b>

## 5. Planning Matters

*During items iv and v the meeting was suspended to allow members of the public to speak*

*Due to time constraints items i, ii and iii were considered prior to the meeting. Item i and ii already approved*

- (i) CA/16/01526/TPO Whitehill House, Bridge Road, Lower Hardres  
TPO no2 1973 T1-11 – to attend to several trees located to the front and rear garden.
- (ii) CA/16/01525/TPO The Vines, Bridge Road, Lower Hardres.  
TPO no 4 1964 and TPO no 2 1973 work to a number of trees.
- (iii) CA/16/01828/LUE Merton Farm, Merton Lane, Lower Hardres  
Application for lawful development certificate for existing parking of HGV vehicles.  
Plant and machinery, general open storage and associated offices.  
Whilst members were unable to object as this has been in existence for some years, it was agreed to ask that the site be tidied up and to advise that the site is visible from a PROW contrary to the information given on the application.
- (iv) CA/14/00085/FUL S shaped field north of Bridge Road Bridge. Site C  
CA/14/00086/FUL North part of field that borders A2 and southern part to the east & south of Nackington, Lower Hardres. Site B  
CA/14/00087/FUL Field west of Nackington Road and south of A2. Site A.  
Confirmation was received that the above three solar farm planning applications have now been found invalid and have been returned to the applicant. Simon Thomas, Head of Planning, also confirmed that should the applicant decide to submit new planning applications for Solar Farms then these would be treated as new applications and would be attributed unique reference numbers.  
Cllr Taylor asked what happens now and about timing, Mr Showler offered to check.
- (v) CA/16/00600/OUT South Canterbury urban extension for up to 4000 dwellings.
  - Detailed proposals for 140 dwellings with access via New Dover Road. Internal vehicular/cycle pedestrian routes and public open space.
  - Outline application for up to 3860 additional dwellings with all matters reserved except access (excluding internal circulation) Land north and south of New Dover Road, extending north to Canterbury-Dover rail line, west to Nackington Road, south to A2.

Due to the vast size of this application, the Planning Authority sent it out to consultees on a USB stick. As it contained 16GB of documentation it was too large and time consuming for members and the clerk to download.

Councillors mainly concerned themselves with the transport aspect and were extremely disappointed to see that the developers appear to have paid no attention to areas outside of the site and the effect 4000 new dwellings would have on the whole of Canterbury and its surrounds. Members were also disappointed that the developers took the analysis of the transport document provided by experts employed by South Canterbury Residents - to pieces, and appeared generally dismissive of any transport problems maintaining that the development will not make that much difference. It was considered that out of date data had been used

Members of the public referred to the gridlock every day for two hours am and pm and that in August it was gridlocked all day. It was considered that CCC has a duty of care to the residents of the whole district and that the infrastructure issues should have been addressed prior to allocating and accepting development of the site. It was agreed to write along these lines.

**6. Highways**

- The speed watch co-ordinator reported that the Lorry Watch sign had been stolen. This is being investigated by the police.
- The clerk to enquire why the 'Unsuitable for Lorries' signs for Bridge Road had not yet been erected.
- The clerk to also follow up the painting of white lines on the road edge of Bridge Road as there had been a near accident resulting from a lorry mounting the drive entrance to a property. The clerk to also report overgrown hedges in Merton Lane South to Stuppington.
- The Chairman and Mrs McKeever attended a 'Managing Freight Vehicles in Kent' consultation meeting at Sellenge Village Hall at which it was apparent that decisions had already been made as in early July the Secretary of State announced that a single lorry area would be provided at Stanford West – just off J11 of the M20. Whilst this was our Parish Council's choice, no provision had been made to alleviate HGV's travelling through the B2068 and other minor roads in order to make a shortcut detour. Mrs McKeever had suggested an improved map removing the cut through roads and just showing the major roads that lorries should use. She has received a response to this and hopes that a meeting can be arranged with a Highways England representative.
- Members wish to record their thanks and appreciation for the highways work Mrs McKeever carries out for the benefit of the Parish.

**7. Broadband**

The KCC Broadband Manager advises that the hoped delivery time for cabinet 35 is still July to September 2017 but he does expect this to slip.

**8. Correspondence, Publications and Other Matters of Importance**

A complaint was received from a Petham resident about the failure of a distinct PROW along CB370. Our new footpath warden will look into this and report to KCC PROW.

**9. Community Space** *Due to the confidential nature of this item, the press and public were excluded*

Following a meeting between two Councillors and the owner of the site, a member to further communicate to enquire what progress has been made.

**10. To confirm the date of the next meeting as October 4<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm**

The meeting closed at 9.50pm

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