

LOWER HARDRES AND NACKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12TH MARCH 2019

1. **Apologies for Absence**

2. **Declarations of Interest and Update to Disclosable Pecuniary Interests Register**
 Cllrs Beaumont and Taylor declared an interest in item 3 Matters Arising – Highways

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

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th February were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

Item 4i request from PCC for a grant: It appears that our bankers returned the cheque due to the full name of “Parochial Church Council for St Mary’s Lower Hardres” not appearing as the payee. A new cheque for £1000.00 has been issued on the understanding that 50% of the money is paid to St. Mary’s Nackington.

Item 7 Highways: Having been assured that works to the bank and trees behind the dwellings backing onto Faussett Hill would be completed by the end of February, a member made enquiries following which a letter of apologies was received and the works were carried out and completed to a high standard. The member to write a letter of thanks..

Item 9 Defibrillator: Confirmed the date of the training as 29th May 7.30pm. Cllr Miss Grundy was thanked for her help in the arrangements. It was agreed that refreshments would be served.

4. **Financial Matters**

(i) The following accounts were approved for Payment

HMRC	£	54.80	PAYE - February
Parish Clerk	£	28.79	Expenses & Stationery

(ii) To consider suggestions for the use of the legacy left to the Parish Council.

The Clerk had communicated with Mrs Markes and received a response which had come from Mr Harrison with a suggestion that the Nackington War Memorial is moved to a safer spot on the grassed roundabout by Court Lodge in the Conservation Area of Nackington. Although this was considered a good idea members felt it would be cost prohibitive. In addition permissions would be required from Highways, Planning and listed building and the War Graves Commission.

(iii) Members noted receipt of £903.55 VAT payment 2016 - 2018

(iv) The Clerk prepared and took members through the payments sheet showing all and proposed payments up to the end of the financial year. The full End of Year accounts will be available at the April Meeting.

(v) Members noted and approved the Draft Level of Reserves as at 26th February 2019

Draft Level of Reserves 26 th February 2019	
Opening Balance 01.04.18	9566.33
Income Received to Date	
Precept	6681.65
Concurrent Functions Funding	1786.90
NS&I Interest 2018-2019	52.56
Legacy from past resident	1000.00
VAT Refund 2016-2018	903.55
Total	10424.66
Total Income & Reserves	19990.99
Less expenditure to date	6778.11
Balance	13212.88
Bank Balances as at 26 th February 2019	
Lloyds Account sheet 9	5913.01
National Savings Account	7299.87
Balance	13212.88

Due to the confidentiality of item 5 in the press and public were excluded

5. Planning Matters

- (i) 19/00324 Woodley House, Nackington Road, Lower Hardres
Proposed Change of use and single-storey rear extension to garage to form annexe
It was noted that a letter objecting to the application was sent to the Planning Authority from a neighbour and whilst the Parish Council has no objection we ask that consideration of the neighbour's concerns be given. We also request that should permission be granted, a condition is placed that the development and the land is tied to the existing dwelling in order to avoid it being sold as a separate dwelling.
- (ii) 19/00363 Whitehill House, Bridge Road, Lower Hardres
TPO no 2 1973 – Located to the left of the main entrance and Maple tree adjacent, cut branches back away from cables. No objection.
- (iii) Members noted that the Boundary Commission accepts the new Parish boundary for Lower Hardres and Nackington.
- (iv) Complaint from a resident re trees in Hardres Curt Road.
A lengthy communication was received from a resident concerning the poor condition of several trees. Following discussion it was agreed the Clerk report to Highways the resident's concerns over the trees and the Chairman to respond to the resident.

During item 6ii the meeting was suspended to allow a member of the public to speak

6. Planning Decisions

- (i) CA/19/00055/FUL Ivy Lodge, Hardres Court Road, Lower Hardres
Proposed single-storey side extension to existing garage. Granted by CCC
- (ii) Notice Of Proposed Work To Trees in a Conservation Area.
Village Green at the Junction of School Lane and Hardres Court Road, Lower Hardres, Application No: 18/00392 Proposal: Blue Atlas Cedar Tree - 30% crown reduction and 20% crown thin to re-balance. Removal of major deadwood from crown and pinch back lower lateral boughs. Following CCC's refusal to allow all of the above works to take place, the contractor has taken several photographs and will be sending them to CCC to justify the application. The Clerk to speak to the Planning Officer for clarification as to the current position.

7. Highways

The Clerk to report the following to Highways:

- The recently filled pothole in Nackington Road needs further attention.
- To report again to Highways the issue of flooding in School Lane.
- The breaking away of the sides of Merton Lane and the subsequent flooding

8. Elections

The Clerk took members through the election papers – only three of which actually need to be completed and returned by hand to the City Council. All others are optional or for information. The timetable from the 15th March which is the date of announcement of Election – through to 2nd May – date of the election was also included in the pack. Following which some questions were asked.

9. Confirmed the Date of the next Meeting as 9th April 2019 and the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on 14th May 2019.

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