

LOWER HARDRES AND NACKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12TH NOVEMBER 2019

1. In attendance were Cllrs McCully, Miss Grundy, Moore, Beaumont, the Parish Clerk and one member of the public.

2. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Taylor

3. **Declarations of Interest.**

Cllr McCully declared an interest in item 5i Payments

4. **To Approve the Minutes of the Last Parish Council Meeting and Matters Arising**

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th October 2019 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

Item 3 Highways: It was noted that the foliage overhanging and obscuring the B2068 signs advising that Bridge Road is unsuitable for HGV's has been cleared. However KCC Highways advise that they cannot provide another sign inside the Bridge Road.

5. **Financial Matters**

(i) The following invoices were approved for payment

HMRC	£ 62.60	PAYE
N.J.D McCully	£ 18.00	Travel Expenses
Parish Clerk	£ 16.26	Expenses & Stationery

(ii) To consider estimates and set precept for 2020-2021

The Clerk took members through the estimates and explained that due to the unknown cost of having to comply with the Website and Mobile Accessibility Act due to be in place by September 2020, a figure of £1000.00 has been estimated and a further figure of £500.00 has been placed for the VE Day Celebrations.

Following consideration it was proposed and seconded that the budget be approved and that we set a precept of £8713.00 for 2020-2021.

During discussion of the estimates a number of other issues arose, one being the PCC grant of £1000.00, which it was felt that due to our own expenses we could not increase. It was further considered that this grant represented a high percentage of the remaining budget after all our necessary expenses were paid and that we should have a paper trail of expenditure of the grant, either by quotation specification or preferably invoices. It was further stated that we should not agree grants without a proper written request and evidence of where the previous year's grant was spent,. Therefore it was agreed that we invite the PCC Treasurer to attend a future meeting of the Parish Council in order for us both to have a clear understanding of what is required.

Also discussed was the legacy left to the village of Nackington and the Butts Court funds given to the Parish Council. It was agreed that a decision on where this money should be spent needs to be made.

(iii) To complete bank mandate:

Due to difficulties in downloading the Lloyds Bank Mandate, this item stands adjourned.

(iii) VE Day Celebrations:

Unfortunately, due to sad circumstances Mrs McKeever was unable to attend the meeting so this item stands adjourned until she is available.

(iv) Website Accessibility:

The Clerk has been advised that this is not as complex as first thought and a simplified version would only be required in order to comply. This would require only two or three adjustments/additions to our website.

(v) Members approved the Payments Sheet and Draft Level of Reserves as follows:

Draft Level of Reserves 22nd October 2019

Opening Balance 01.04.18		11818.84
Income Received to Date		
Precept	7480.00	
Concurrent Functions Funding	1774.15	
Total	9254.15	
Total Income & Reserves		21072.99
Less expenditure to date		4804.64
Balance		16268.35
Bank Balances as at 22 nd October 2019		
Lloyds Account sheet 26		8968.48
National Savings Account		7299.87
Balance		16268.35

6. Planning Matters

- (i) 19/02083 Holly House, Faussett Hill, Lower Hardres
Proposed Pitched roof to existing garage and utility. No objection
- (ii) 19/02027 The Farmhouse, 4, Stuppington Court Farm, Merton Lane, Lower Hardres.
Proposed detached double garage.
Members agreed the re-siting of the proposal to the back garden of the Farmhouse was a vast improvement on the previous refused application. It was therefore agreed not to raise any objections but to request the planning Authority to take into consideration any neighbouring observations and that the issues raised by Planning on the 19/ Decision Notice be adhered to.
- (iii) 19/02100 Ridgeway House, Bridge Road, Lower Hardres
Proposed two-storey extension with basement to rear including balcony, following demolition of existing single-storey rear extension and garage to side. No objection.
- (iv) Canterbury City Council are consulting on the Canterbury Local Plan Review which can be viewed on www.canterbury.gov.uk/scoping-report Members agreed to view the report on line to check if there are any issues affecting the Parish and surrounding area.

7. Planning Decisions of CCC

- (i) 19/01838 Winsole, Faussett Hill, Street End, Lower Hardres
Proposed two-storey side extension and extension of first floor dormer windows to front and rear, together with external alterations and a single-storey detached garage following demolition of existing garage. Granted by CCC
- (ii) CA/19/01854/LUP Petcham House, 5, Nackington Park, Lower Hardres..
Application for lawful certificate for proposed hip to gable roof extension to garage with additional dormer to front. Application withdrawn

8. Highway Issues and PROW

The Clerk has heard from the Transportation Officer at the City Council who advised that as an alternative to yellow lines in School Lane, they could impose a prohibition of parking on the pavement which would be indicated by signs. Due to the time and cost involved in processing changes to Traffic Regulations, including public consultation, all requests are considered in an Annual Review. He has agreed to add this proposal to the list for the next Review.

9. Broadband

Due to the initial lack of response to our notice directed to Nackington and Pett Bottom, the Parish Council decided that the notice remain in the Parish News for a few more weeks. The Clerk is pleased to report that this has had the desired effect as she has now been contacted by 10 households/businesses in the Nackington Area. The Clerk has written to those residents asking permission to hold their contact details which will eventually be handed to KCC. In the

meantime she asked residents to spread the word in the neighbourhood to generate further interest. It was agreed to keep the notice in the Parish News.

10. Correspondence, Publications and any urgent matters

- Members agreed the calendar of meetings for 2020 as the second Tuesday of each month at 5pm other than the Annual Parish Meeting which will commence at 6pm.
- Notification and Papers for KALC Annual Conference have been received, it will take place at Ditton Parish Hall on 30th November 2019 9.30am.
- It was noted that the dead or dying trees along the PROW by Old School House have been felled
- The health and safety issues of broken cars and an old caravan on stilts in Butts Court car park was raised. It was agreed to write to the housing association.
- The problem of drains and ponding of rainwater at the junction of School Lane was again raised. It was noted that a meeting has been arranged between a resident and a Drainage Engineer for 10am on Thursday 14th November. The Chairman has agreed to attend.

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

Tillards Charity

The Parish Council were asked to nominate a Parishioner eligible for funding from the Charity.

Circulated in the file

Copy of Clerks & Councils Direct

Copy of CPRE Kent Voice

Papers for the KALC Annual Conference

11. Confirmed the date of the next meeting as 10th December 2019 5pm

The meeting closed at 6.35pm

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