

LOWER HARDRES AND NACKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10TH DECEMBER 2019

1. In attendance were Cllrs McCully, Miss Grundy, Taylor, Moore, Beaumont, the Parish Clerk and two members of the public.

2. **Apologies for Absence**
There were no apologies

3. **Declarations of Interest.**
Cllr McCully declared an interest in item 5i Finance Payments, Cllr Taylor declared an interest in item 7i Planning Decisions and Cllr Moore as Village Hall Treasurer declared an interest in item 5i Finance Payments.

4. **To Approve the Minutes of the Last Parish Council Meeting and Matters Arising**
The minutes of the meeting held on 12th November 2019 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

Item 5ii Estimates & Precept: Following our letter to the acting Secretary of the PCC explaining our position as to why we are unable to increase the Parish Grant, and to request in future a paper trail of expenditure, a reply was received from the Rev Estelle Last thanking us for the grant and explaining their financial position with regards to the grant. As we had also requested the Treasurer of the PCC to attend a Parish Council meeting in order for us both to have a clear understanding of what is required. The Rev Last has agreed that either she or the Treasurer would attend. It was agreed to invite the Treasurer to attend.

Item 10 Butts Court Car Park: The clerk has written to East Kent Housing regarding the caravan and broken cars stationed on the car park. They acknowledged receipt of the letter and aim to reply within 10 working days.

Item 10 School Lane Drains: The Chairman reported that the Drainage Engineer failed to turn up to an arranged meeting on 14th November.

5. **Financial Matters**

(i)	The following invoices were approved for payment		
	Chris Tanton	£ 350.00	Mowing Village Green
	Chris Tanton	£ 840.00	VH Ground Maintenance
	HMRC	£ 62.80	PAYE
	N.J.D McCully	£ 18.00	Travel Expenses
	Parish Clerk	£ 14.79	Expenses & Stationery

Due to the high expenditure on concurrent functions this year the village hall agreed to pay £1000.00 and the Parish Council agreed to £840.00 on the Village Hall ground maintenance invoice made payable to Mr Tanton.

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

- (ii) **VE Day Celebrations:**
Mrs McKeever addressed the meeting on some preliminary suggestions for the VE day celebration. Dependant on the result of the elections the May Day bank holiday may be moved back to the Monday rather than the Friday 8th May.
It was decided to hold a ticketed BBQ between the hours of 3pm and 6pm for up to 150 Parishioners. There is a possibility that a marquee will be required in case of rain. The Chairman stated that he may be able to help with this.
- (iii) **Website Accessibility:**
Cllr Taylor advised that the issue of Website and Mobile Accessibility is still evolving and possibly that all it requires is a simple set up.
- (iv) Members approved the Payments Sheet and Draft Level of Reserves as follows:

Draft Level of Reserves 19th November 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		6151.33
Balance		14921.66
Bank Balances as at 19 th November 2019		
Lloyds Account sheet 28		7621.79
National Savings Account		7299.87
Balance		14921.66

6. Planning Matters

- (i) CA/19/02186 Petcham House, 5 Nackington Park, Nackington Road, Lower Hardres
Proposed extension of existing guest accommodation including insertion of dormer to front elevation plus hip-to-gable roof. No objection
- (ii) Consultation on revised Canterbury Local Plan Review. The Clerk had checked the sections on planning and housing and could find nothing untoward affecting the Parish. Cllr Moore had read the chapter on energy which listed statistics on the effect of solar farms in the District and included and named the two at Nackington which were never developed, this indicated that the research had not been carried out correctly.

7. Planning Decisions of CCC

- (i) 19/02083 Holly House, Faussett Hill, Lower Hardres
Proposed Pitched roof to existing garage and utility. Granted by CCC
- (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. Granted by CCC

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8. Highway Issues and PROW

Following a number of complaints regarding the constant stream of HGV's using Bridge Road and the B2068 overnight, the Clerk has contacted our KCC Councillory requesting him to arrange a face to face meeting between the Parish Council Cllr Northey and the appropriate officer dealing with freight movements. Cllr Northey advised that he has passed this information on to a number of officers in various Highways departments.

A lengthy discussion was held which included the timing and frequency of the lorries, the noise and vibrations and the possible damage they may be causing, the number of vehicles and how to persuade KCC Highways to take the matter seriously and understand the affect this has on the Parish and the residents who live along the route. It was therefore agreed to publicize this problem as much as possible by putting a notice in the Parish News asking all residents affected by this to contact the County Council, a member to request the Kentish Gazette to take an interest, the clerk to contact other Parishes along the B2068 and to write to Michael Payne, KCC Member for Highways and Transportation.

9. Broadband

The Clerk reported that she had not received any further interest in our Parish News notice to residents in the Nackington and Pett Bottom areas. The number remains as 10 from Nackington. Agreed to arrange a meeting in the New Year with residents and the KCC Officer dealing with Broadband improvements.

10. Correspondence, Publications and any urgent matters

- Cllr Miss Grundy advised that the Village Hall will be 25 years old next December when it is intended to celebrate this anniversary.
- The meeting was informed that there had been some unpleasant characters loitering in the village and there had been three break-ins on one of the premises in the Parish.

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11. Confirmed the date of the next meeting as 14th January 2020 5pm

The meeting closed at 6.35pm

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