

LOWER HARDRES AND NACKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON LINE, VIA ZOOM ON
TUESDAY 28TH APRIL 2020 11AM AND 11.45AM
The meeting was open to the public for observation

In attendance were Cllrs McCully, Miss Grundy, Taylor, Moore, Beaumont and the Parish Clerk

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Moore apologized that he was unable to join the meeting until 11.15am

2. Declarations of Interest and completion of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests Register

There were no Declarations of Interest

3. To Approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10th March 2020 and the Extraordinary Meeting held on 29th March 2020 and Matters Arising

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th March 2020 and the extraordinary meeting held on 29th March 2020 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

Item 6 PROW: In response to our previous discussion relating to CB355 and CB356 a second communication was received from a landowner, this has been passed on to the KCC PROW team who are now handling the matter.

4. Financial Matters

(i) Members approved the following invoices for payment

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| KALC | £ 316.39 | Annual Subscription |
| McCabe Ford Williams | £ 270.00 | Annual Fee for operating PAYE |
| HMRC | £ 62.60 | PAYE – April |
| Parish Clerk | £ 31.86 | Expenses & Stationery – March/April |

(ii) Members noted receipt of £1769.00 Concurrent Functions Funding for 2020-2021. The Clerk stated that there is a possibility that this may be the last payment.

(iii) To note Staff P60 for 2019-2020

Our Accountants have provided the staff P60 for 2019-2020, the figures agree with the salary paid and the appropriate amount of tax paid to HMRC.

(iv) VE Day Celebrations

It was noted that due to the current Global crisis the VE Day celebrations have been cancelled until later in the year, however, Parishes and villages are permitted to raise the flag and ring the Church bells at 7pm.

(v) To note letter from Street End Cricket Ground

A letter was received from Street End Cricket Club thanking the Parish Council for the loan of £500.00. They further acknowledged that it is a loan and not a grant.

(vi) Action taken as a result of Coronavirus (COVID-19) and agree set up fee for Zoom.

The Clerk advised that she has placed information relating to Parish Councils on the website plus any other information which is of interest to the public but not the numerous very lengthy daily bulletins.

(vii) To note and consider end of year accounts 2019-2020

Members noted and approved the end of year accounts for 2019-20. They further discussed the Certificate of Exemption re the Annual External Audit to which the Clerk explained that the new regulations no longer require Smaller Authorities with receipts and payments individually of less than £25000.00 to submit their papers to the External Auditor unless circumstances require this. The Certificate of Exemption was approved.

5. Planning Matters

(i) CA/20/00680 Halstead, Bridge Road, Lower Hardres

Proposed single-storey rear extension and first floor Juliet balcony to rear. No objection

6. Planning Decisions by CCC

- (i) CA/20/00519 Wickham Hall, 4, Nackington Park, Nackington Road, Lower Hardres T.P.O no 8 1991, T1-Beech tree, reduce overhang from the garden, T2-Ash tree, reduce stem over summer house by 30-40%, T3-Lime tree, to crown lift the two lowest branches to clear the garage. Granted by CCC
- (ii) CA/20/00406 John Baker White Memorial Hall, Hardres Court Road, Lower Hardres Proposed single-storey rear extension. Granted by CCC

7. Highway Issues and PROW

- The Clerk explained that she has submitted the Chairman’s letter re PROW and bridleways but has not yet received a response.
- A Cllr advised that a member of the public has reported to the PROW team that certain footpaths need defining due to the surrounding crop overgrowing.

8. Correspondence, Publications and any urgent matters

It was proposed and seconded the Parish Council place on record, its thanks to Cllr Mike Taylor for arranging and the setting up of Zoom in order to hold our meetings remotely.

9. Date and time of the next Meeting

It was confirmed that the next meeting will take place on 12th May at 11am. Under normal circumstances this would be the Parish Council AGM at which we would elect a Chairman and Vice Chairman, however due to the coronavirus pandemic and that all meetings during the crisis having to be held remotely, we are advised that legally this year we do not need to hold an AGM and further advised by the appropriate body that the current Chairman remain in Office until May 2021.

The meeting closed at 11.45am

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