

LOWER HARDRES AND NACKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON LINE,
TUESDAY 9TH JUNE 2020 11.15AM

This meeting was held remotely via Zoom.

No members of the public requested to observe the meeting.

In attendance were Cllrs McCully, Miss Grundy (Acting Chairman), Taylor, Moore and Beaumont. It was proposed and seconded that Cllr Miss Grundy Chair the meeting.

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

Cllr McCully declared an interest in item 4ii Finance Payments

3. To Approve the Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting held on 12th May 2020 and Matters Arising

The minutes of the meeting held on 12TH May 2020 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

4. Finance Matters

(i) To consider request from Parochial Church Council for a grant towards the upkeep of the Burial Grounds for the two Churches in the Parish.

Members gave this matter some thought and agreed that as the Parish Council had recently had sight of the Church Council's 2019-20 accounts, it would not be necessary to view them again but will request a copy of the 2020-21 accounts next year should a request be forthcoming then for a grant. It was agreed to grant £1000.00 to be divided equally between the two Churches. On being put the motion was carried.

(ii) To approve the following invoices for payment

Cllr McCully	£	18.00	Travel Expenses April & May
HMRC	£	62.80	PAYE – April
Parish Clerk	£	15.56	Expenses & Stationery – May/June

(iii) Members noted receipt of £ 8713.00 Precept for 2020-2021

(iv) Members approved the Draft Level of Reserves for the current financial year 2020-2021,

Opening Balance 01.04.19	11783.12
Income Received to Date	
Precept	8713.00
Concurrent Functions Funding	1769.00
Total Income	10482.00
Total Income & Reserves	22265.12
Less expenditure to date	834.02
Total	21431.10
Bank Balances as at 19 th May 2020	
Lloyds Bank Account Sheet 40	14072.83
National Savings Account	7358.27
Balance	21431.10

(v) Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2019-2020

Having read Section 1 Annual Governance Statement it was proposed and seconded and the motion carried that the Parish Council has followed the correct procedures.

(vi) To Confirm the End of Year Accounts 2019-2020

Having been through the detailed figures it was confirmed acceptance of the End of Year Accounts and the Balance Sheet as at the year ending 31st March 2020

(vii) Section 2 – Annual Accounting Statement 2019-2020 and variations

The Clerk then took members through the boxed figures on the Accounting Statement which compares the figures for the previous year and the current year with any variation between the two over a certain percentage having to be explained. The Clerk provided written details of the Audit Variations which she is required to produce for the External

Auditor. Having agreed the figures, it was proposed and seconded approval of Section 2 Accountability Statement 2019/20, on being put the motion was carried.

- (viii) Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Update on any issues relating to Local Councils.
There has been no changes that affect our Parish Council.

5. Planning Matters

- (i) CA/20/01099 Wickham Hall, 4, Nackington Park, Nackington Road, Lower Hardres T.P.O. no 8 1991, T1 - Ash, T2 - Ash and T3 - Sycamore - Fell to ground level and remove stumps. No objection
- (ii) Planning – Review of Current Local Plan, questionnaire.
The questionnaire had listed all the facilities available in the Parish – all that remains is for the Clerk to sign and return the document to the Planning Authority.
- (iii) Following an article in the Gazette regarding proposals for the Bygones Site, the Clerk to write to the Planning Authority requesting up to date information as the application considered in December 2019 has not yet been determined.

6. Planning Decisions Granted by CCC

- (i) CA/20/00680 Halstead, Bridge Road, Lower Hardres
Proposed single-storey rear extension and first floor Juliet balcony to rear.

7. Highway Issues and PROW

- The Parish Council has been informed that speedwatch monitoring will re-commence on 15th June. 2020.
- In response to our letter, the following communication was received from the KCC PROW Officer regarding the PROW through Whitehall Wood.
We can only assist with ensuring that the public can exercise their right to use the legally recorded proW, if the trenches and wire fencing are not on the right of way and on private land then it would not be a matter for us to deal with. I did have a meeting out there back in September 2018 to discuss the PROW and we subsequently carried out some waymarking improvements to identify where the PROW exists through the wood. At that time some surface material had been put down on CB352 to alleviate the muddy conditions as it is a track with shared usage between the public and the shoot. The material used was not suitable for equestrians in particular and I sent over our recommended specification and the rubble was compacted down so safer to use. I was due to have another meeting at Whitehall Wood to discuss further surface improvements to CB352 and other issues but unfortunately it has had to be postponed and am unsure when likely to go ahead due to the current restrictions.

Regarding the stiles. As you are aware the landowner is not obliged to provide access for dogs or to change existing stiles for gates. We ask that they keep the stiles in good repair. I am happy to respond to the landowner to see if any improvements can be made, unfortunately I cannot give a time frame we are limited at moment with what we can act upon in relation to Covid – 19 but I will update when possible.

8. Correspondence, Publications and any urgent matters

- Regarding the VE day event, a communication from Mrs McKeever advised that if possible a general BBQ in the Autumn may be a nice idea. She also suggested that we could arrange something for the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee early in 2022.

9. Confirmed the Date of the next Meeting as 14th July 2020 11am.

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