

LOWER HARDRES AND NACKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON LINE ON 14TH JULY 2020

1. Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies

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

There were no declarations of interest

3. To Approve the Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting held on 9th June 2020 and Matters Arising

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th June were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

4. Finance Matters

(i) The following invoices were approved for payment

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| Parochial Church Council | £1000.00 | Grant towards upkeep of Burial Grounds |
| Mrs C. Castle | £ 200.00 | Internal Audit |
| HMRC | £ 62.60 | PAYE – July |
| Parish Clerk | £ 32.86 | Expenses & Stationery – June/July |

(ii) Members approved the Draft Level of Reserves as at 29th June 2020

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| Draft Level of Reserves 30 th June 2020 | |
| 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 | 2220.30 |
| Total | 20044.82 |
| Bank Balances as at 30 th June 2020 | |
| Lloyds Bank Account Sheet 43 | 12686.55 |
| National Savings Account | 7358.27 |
| Balance | 20044.82 |

(iii) Internal Auditors Report – AGAR 2019-2020

The internal Auditor has carried out a check of the End of Year Accounts and completed and signed the AGAR Internal Auditors Report. There were no issues raised.

(iv) Website – Accessibility

Following liaison with the website manager, Cllr Taylor advised that the website and draft Accessibility Statements have now been reviewed. He thinks we now pretty much comply subject to a comparatively minor issue that the pictures in the gallery should have text descriptions, so he suggests we review the gallery, select up to a maximum of 10 photos to remain, following which, we address the text issue.

He suggests that we add the Accessibility Statements to the web and go with what we have and monitor any public feedback.

(v) Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Update on any issues relating to Local Councils.

The main update that affects Parish Councils is the opening of their recreation areas. As Lower Hardres and Nackington does not have any open play areas we are not affected.

5. Planning Matters

(i) CA/20/01206 2, Highfield Cottages, Hardres Court Road, Lower Hardres
 Single-storey outbuilding following demolition of existing outbuilding. No objection

- (ii) CA/19/10400 Uniquely British Reclamation Yard, Merton Lane, Lower Hardres
Change of use of main building from storage and sale of architectural salvage with ancillary café to farm shop with ancillary café together with erection of replacement side extension, stationing of additional 9 no. storage containers to rear of site for use as storage for farm shop and stationing of 2 no. additional containers for storage and sale of architectural salvage with continued use of existing 4 no. containers for that purpose.
A general discussion of the application took place among which, matters of concern were the number of static containers proposed for the site now numbering 15, which does not enhance the location but rather resemble a lorry park. The amount of space for the turning of lorries visiting the site now far exceeds the parking area, the unnecessary addition of another gate and its purpose, which is not mentioned in the description of the application, the business plan and the ludicrous statement that it is easy to approach, on foot or by bicycle. A member has agreed to draft a response.

6. Planning Decisions Granted by CCC

There were no decision notices this month

7. Highway Issues and PROW *To consider communication regarding PROW 355*

A communication was received from a Local Footpath Officer, South Canterbury, regarding two footpaths in the Parish both terminating on Nackington Road. CB355 comes to an abrupt end through a gap in the hedge straight onto the carriageway of the B2068 where there is no footway. The CB349 ends onto a farm-traffic entranceway, the two terminations are separated by at least 110 metres, resulting in walkers having to use the B2068 to reach the opposite footpath.

In order to avoid walking on the carriageway walkers generally use the narrow field edge inside of the hedge, but this is not a PROW. We have been asked to approach the landowner to see if he would be prepared to consider creating a PROW or permissive footpath out of this strip. It was agreed the Clerk contact the landowner.

8. LGA Code of Conduct Consultation

The Clerk explained the history of the Standards Committee prior to the Localism Act 2011 at which time it was abandoned, since then there has been no real mechanism in place to deal with Councillors breaking the Code of Conduct. The LGA is consulting on requesting the Secretary of State to reinstate the means of dealing with disruptive members and members breaking the Code. It was agreed to note and await the outcome.

9. Correspondence, Publications and any urgent matters

To consider CCC communication re Jetski Membership scheme – Public Space Protection Orders

It was agreed to support the Public Protection Order. A member to follow this up.

10. The Date and time of the next Meeting to be confirmed

The meeting closed at 12.05pm

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