

**LOWER HARDRES AND NACKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON LINE,
TUESDAY 11TH AUGUST 2020 11.00AM**

In attendance were Cllrs McCully, Miss Grundy (Acting Chairman), Taylor, Moore, Beaumont, and the Parish Clerk.

1. Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence

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

Cllr Beaumont and Taylor declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 5i Planning

3. To Approve the Minutes of the last Meeting held on 14th July 2020 and Matters Arising

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th July 2020 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

4. Finance Matters

(i) Members approved the following invoices for payment

HMRC	£ 62.60	PAYE – August
Parish Clerk	£ 25.26	Expenses & Stationery – July/August

(ii) Members approved the Draft Level of Reserves and Payment Sheet as at 28th July 2020.

Draft Level of Reserves 28 th July 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		3566.85
Total		18698.27
Bank Balances as at 28 th July 2020		
Lloyds Bank Account Sheet 45		11340.00
National Savings Account		7358.27
Balance		18698.27

(iii) CCC Concurrent Functions Funding Proposals
The Clerk explained that the City Council is proposing to do away with Parish Concurrent Functions Funding. The most likely option is to phase it out over the next four years by reducing the payment each year to nil following 2024-25. They suggest that each year we precept the shortfall. For this year 2020-2021 the City Council's pot for CFF is £134,500.00 for 24 Parish Councils, currently we receive around £1700.00 annually towards the cost of maintaining the village green, the Nackington War Memorial area, the bus shelters and the village hall grounds. This payment represents around one and a quarter per cent of the City Council's total annual funding.

(iv) Website – Accessibility
The meeting was advised that the Accessibility Statement is on our website on the home page. All that remains is to select a few of the photos currently on the site and add a text.

(v) Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Update on any issues relating to Local Councils.
Parish Councils are instructed to continue holding their meetings remotely and to make sure they are following the correct procedures for keeping the public informed that they are entitled to attend a remote meeting. Following discussion it was agreed that our agendas always give this information.

5. Planning Matters

- (i) CA/20/01585 8, Whitehill Close, Lower Hardres
TPO np 4 1964 – Fell Sycamore tree, located in the rear garden
We were informed that this is a very tall tree located around 15ft away from the house, it has had some of its upper centre branches removed which may imply that it could be unstable. There was a little reluctance to a tree protected under a TPO to be felled but due to its age and the possibility of its instability it was agreed, provided there is a condition that it is replaced with a suitable native tree.
- (ii) CA/20/01392 Former Bygones Yard, Merton Lane, Lower Hardres
Variation of conditions 1 (drawings), 2 (ancillary to main use), 5 (vehicle parking) and 7 (Premises use) of planning permission CA/17/01903/VAR for ancillary café use: to allow for alterations to the site layout, removal of name of site, amendments to parking, turning and access layout and sale of farm produce.
It was considered these Variations to a previous application CA/17/01903 would result in altering it more or less to the recently refused application CA/19/10400 and would therefore raise the same objections and reasons for refusal. A response to the application to be written.
- (iii) CA/20/01558 Little Eaton Farm, Pett Bottom Road, Bridge
Application for determination as to whether prior approval is required for the erection of an agricultural barn for storage. No comment
- (iv) The Clerk referred to the emailed planning document Landscape & Biodiversity which was circulated to members' last week. She asked for feedback on any concerns or issues members' may have.

6. Planning Decisions by CCC

- (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. Granted by CCC
- (ii) CA/20/01206 2, Highfield Cottages, Hardres Court Road, Lower Hardres
Single-storey outbuilding following demolition of existing outbuilding. Granted by CCC
- (iii) 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.
Refused by CCC
- (iv) CA/20/01187 Merton Manor, Stuppington Court Farm, Merton Lane, Lower Hardres
Erection of 3 no bay car port. Granted by CCC

7. Highway Issues and PROW

Negotiations regarding PROW 355
Having written to the Landowner and following consideration, we are advised that the position regarding PROW 355 remains unchanged.

8. Correspondence, Publications and any urgent matters

Cllr Miss Grundy reminded the meeting that Hardres Court Road will be closed for repair on 26th August 2020 for three days.

9. Confirmed the date of the next meeting as 8th September 2020 11am

The meeting closed at 12.20pm

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