

LOWER HARDRES AND NACKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 13TH OCTOBER 2020

The meeting was held remotely via zoom.
There were no members of the public in attendance

In attendance were Cllrs McCully, Miss Grundy (acting Chair), Taylor, Moore, Beaumont and the Parish Clerk

1. Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence

2. Declarations of Interest and any update of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests Register

There were no Declarations of Interest

3. To Approve the Minutes of the last Meeting held on 13th August 2020 and Matters Arising

There being no meeting in September, the minutes of the meeting held on 11th August were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

4. Finance Matters

(i) The following payments were approved

HMRC	£ 62.60	PAYE – September
Parish Clerk	£ 23.86	Expenses & Stationery – Sept/Oct

(ii) Members approved the Draft Level of Reserves and Payment Sheet as of 16th September

(iii) Update on CCC Concurrent Functions Funding Proposals

CCC has arranged a video call meeting at 2.30pm on 19th October 2020 for Parish Councils to discuss the options for Concurrent Functions Funding for 2021-2022

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

Cllr Taylor has updated the list of volunteers prepared to support Parishioners in the event of further restrictions related to Covid-19. The amended list has been placed on our website, the notice boards, village news and facebook.

(v) Zoom Meetings and to consider bi-monthly meetings for a temporary period.

Due to the reduction in agenda items for the past few months, the Clerk asked members for their views on holding bi-monthly meetings during the period of having to hold meetings remotely.

It was agreed that we continue to hold our meetings remotely via Zoom for 40 minutes and re-start if we go over that time. It was also agreed that the decision to hold a meeting is made each month and will be dependant on the content for the agenda and the urgency of an item.

During discussion, the Chairman enquired whether it would be legal for our meetings to take place in the village hall bearing in mind we are only six in total. The clerk stated that our meetings must be open to the public which could take us over the six. The Clerk to make enquiries with KALC.

5. Planning Matters

(i) CCC's proposals to amend Parish Councils rights to Call-in applications.

The Clerk wrote to the City Council objecting to the lack of consultation, the speed and the proposed amendment to Parish Councils' right to call-in applications and have them placed before the Planning Committee. In future Parishes will have to liaise with their Ward Councillor to make the Parish Council's point of view, thus, blocking access and communication with the officer dealing with an application. Unfortunately the result of the proposal at the City Council's Corporate Governance Meeting was carried, the voting of which was on 'party lines'.

The recommendation will go before the Committee of Council on Thursday 15 October 2020 at 4.00 pm Online only. This meeting can be viewed live on the internet at the following link: <https://youtu.be/S--Yt4rwiWc>
During discussion it was suggested that we should alert our MP Rosie Duffield to the issue. The Clerk to pass this on to the Chairman of KALC Canterbury Area Committee to deal with.

6. Planning Decisions by CCC

- (i) CA/20/01585 8, Whitehill Close, Lower Hardres
TPO no 4 1964 – Fell Sycamore tree, located in the rear garden. Granted by CCC

7. Highway Issues and PROW

- *Closure of Hardres Court Road and diversion:* As a result of Cllr McCully's conversation with Highways regarding an unsuitable diversion, a more satisfactory route has been selected should a diversion be required. The works are to commence on 25th October 2020.

8. Correspondence, Publications and any urgent matters

There were no items under this heading

9. The date of the next meeting to be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 12 noon

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