

**LOWER HARDRES AND NACKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON LINE,  
TUESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2020 11.00AM**

*This meeting was held remotely via Zoom, no members of the public attended*

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

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Moore

**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 and Matters Arising**

The minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2020 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record. There were no matters arising that are not on the agenda.

**4. Finance Matters**

(i) To approve the following invoices for payment

Chris Tanton	£ 360.00	Village Green Mowing
David Harrison	£ 50.00	Maint of Nackington War Memorial Ground
HMRC	£ 62.60	PAYE – December
Parish Clerk	£ 23.98	Expenses & Stationery – Nov/Dec

(ii) Members approved the Draft Level of Reserves and Payment Sheet as of 13.11.20

Draft Level of Reserves 13 <sup>th</sup> November 2020	
<b>Opening Balance 01.04.19</b>	<b>11783.12</b>
Income Received to Date	
Precept	8713.00
Concurrent Functions Funding	1769.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>10482.00</b>
<b>Total Income &amp; Reserves</b>	<b>22265.12</b>
Less expenditure to date	5067.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>17197.62</b>
Bank Balances as at 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2020	
Lloyds Bank Account Sheets 50 & 51	9839.35
National Savings Account	7358.27
<b>Balance</b>	<b>17197.62</b>

(iii) Update on CCC Concurrent Functions Funding Proposals

The future options for Concurrent Functions Funding was discussed at the City Council's Community Committee on Wednesday night. The following recommendations were agreed:

1. Parish councils to receive the same funding allocations for 2021/22 and 2022/23 as per 2020/21.

2. To remove the £20,000 annual contingency fund from 2021/22. Any underspend from the 2020/21 contingency fund will roll over into the 2021/22 and be available until March 2023

3. To audit the current levels of provision in parishes compared to urban areas and subsequently consider the funding options for 2023/24.

Lower Hardres and Nackington will receive £1769.00 in each of the next two years.

(iv) To Consider Estimates for 2021-2022 and set Precept

Following consideration of the estimates for 2021-22 members proposed and seconded that we budget the same figure as last year and set a precept of £8713.00 for the financial year 2021-2022. On being put the motion was carried unanimously.

- (v) Request for an Honorarium for the KALC Area Committee Clerk  
At a recent meeting of the KALC Canterbury Area Committee it had been proposed that due to the extra work involved over the issues of CFF and Parish Planning rights, each Parish should pay the Clerk to the Committee a flat rate honorarium of £30.00. Whilst not demeaning the Clerk's work in any way, this did not sit well with members who considered that the question of an honorarium had not been handled professionally. Following discussion it was agreed to defer any the decision of payment, but in the meantime the Clerk to write confidentially to KALC and the Chairman of the committee stating the concerns raised.
- (vi) Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Members were very pleased that a vaccine has been produced to help deal with the virus.

**5. Planning Matters** *Due to time constraints item (i) has already been considered*

- (i) CA/20/02336 Summerhaze, Hardres Court Road, Lower Hardres  
First-floor side extension, single-storey rear extension, alterations to fenestration and external materials together with single-storey outbuilding and garage.  
Whilst no objection to the application in principle, there were one or two issues which members were not happy with, namely the black painted bricks on the sides of the dwelling and the design of the garage and gym.
- (ii) CA/20/02558 Harmansole Cottage, Street End, Lower Hardres  
Single-storey side extension. No objection

**6. Planning Decisions by CCC**

There were no planning decisions to report.

**7. Highway Issues and PROW**

- Drainage Work in School Lane: The Chairman explained that the work is still going on although very slowly, traffic lights are still in operation.
- Members noted that Speedwatch has had to stop due to the lockdown. It was agreed the Clerk contact the co-ordinator to obtain an up to date report.
- Operation Fennel following Brexit: The Clerk to respond to the Resilience Team stating that during discussions with KCC Highways we were given categorical assurance that during operation brock and stack etc, HGV's would only be permitted to use the dual carriageway roads of the M20, M2 and A249, no other roads in the area were to be used, we would like it confirmed that the B2068 will not be used by cross channel HGV's in both directions under any circumstances.

**8. Correspondence, Publications and any urgent matters**

The Clerk to enquire with Planning Enforcement whether there is an existing permission to use a particular property in the Parish as a dwelling house.

**9. Date and time of the next Meeting to be confirmed**

*The meeting closed at 12.20pm*

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