

**LOWER HARDRES AND NACKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2021**

*The meeting was held remotely via Zoom*

*Prior to Commencement of the meeting members stood in silence for one minute in memory of Robin Baker White who recently passed away*

In attendance were Cllrs McCully, Miss Grundy (Acting Chairman), Taylor, Moore, Beaumont, the Parish Clerk and one member of the public for part of the meeting.

**1. Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies for absence

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

Cllr Taylor declared an interest in tem 4i Finance Payments

**3. To Approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 10h December 2020 and Matters Arising**

The minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

**Item 4iv Estimates/Precept:** The 2021/22 Precept of £8713.00 set at the last meeting has been approved by CCC

**4. Finance Matters**

(i) To approve the following invoices for payment

Cllr M. Taylor	£ 40.00	Chairman's Allowance - Flowers
HMRC	£ 62.60	PAYE – December
Parish Clerk	£ 24.74	Expenses & Stationery – Dec/Jan

(ii) Members approved the Draft Level of Reserves and Payment Sheet as at 29<sup>th</sup> Dec 2020

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Draft Level of Reserves 29<sup>th</sup> December 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		5443.41
<b>Total</b>		<b>16821.71</b>
Bank Balances as at 29 <sup>th</sup> December 2020		
Lloyds Bank Account Sheets 53		9463.44
National Savings Account		7358.27
<b>Balance</b>		<b>16821.71</b>

(iii) Update on CCC Concurrent Functions Funding Proposals.

There has been no further update on the future of Concurrent Functions Funding but are awaiting instructions from the City Council on information they require for the review.

(v) Response from KALC Area Committee Chairman re Honorarium

A response to our letter was received from the Chair of the KALC Area Committee on the proposed honorarium and read to members.

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

At present there are no new issues relating to our Parish Council. Cllr Taylor has been in contact with our support group to enquire whether there have been any specific requirements, other than a few ongoing issues – Cllr Taylor stated that he is not aware of any problems but asked all to keep their eyes and ears on the situation.

During discussion of financial issues, a member enquired whether the Clerk had received an invoice for the maintenance of the village hall grounds, Cllr Grundy had met the contractor who advised that he would be sending his invoice during January.

**5. Planning Matters** *Due to time constraints items (i) (ii) & (iii) have already been considered*

- (i) CA/20/02336 Summerhaze, Hardres Court Road, Lower Hardres - Amendment  
First-floor side extension, single-storey rear, side and front extension, alterations to fenestration and external materials together with single-storey outbuilding.  
Although members approved the amendments they still felt that a neighbour's concerns were valid.
- (ii) CA/20/02701 The Glebe House, School Lane, Lower Hardres  
First-floor extension, replacement roof with 45 degree pitch and installation of 4 no. roof lights and door to existing garage. No objection
- (iii) CA/20/02745 Little Catts Farm, Catts Wood Road, Lower Hardres  
Application for listed building consent for internal alterations including the partial underpinning of chimney stack and related works. No objection

**6. Planning Decisions by CCC**

- (i) CA/20/02336 Summerhaze, Hardres Court Road, Lower Hardres - Amendment  
First-floor side extension, single-storey rear, side and front extension, alterations to fenestration and external materials together with single-storey outbuilding.
- (ii) Response to Possible Breach of Planning  
An acknowledgement was received from CCC stating that the matter will be investigated and that we would be kept informed.

**7. Highway Issues and PROW**

- *Highways and Drainage Work:* Cllr McCully stated that the highways work in Church Lane which runs alongside the Church has been abandoned as the work is too difficult, they intend to look at the problem later in the year. However the drainage work in Hardres Court Road towards the old Public House is still ongoing. Members noted that the road will be closed on 25th January 2021.
- *Speedwatch Team:* The speedwatch co-ordinator informed the Council that strangely enough they were permitted to carry out traffic monitoring whilst we were under tier 3, at that time they monitored between 1 and 2pm, 225 vehicles and not one of them was over the speed limit. On 21<sup>st</sup> December they monitored Bridge Road and 12 out of 97 vehicles were over the limit. When we were moved up to Tier 4 Speedwatch was not permitted.
- *Operation Fennel – Feedback from Members:* Cllr Taylor reported that although there was a vast reduction in the number of HGVs using the B2068, there are still a number travelling in both directions along the B2068, vehicles arriving in this country going North and those leaving, travelling South.

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

- 2021 Calendar of Meetings – to follow
- To note and act if necessary on any communications received.  
Following his meeting with the police, Cllr Beaumont requested that the local PCSO attend our March meeting. Members agreed to this.
- Cllr Taylor has written an article in the Parish News thanking all businesses in the Parish for their co-operation and support during the past year as a result of covid-19

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