

**LOWER HARDRES AND NACKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON LINE,
ON TUESDAY 9TH MARCH 2021**

*This meeting was held remotely via Zoom.
There was one member of the public in attendance*

Prior to commencement the Parish PCSO Emma Coyle addressed the meeting. She outlined the areas she covered, which included Harbledown, Chartham, Waltham, Petham, Lower and Upper Hardres. Her role is to be out and about and to show a presence, in addition she visits an area which may have experienced some criminal activity and visit those victims of crimes. Members then asked questions which included Rural Crime, theft of animals, fly tipping, criminal damage to crops and off roading motor cycles. There were also a number of questions regarding HGVs, speeding and the inappropriate use of the B2068. PCSO Coyle agreed to take these issues back to the police

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

1. Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence

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

There were no declarations of interest.

3. To Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 9TH February 2021 and Matters Arising

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th February were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record. There were no matters arising.

4. Finance Matters

- (i) Members gave consideration to a request from Kent, Surrey & Sussex Air Ambulance for a grant of £500.00. Following discussion this was not agreed.
- (ii) Members approved the following invoices for payment

HMRC	£ 62.60	PAYE – December
Parish Clerk	£ 25.73	Expenses & Stationery
- (iii) Quadrennial Review 2021-Regulations governing councillors allowance schemes. The Clerk explained that this is reviewed every four years and really applies to District and County Councillors, Parish Councils do not have to abide by these rules and can make their own suggested allowance or none at all. Having put this to members, it was agreed to decline the right to pay councillors an allowance.
- (iv) CCC Concurrent Functions Funding Proposals.
There is no update on the issue of a review.
- (v) VAT Claim 2018-2019 & 2019-2020.
The clerk reported that she has made a VAT claim in the sum of £216.69
- (vi) Coronavirus (COVID-19) issues relating to Local Councils.
Nothing to report

5. Planning Matters

There were no planning applications this month, neither were there any planning decisions although a member asked if there had been any feedback on the Bygones site. A member referred to the KCC Highways response.

7. Highway Issues and PROW

- A number of issues pertaining to highway and footpath signs were raised by a member of the public who agreed to report them to the appropriate body. She also referred to issues in the village that needed attention. It was agreed the clerk to enquire as to the current situation on litter picks and the emptying of Parish rubbish bins. Members to check for suitable sites for possibly two new benches – although it is likely permission from Highways would be required. A member to communicate with a contractor to repair the farm shop PROW map and the bench opposite the Granville PH – although this bench is not on the Parish Council's Fixed Assets Register, it is thought it may have been placed there by the Joinery Company that has now closed.

8. Correspondence, Publications and any urgent matters

- To consider Annual Parish Meeting
Following Government legislation last year not to hold an Annual Parish Meeting, as yet the Covid-19 bulletins on Local Government issues have not confirmed that we are required to hold one this year. As there is a restricted period for holding APMs it may be that it will need to be held remotely, possibly the 13th April following the PC Meeting.

9. Confirmed the Date of the next Meeting as 13th April 2021, the time to be agreed

The meeting closed at 12.20pm