

**LOWER HARDRES AND NACKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 22nd JUNE 2021**

In attendance were Cllrs McCully, Miss Grundy, Taylor, Beaumont and the Parish Clerk.
There were two members of the public in attendance.

1. Appointment of the Parish Council Chairman

It was proposed and seconded that Cllr Miss Jane Grundy be appointed as Chairman, on being put the motions were carried unanimously. Cllr Miss Grundy then took the Chair and thanked Cllr McCully for his Chairmanship over the past nine years.

It was agreed to place on record the Parish Council's thanks and appreciation for the nine years that Cllr McCully has served as Chairman.

2. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Moore sent his apologies

3. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Beaumont declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 6ii Planning.

4. To Approve the Minutes of the last meeting and Matters Arising

The minutes of the meeting held on 27th April 2021 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

Item Benches and bins: It was agreed that the Bench at the Village Green is painted black. It was further agreed that we purchase a new bin suitable to the location.

5. Finance Matters

(i) To consider request from Parochial CC for a grant towards the upkeep of the Burial Ground.

Members gave consideration to the request and approved £1000.00 to be divided equally between the two Churches in Lower Hardres and Nackington.

(ii) To approve the following invoices for payment

McCabe Ford Williams	£ 270.00	Operation of PAYE (Paid)
Came & Company	£ 400.12	Annual Insurance (Paid)
HMRC	£ 62.60	PAYE
Parish Clerk	£ 50.12	Expenses & Stationery – May/June

(iii) Members noted receipt of £8713.00 Precept and £1769.00 Concurrent Funding from CCC

(iv) To approve Internal Auditors Report for End of Year Accounts 2020-2021

Members noted and approved the Internal Auditors Report

(v) Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2020-2021

Having read Section 1 Annual Governance Statement it was proposed and seconded and the motion carried that the Parish Council has met the requirements of the Governance Statement and followed the correct procedures.

(vi) Section 2 – Annual Accounting Statement 2020-2021, Variations & Balance Sheet

The Clerk then took members through the boxed figures on the Accounting Statement which compares the figures for the previous year and the current year, any variation between the two over a certain percentage has to be explained. The Clerk provided written details of the Audit Variations and the Balance Sheet which she is required to produce for the audit. Having agreed the figures, it was proposed and seconded approval of Section 2 Accountability Statement 2020/21, the Variations Sheet and Balance Sheet, on being put the motion was carried.

The Clerk then explained the Notice of Public Rights to inspect the accounts and related papers, and the Publication of the Annual Governance & Accountability Return (AGAR) will commence on 28th June 2021 for a 30 working day period and end on 6th August.

6. Planning Matters

- (i) CA/21/01171 Merton Farm, Merton Lane, Lower Hardres
Application for determination as to whether prior approval is required for a single-storey agricultural building.
- (ii) CA/21/01261 12, Whitehill Close, Lower Hardres
Application for lawful development certificate for proposed single-storey rear extension. No objection
- (iii) Canterbury District Local Plan - draft vision and options for the district
As this is a very important subject it was agreed to defer to the July meeting in order for members to study in detail.
- (iv) As we have not had a response from Planning Enforcement on a possible breach of planning, the clerk to follow this up.

7. Planning Decisions

- (i) CA/21/00580 Summerhaze, Hardres Court Road, Lower Hardres
Variation of condition 2 (drawings) of planning permission CA/20/02336/FUL for first-floor side extension, single-storey rear, side and front extension, alterations to fenestration and external materials together with single-storey outbuilding; to allow change in roofing material. Granted by CCC
- (ii) CA/21/00178 Outback, Nackington Road, Lower Hardres.
Installation of 2 No. Air Source Heat Pumps. Granted by CCC
- (iii) Merton Farm, Merton Lane, Lower Hardres
Application for determination as to whether prior approval is required for a single-storey agricultural building. Not required.
- (iv) CA/20/02889 Uniquely British Reclamation Yard, Merton Lane, Lower Hardres
Change of use of use of land from the storage and sale of architectural salvage to a mixed use comprising storage & sale of architectural salvage and farm shop with ancillary cafe following external alterations, together with stationing of six containers to rear for use as farm shop storage and three containers to rear for storage and sale of architectural storage. Granted by CCC.
Members were quite horrified at this decision, a Councillor had put in a lot of research on the proposals for the site on which there were numerous valid reasons and policies that did not support the application.

8. Highway Issues and PROW - *Response from KCC Highways following private meeting on 13th May*
Cllr Taylor reported that the first question asked by the two representatives of KCC Highways was how much money do we have, members explained that we are a very small Parish with only five members and a very low precept. Although quite sympathetic to the problems of the B2068 it was clear that nothing will be done about the HGVs using the road, members considered that the outlook for our submitted Highways Improvement Plan is not optimistic. It was agreed Cllr Taylor prepare a survey/questionnaire for Faussett Hill residents by way of al leaflet drop.

9. To Confirm Dates and times of future Meetings

As one member can no longer make the pm Tuesday meetings, and two cannot make Tuesday morning, the Chairman to check the village hall diary to see which day and times that would be available for future meetings that would be compatible to all.

The meeting closed at 6pm

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