

**LOWER HARDRES AND NACKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 3rd November 2021**  
**in the Baker White Memorial Hall**

In attendance were Cllrs Miss Grundy, McCully, Taylor, Moore, Beaumont, the Parish Clerk and one member of the public

9. **Apologies for Absence.** There were no apologies for absence
2. **Declarations of Interest.** Cllr Taylor declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 5iii Planning and an interest in item 6i Planning Decisions
3. **To Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 and Matters Arising**  
The minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.  
**Item 4iii Capital Grant:** Cllr Beaumont informed the meeting that permission has been given by the landowner to use part of his land for the installation of a notice board.  
**Item 7 Highway Issues:** Following a request to KCC Cllr Sole for a grant from his highway fund to reinstate the worn out road markings along the B2068, the Clerk was advised that the grant does not cover work such as this as road surface markings comes under general highway maintenance work. He suggested that we request this through the normal channels and he will follow it up for us.
4. **Finance Matters**
- (i) Members approved the following payments:
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| Mike Harris  | £ | 59.99 | TSO Website Host (Paid)                |
| HMRC         | £ | 62.80 | PAYE September (Paid)                  |
| Parish Clerk | £ | 24.16 | Expenses & Stationery – October (Paid) |
| HMRC         | £ | 62.80 | PAYE October                           |
| Parish Clerk | £ | 23.31 | Expenses & Stationery – November       |
- (ii) Members approved the Payment Sheet and Draft Level of Reserves as at 18<sup>th</sup> October
- (iii) CCC Capital Grants  
The Clerk informed that she has submitted a grant application for two notice boards, if successful our contribution would be in the region of £ 988.00.
- (iv) To consider Estimates for 2022 – 2023  
The Clerk took members through the estimates proposed for 2022-23 following which it was agreed to confirm at the December meeting after we have made enquiries about the condition of the speedwatch equipment and given consideration later in the meeting to an increase in the Clerk's salary. It was however, agreed to increase the contingency figure by £100.00 and to place a sum of money in a new budget heading for Highways Improvement plan.
- (v) Neighbourhood Plan – Response to Article in Village News.  
Members were disappointed at the low number of responses to the article placed in the Parish News earlier in the year but thank all who took the time to contact us with their thoughts and wishes for the Parish. Most of the replies were positive with one exception. The Clerk advised that there will be a representative at the December meeting to speak on a specific development in the Parish.

*Due to time constraints items 5i and 5ii have been determined by the Parish Council*

5. **Planning Matters**

- (i) CA/21/02154 Whitehill House, Bridge Road, Lower Hardres  
T.P.O. no 2. 1973 no 4. 1964 – T1) Cherry Plum tree located to the left front of the property towards the rear garden area, to reduce by 30% and to shape back all round., T2) to reduce the Pyracantha to the corner of the property, reducing to its previous

cutting, T3) Dogwood to the left of pine, to cut down to near ground level, T4) Beech tree nearest to the neighbour's property, lifting the low growth to 4m over the shrubbery, T5) Yew tree to reduce in the outer canopy all round and oval top edge as required, T6) Cotoneaster, to remove the larger stems leaving the younger growth reducing by 20% and tidy, T8) Yew tree to the rear end of the property, to re-shape back the outer growth all round and top, T9) Liquid Amber adjacent the house, reducing to previous and shaping back from the windows, T10) Bay tree to the rear of the garage, reduce to its previous and re-shape as required, T11) Holly tree to the side of the barn, to reduce back the growth producing a gap between the roof and the tree, T13) Ash saplings located to the field side of the barn, cutting back the sapling to approximately 5ft (previous).  
*Members did not raise any objection to the work to trees and considered it to be good management.*

- (ii) CA/21/02116 Installation of polytunnels  
Nackington Farm, Church Lane, Nackington CT4 7AF  
*Members considered the above application and whilst no real objection in the short term, they are concerned that the plastic, once finished with, should be disposed of with care, and not allowed to disperse with the winds and thereby decorate adjacent trees and hedgerows in the all too familiar manner*
- (iii) CA/21/02276 Hardres Field, Faussett Hill, Lower Hardres  
Rebuild and extend porch, replacement windows with new balcony to rear, replace flat roofs with hipped gables, dormers to front and rear together with single-storey rear extension following demolition of conservatory along with replacement of flat roof with hipped gabled roof and installation of ground mounted solar panels.  
*There were no objections to the application.*
- (iv) CA/21/02543 Farnham House, Merton Lane, Lower Hardres  
Variation of condition 2 (approved drawings) of planning permission CA/19/10348/FUL for the proposed two-storey dwelling with detached garage, following demolition of the existing bungalow; to allow improvement to the general site layout and orientation, the external appearance and internal arrangement.  
*Members did not raise any objection.*

## 6. Planning Decision

- (i) CA/21/01910 Holly House, Faussett Hill, Street End, Lower Hardres  
Single-storey summer house in rear garden. Granted by CCC
- (ii) CA/21/02154 Whitehill House, Bridge Road, Lower Hardres.  
Work to Trees as listed under Planning Matters. Approved by CCC

## 7. Highway Issues and PROW

- There were no items to report but a member of the public requested that we approach CCC to sweep the roads in our Parish.
- A member reported that a picture of someone has been placed on the new doggie bin opposite the entrance to Bridge Road, since when, someone has written the name of a resident on the picture, this is considered to be in very poor taste

*Due to the confidential nature of the next item the press and public were excluded. During discussion the Clerk left the room*

## 8. Staffing

It was agreed to raise the Clerk's salary to SCP 35

## 9. To Confirm the Date of the next meeting as 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021 at 5pm

*The meeting closed at 6.10pm*