

**LOWER HARDRES AND NACKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021**  
**in the Baker White Memorial Hall**

*Prior to commencement the meeting was addressed by Nicholas Rooke from Finns on behalf of a local landowner wishing to develop land abutting Hardres Court Road. He briefly explained that development of this land may require the Parish Council to go down the route of supporting affordable housing. Several questions were asked which included the likely number of dwellings to be built and the percentage ratio of affordable housing.*

In attendance were Cllrs Miss Grundy, McCully, Taylor, Moore, Beaumont, the Parish Clerk and five members of the public for part of the meeting. This included KCC Cllr Sole.

**1. Apologies for Absence.**

There were no apologies for absence

**2. Declarations of Interest**

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 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2021 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

*During items 4iv and 4v the meeting was suspended to allow a member of the public to speak*

**4. Finance Matters**

(i) The following payments: were approved

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| HMRC         | £ 62.80 | PAYE November                   |
| Parish Clerk | £ 24.16 | Expenses & Stationery – Nov/Dec |

(ii) Members approved the Payment Sheet and Draft Level of Reserves as at 16<sup>th</sup> November

(iii) To consider event and project to celebrate Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee.

The Chairman explained that the Village Hall had been awarded a Re-awakening Fund to be used to draw communities together following the covid-19 pandemic. The VH Committee have decided that some of this fund could be used to celebrate HM Platinum Jubilee. The Parish Council has set aside £500.00 for the event but could add to this sum should it be necessary. It was further agreed that Cllr Beaumont, being a member of the Village Hall Committee, represent the Parish Council at a meeting to discuss this item in January 2022.

(iv) To confirm the Estimates for 2022-2023.

Having considered the estimates for 2022–2023 at the last meeting with two amendments and a suggestion that we include some funding for the Highway Improvement Plan, for which KCC now require Parishes to contribute towards the costs of highway improvements. After much discussion on the amount we should precept for this item it was proposed and seconded we place £3000.00 in this budget heading and that we set the precept for 2022-2023 in the sum of £11,922.00, on being put the motion was carried.

(v) To note and consider CCC's options and extension to Concurrent Functions Funding.

The City Council has agreed to extend CFF for a further two years until 2024-25 but are seeking feedback on the most appropriate way to distribute the funding between parishes. The aim is to balance a simple approach, using data already available to them, this being the fairest way possible, prior to carrying out the audit.

There are two proposed options as follows:

**Option 1:**

Parish councils would receive the same individual funding allocation as per 2022/23 plus inflation and is based on historic applications.

**Option 2:**

50% of the allocation would be based on the number of Band D equivalent council tax properties per parish and 50% would be based on the size of the area currently eligible for CFF in the parish. This calculation takes into account both the local population that are contributing towards the maintenance of facilities via the precept and Council tax as well as the amount of land that is to be maintained.

Following deliberation members agreed to Option 1, this being the simplest and fairest solution.

- (vi) To give thought to the cleaning of the War Memorials.  
A member referred to the state of the War Memorials and suggested that prior to the next Armistice Day, we arrange to have them cleaned.
- (vii) Members approved the Calendar of Meetings for 2022

**5. Planning Matters**

- (i) CA/21/02543 Farnham House, Merton Lane, Lower Hardres.  
Variation of condition 2 (approved drawings) of planning permission CA/19/10348 for the proposed two-storey dwelling with detached garage, following demolition of the existing bungalow; to allow changes to the general site layout including the location of the garage and orientation of the dwelling along with the external appearance and internal arrangement. No objection.
- (ii) To note quarterly report from CCC's Enforcement Officer  
This referred to general enforcements such as parking, litter, blue badge misuse etc. It was quite a surprise at the amount of money this brought in to the City Council.

**6. Planning Decision**

- (i) 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. Approved by CCC

*During this item the meeting was suspended to allow a member of the public to speak*

**7. Highway Issues and PROW**

The speedwatch co-ordinator informed the meeting that Bridge Road now carries the fastest speeds and whilst the B2068 has high speeds vehicles slow down when they become aware they are being monitored. However, the number of vehicles using the B2068 has now increased from 600 to 1000 per hour. During her report she referred to the fatal crash in Bridge Road. Having been asked about the condition of the speedwatch equipment, she considered that it was probably good for another year and should it fail she does have access to police equipment.

**8. Correspondence, Publications and other matters of an urgent nature**

- CCC Consultation on proposed changes to charges and conditions in council car parks.
- To consider completion of South East Water Environment Plan Questionnaire.  
Members to respond to both the above if they so wish.
- A member of the public referred to mud left on Bridge Road from lorries using the cold store.

**9. Confirmed the Date of the next meeting as 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 5pm**

*The meeting closed at 6.40pm*

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