

LOWER HARDRES AND NACKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 2nd March 2022

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

1. **Apologies for Absence** Apologies were received from Cllr Taylor
2. **Declarations of Interest** Cllr Miss Grundy declared an interest in item 4i payments
3. **To Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 2nd February 2022 and Matters Arising**
The minutes of the 2nd February 2022 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.
Item 4i Membership of AwCRK: The Clerk has advised Action with Communities in Rural Kent that the Parish Council accept the invitation to become a member of their organization.
Item 4v Letter to the bank: Having sent a letter to our bankers from the Chairman requesting a change to the clerk's standing order, a response was received stating that one of the signatories does not match those they have on record. The Clerk has spoken with the bank who were reluctant to divulge information to her as she is not a signatory. They ask that the Chairman contact the bank.
4. **Finance Matters**
 - (i) The following payments were approved

Mr D. Harrison	£ 50.00	Nackington War Memorial Maintenance
Cllr Miss Grundy	£ 18.00	Mileage Allowance
HMRC	£ 62.80	PAYE February
Parish Clerk	£ 22.57	Expenses & Stationery
 - (ii) To approve the Payment Sheet and Draft Level of Reserves.
Members approved the draft level of reserves and payment sheet as at 8th February 2022. The Clerk explained that she has today received a later bank statement which adds £486.00 to the expenditure. She also anticipates that there will be further expenditure by the end of March of around £840.00 making an end of year total spend of approximately £8712.00.
 - (iii) Speedwatch Equipment Grant
Prior to commencement of the meeting, members were given a demonstration of the proposed new speedwatch equipment which was found to be lightweight and quite simple to use.
The Clerk has contacted KCC Cllr Sole to request a members grant towards the cost of the equipment which is £1385.00 plus VAT amounting to a total of £1662.00. Cllr Sole has happily agreed to contribute £800.00
5. **Planning Matters**
 - (i) CA/22/00266 Street End Place, Hardres Court Road, Lower Hardres
Proposal: 1. Leylandii Group to be removed. 2. Scots Pine Crown to be lifted and lower limb to be removed. 3. Common Oak Crown to be lifted and lower limbs to be removed. 4. Yews (2no) to be removed. 5. Holly to be removed. 6. Leylandii (2no) to be removed. 7. Cedar (dead) to be removed. 8. Laurel Group Suckers/off shoot to be removed. 9. Yew Group North and Eastern edge to be trimmed back. 10. Common Oak to be removed. 11. Cherry Low limbs to be removed. 12. Hawthorn to be removed. 13. Castlewellan to be removed. 14. Common Oak lower limbs to be removed. 15. Lime lower limbs to be trimmed back. 16. Yews/holly/hawthorn to be trimmed back on southern side. 17. Sycamore to be removed. 18. Holly to be removed. 19. Sycamore to be removed. 20. Sweet Chestnut top section of tree to be removed. 21. Sycamore to be removed.
Members did not raise any objection to the work

- (ii) To consider any applications received since publication of the agenda.
There were no additional applications.
- (iii) CCC Local Plan call for sites for renewable energy and natural environment .
The purpose of this call for sites is to establish what land is potentially available in the district for specific renewable energy and natural environment purposes.
The discussion mainly centred around the issue of renewable energy sites, members considered that rather than taking up valuable land for this purpose, it would be more productive for every new house built to be fitted with solar panels.

6. Planning Decision Granted

- (i) CA/21/02932 Summerhaze, Hardres Court Road, Lower Hardres, Kent
Rear dormer window together with alterations to driveway new front wall, railings and gates. Approved by CCC

7. Local Needs Housing/Affordable Housing in the Parish

- Communication from landowners agent
Mr Rooke has offered, together with the landowner to attend a meeting. It was agreed we invite both gentlemen to attend our next meeting, in open session, to explain in more detail, the landowner’s proposals
- The Clerk has spoken with Emma Bartlett who deals with affordable housing at CCC. She explained that if the Local Plan accepts the proposed site put forward for development, the applicant would have to comply with the affordable housing regulations but the dwellings would not necessarily be for local people, they would be available to the whole district. The Parish Council would not have any say in who would be housed. Neither would they have any input in the location and design of the dwellings other than as statutory consultees.
Ms Bartlett would be happy to attend a meeting

8. Highway Issues and PROW

- Informal meeting with other Parishes to consider options for new cycle ways
Three members have agreed to attend a meeting subject to the date.

9. Correspondence, Publications and other matters of an urgent nature

- Members noted the revised risk assessment for hirers of the hall
- The Council was informed that the trees around Nackington War Memorial need to be cut back. Members to check.
- A member has drafted a Design Statement for the Parish. This to be placed on the next or a future agenda. In the meantime Cllr Beaumont to make enquiries as to whether it would have any sway with the District Planning Authority.

10. The Date of the next meeting and the Annual Parish Assembly to be advised

The meeting closed at 6.20pm

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