

LOWER HARDRES AND NACKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 6th July 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

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 25th May 2022 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

Item 3 War Memorial Trees: It was considered that the overhanging branches do not need cutting back at this time.

Item 5ii Finance Payments: A letter has been received from Kent, Surrey, Sussex Air Ambulance Service thanking the Parish Council for its donation of £50.00.

4. Finance Matters

(i) To consider request from PCC for a grant towards the upkeep of the Burial Grounds. Members agreed to provide a grant of £1000.00 to be shared equally between Lower Hardres and Nackington Churches, subject to receipt and agreement by the Parish Council of the Parochial Church Council's end of year balance sheet and a copy of the total amount together with the invoices spent on the upkeep of the Burial Ground.

(ii) To approve the following payments

HMRC	£	71.20	PAYE June
Parish Clerk	£	69.57	Expenses & Stationery Two Months

(iii) To note receipt of £800.00 KCC Members Grant towards speedwatch equipment and receipt of £1365.32 CCC Grant towards two notice boards.

The Clerk has advised members and the speedwatch coordinator that they can now go ahead and order the equipment but has stressed that she must have a receipted invoice as KCC require a copy.

The Clerk also asked for members' confirmation that they still wished to go ahead with the two notice boards previously selected. This was agreed. The Landowners had also confirmed their agreement to the selected sites.

(iv) Members noted and approved the draft level of reserves and payment sheet as at 14.06.22

Draft Level of Reserves 14 th June 2022	
Opening Balance 01.04.22	15972.14
Income Received to Date	
Precept	11922.00
Concurrent Functions Funding	1769.00
KCC Members Grant	800.00
Total Income	14491.00
Total Income & Reserves	30463.14
Less expenditure to date	2815.72
Total	27647.42
Bank Balances as at 14 th June 2022	
Lloyds Bank Account Sheet 86	20253.43
National Savings Account	7411.99
Balance	27665.42
Less Unpresented Cheque	
J. Grundy	18.00
Total	27647.42

Due to time constraints item (i) has already been considered and item (iv) was received after publication of the agenda

5. Planning Matters

- (i) CA/22/00711 Court Lodge, Church Lane, Nackington
Application for Listed Building Consent for external alterations including new car port following demolition of garage. No objection
- (ii) CA/22/01276 Land adjacent to Summerhaze, Hardres Court Road, Lower Hardres
Removal and installation of high voltage overhead lines. No objection in principle but as the plan indicates a re-positioning of the wires and telegraph pole to the corner of the field at the commencement of PROW CB364, the clerk to request CCC planning to ensure the pole to be placed in a position that does not block the entrance.
- (iii) CA/22/01303 North Court, School Lane, Lower Hardres.
Application for lawful development certificate for existing building with continued use within class e. This was noted by members.
- (iv) CA/22/01278 Stuppington Court Farm, Merton Lane, Lower Hardres
Installation of micro substation. No objection in principle but to request a discreet and camouflaged location of the substation so as not to affect the setting of the building.
- (v) Member's Draft Design Statement – *For discussion on way forward*
Members having had the opportunity to read through the third draft, questions were invited. A member queried the section relating to road layout, it was explained that in many modern developments, it is difficult to differentiate where driveways begin and the road ends, it would be far simpler and less hazardous to have an obvious one road through a development rather than small sections of road going in all directions. Cllr Beaumont then showed a number of slides of badly designed houses and streets and one or two good examples.
It was agreed that we should consult the Parish by holding a public meeting sometime in September, in the meantime Cllr Beaumont to place an article in the next Parish News explaining the purpose of the document. It was further agreed that the subject of Local Needs Housing in the Parish is also discussed at that meeting.

6. Planning Decisions Granted by CCC

- (i) CA/22/00976 The Glebe House, School Lane, Lower Hardres.
Two-storey extension to existing garage including new roof with roof lights and dormer window following demolition of existing single-storey rear extension to garage

7. Local Needs Housing/Affordable Housing in the Parish – To discuss whether to take this forward. Please see item 5v

8. Highway Issues and PROW

Following the urgent repairs to the breakaway section of Bridge Road, a member reported that in addition to building up that side of the road the highway contractors have also placed quite a high curb which could restrict a vehicle pulling over should they need to when meeting large oncoming traffic.

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

- *To consider the draft Parish Council Charter*
Members noted the draft Parish Charter without comment.

10. Confirmed the Date of the next meeting as 3rd August 2022 5pm

The meeting closed at 6.50pm

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