

# LOWER HARDRES AND NACKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023

In attendance were Cllrs Jane Grundy, Mike Taylor, Adrian Beaumont, the Parish Clerk and one member of the public.

### 1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs Fox

### 2. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest

### 3. To Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2023 and Matters Arising.

The minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2023 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record subject to item 4v last sentence final line to read 'Cllr Taylor agreed to assist with the plan and mapping of a new website'.

**Item 4i:** A letter was received from Kent Surrey Sussex Air Ambulance thanking the Parish Council for their grant.

### 4. Finance Matters

(i) Request from the Parochial Church Council for a grant.

Copies of the invoices for last year's upkeep of the Burial Grounds were received but these do not confirm receipt of the Parish Council grant nor its specific use that it may only be put towards the upkeep of the Burial Grounds. In order to satisfy our Auditors we must be able to evidence to whom the grant was awarded and how it was spent.

The Clerk to write along these lines to the PCC Treasurer

Following a lengthy discussion, during which a member referred to other major expenses that are likely to be required in the future, it was proposed and seconded that we award £1000.00 for this current year to be split equally between the two Churches the letter to further inform that in future, due to the Council's rising expenses we may have to review the amount of any grant. On being put, the motion was carried.

(ii) Members approved the following payments

Parochial Church Council	£ 1000.00	Burial Ground Grant
Canterbury City Council	£ 56.70	Election Expenses
Mike Harris	£ 129.46	TSO Host (Website)
HMRC	£ 93.80	PAYE (August 2023)
Parish Clerk	£ 44.44	Expenses & Stationery (Two months)

(iii) Members noted receipt of £1766.02 VAT.

The Clerk contacted CCC to enquire why we had not yet received any Concurrent Functions Funding for 2023 – 2024 and was informed that they had not received our signed acceptance of the agreement. The Clerk assured them that she had returned it signed by the Chairman and Clerk in June. A short time later CCC telephoned to say they had located the paper and that our Concurrent Functions Funding would be paid into to our bank account.

(iv) Cricket Club repayment of loan.

The Clerk advised that the latest bank statement did not show receipt of repayment of the loan. Cllr Taylor to contact Mr Marsh the Treasurer.

(v) To give consideration to expanding the website

Cllr Taylor showed a draft he had put together of a possible layout for a new website. He will make enquiries as to the set up and maintenance costs.

(vi) Members noted the Draft Level of Reserves and Payment Sheet as follows;

Draft Level of Reserves as at 05 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	
Opening Balance 01.04.23	13701.48
Income Received to Date	
Precept	11922.00
Concurrent Functions Funding	
VAT Refund	1766.02
Total Income	13688.02
Total Income & Reserves	27389.50
Less expenditure to date	5385.88
Total	22003.62
Bank Balances as at 05 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	
Lloyds Bank Account Sheet 117	14584.73
National Savings Account	7418.89
Balance	22003.62

*Due to time constraints item 5i was considered prior to the meeting – the Parish Council did not object to the application*

#### 5. **Planning Matters**

- (i) CA/23/01529 The Vines, Bridge Road, Lower Hardres.  
T.P.O. No 4/1964/LHA T1. Maple Tree, lift the low growth 25-30% crown thin and reduce the tree down to its previous cutting points (approximately a 5m reduction) and re-shape all round accordingly to the left boundary of the rear garden. T2) Beech tree reduce in the outer growth all round by approximately 2m all round, fading into the crown of the tree located in the left corner of the rear garden. T3. Sycamore, carry out a 20% crown thin and reduce the tree down to its previous cutting points (approximately a 3-3.5m reduction) together with re-shape all round accordingly to left boundary of the front garden.
- (ii) CA/23/01537 Stable Cottager, Church Lane, Nackington, Lower Hardres  
Render to south facing gable elevations. No objection
- (iii) To note email from a resident re possible breach of planning  
The Clerk received an email regarding a possible breach of planning in the Conservation Area and has forwarded the information to Planning Enforcement requesting that the Parish Council is kept informed. An acknowledgment of receipt has been received.

#### 6. **Planning Decisions of Canterbury City Council**

- (i) CA/23/00901 Corvesgate, School Lane, Lower Hardres  
Single-storey side and rear extension together with garage following the demolition of existing garage. Granted by CCC
- (ii) CA/23/01440 Land at Heppington Farm, Faussett Hill, Street End, Lower Hardres  
Prior notification for erection of agricultural Building. Prior approval not required.
- (iii) CA/23/01172 Land at Merton Lane, Lower Hardres  
Erection of commercial units with associated access. Refused by CCC

#### 7. **Highway Issues and PROW**

To consider complaint re speeding traffic in the region of Harmansole  
Further to the Clerk responding to the resident, Cllr Taylor has also written outlining a brief history of the B2068 traffic issues in our Parish and furnished Dr Kaushal with the latest copy of our Highways Improvement Plan in which our request for a reduction in the speed limit has been extended to include Harmansole.

*Due to the confidential nature, item bullet point 2 may be taken with the press and public excluded*

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

- Having written to Fiona Lloyd, the daughter of the Late Mrs MM Fraser explaining how we used the £1000.00 legacy she left to the Parish Council, a reply was received thanking us for putting a lot of thought into how the funds were used and stating that her mother would have approved and been **very pleased that the legacy was spent in Nackington as she** and her husband Peter would have stood in front of the War Memorial on many occasions, along with others from Nackington Church Congregation. Mrs Lloyd added that this is a very comforting thought.
- Parish Council vacancy  
Unfortunately a resident who had previously given the vacancy some thought has decided that this is not the correct time.
- A request for a donation towards the framing of the WI table cloth will be considered at the next meeting.
- Members were shocked to see that an Estate Agent had placed a for sale sign next to the wooden signpost by Nackington War Memorial. The Clerk to contact the Agent.

**9. Confirmed the date of the next meeting as Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 5pm**

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