

LOWER HARDRES AND NACKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 1st November 2023
at the Baker White Memorial Hall

In attendance were Cllrs Miss Grundy, Beaumont, Mrs Fox and the Parish Clerk.
 Apologies were received from Cllr Taylor.

1. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Grundy declared an interest in item 3ii Finance Payments

2. To Approve the Minutes of the last Meeting and Matters Arising.

The minutes of the meeting held on 27th September were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

3. Finance Matters

(i) Members considered a request for a contribution towards the framing of the Lower Hardres WI table cloth purchased at a Bring and Buy sale. It was agreed to donate £25.00

(ii) To approve the following payments

Cllr B J Grundy	£	18.00	Travel Expenses
HMRC	£	93.40	PAYE (October 2023)
Parish Clerk	£	20.17	Expenses & Stationery

(iii) Members noted receipt of £1946.00 Concurrent Functions Funding for 2023 – 2024.

(iv) Members noted return of the Cricket Club loan in the sum of £500.00. The Clerk has written a letter of thanks along with an apology for having to remind them.

(v) The draft level of reserves and payment sheet up to 17th October were approved.

Draft Level of Reserves as at 17 th October 2023		
Opening Balance 01.04.23		13701.48
Income Received to Date		
Precept	11922.00	
Concurrent Functions Funding	1946.00	
VAT Refund	1766.02	
Return of Cricket Club Loan	500.00	
Total Income	16134.02	
Total Income & Reserves		
		29835.50
Less expenditure to date		5947.60
Total		23887.90
Bank Balances as at 17 th October 2023		
Lloyds Bank Account Sheet 120		16469 01
National Savings Account		7418.89
Balance		23887.90

(vi) To consider estimates for 2024-2025

The Clerk took members through the budget proposed for 2024-25 during which it was agreed to include a contingency figure of £1000.00, a figure of £1000.00 for a new website, an increase of £600.00 in the highway fund and one or two minor figures rounding it up to £13000.00. Following discussion it was proposed and seconded, to recommend to the December meeting that we set a precept of £13000.00 for 2024-25.

(vii) Consultation on Boundary Review and Polling Stations Review

Although the review continues for some time, in view of a remark made at a boundary review public meeting regarding the new Mounts development and Nackington, the Clerk suggested we keep our eye on this.

(viii) Update on expanding the website - Deferred to the next meeting

4. Planning Matters

- (i) CA/23/01720 Farnham House, Merton Lane, Lower Hardres
Single-storey detached dwelling following demolition of garage.
The Design and Access statement clearly state that the proposed is an annex for the aged parents of the owners of Farnham House, which is on the market for sale. This raised Concerns, along with the siting of the three bedroom new build being too far from the main house and could be intrusive to the cottages in Stuppington Lane, the annex doors and passage ways too narrow for a wheelchair and the requirement for a condition tying the land and the two properties as one. We have since been informed that apart from our query regarding the sale of the main property have been met. However, the Clerk contacted the architect for clarification on the possible sale of the main house. She was advised that the owners wished to keep all their options open. If permission is granted Farnham House would be taken off the market.
- (ii) CA/23/01941 Great Catts Farm, Catt's Wood Road, Lower Hardres
Application for Listed Building Consent for external alterations including the waterproofing of the existing brickwork with underlay and fixing a butyl liner of existing horse pond. No objection

5. Planning Decisions of Canterbury City Council

- (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. Approved by CCC
- (ii) CA/23/01537 Stable Cottage, Church Lane, Nackington, Lower Hardres
Render to south facing gable elevations. Approved by CCC

6. Highway Issues and PROW

- Further communications have been received from a resident at Harminsole making a few suggestions to add to the HIP. He also enquired as to when Petham's 40mph limit would commence, the Clerk advised that it started the previous day, but try as they may to get it extended to Harmansole KCC Highways refused.
- Following Cllr Taylor's communication to Kent Highways regarding a further cancellation of proposed works along Faussett Hill, the following reply was received:-
This work has been programmed several times and each time unfortunately, has been postponed. Initially for contractual reasons, subsequently due to other network constraints taking precedence, namely emergency SGN closure in Wincheap. Effectively this resulted in all other work on main roads in Canterbury being postponed, this has now caused a backlog of work for both KCC and statutory undertakers which will need to be cleared.
At this time I do not have revised date for Faussett Hill patching work, however once known we will reschedule and send out notices and erect advance signs as normal. Additionally weather at this time is adding to the problem. We will undertake emergency temporary repairs in order to keep the road safe in the meantime and the road continues to be subject to statutory inspections.

7. Confirmed the Date of the next meeting as 6th December 2023 5pm

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