

LOWER HARDRES AND NACKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 2nd July 2025

In attendance were Cllrs Jane Grundy, Adrian Beaumont, Mike Taylor, Jo Fox, and Jason Messenger (Clerk to the PC from 01/08/2025)

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Reynolds had reported that he would be unable to attend the meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on the 21st May and matters arising.

The Minutes were read and confirmed as an accurate record. There were no matters arising.

4. Appointment of Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer.

Jason Messenger was welcomed, and will start work on 1st August.

5. Finance Matters

Cllr Grundy reported that the accounts for the last financial year have been sent to Canterbury City Council, and published on our website.

The following payments was made by cheque:

- (i) £188.76 to His Majesties Revenue & Customs in respect of tax owing in relation to the last salary payment to our former clerk.

6. Local government reorganisation

There were no new developments to report.

7. Planning Matters

- (i) Planning applications for Street End Place and Ridgeway House were considered.

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Members agreed to make no comment on either application.

8. Planning Decisions.

Members noted that three applications to do necessary tree works had been approved.

9. Future Projects

- (i) Improvements to signage identifying the village and parish.
Cllr Grundy reported that we can design our own. Costs start at £100. Cllr Grundy will mock up designs and get costings. She will also talk to Highways at KCC to discuss the need for consents to place signs and planters.
- (ii) Siting large planters on Faussett Hill and “fences” at the southern end of the village to emphasise to drivers that they are entering a village.
Cllr Taylor reported that he has sent details of planters to Members. It was agreed to look at the options and make a decision at our next meeting.

10. Highways issues and PROW.

Cllr Taylor reported that the updated Highways Improvement Plan has been sent to our KCC Councillor Mike Sole, and that he has a meeting with Cllr Sole on 14th July. A copy of the HIP has been sent to the Headteacher of Simon Langton Boys for comment.

11. Speedwatch Group.

The Speedwatch Group is still in need of more volunteers.

12. Correspondence, Letters, and other Matters of an urgent nature.

It was agreed that we need to produce explanatory articles on key points from agendas, such as the HIP, in order to explain to residents what we are trying to achieve. Cllr Beaumont to write an article on Local Government Reform.

It was recognised that we need to reach the whole community, Cllr Grundy to discuss with the Village News Committee the possibility of expanding distribution to every home in the parish.

14. Next meeting of the Parish Council

The next meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 6th August 2025 at 5pm.

The Meeting closed at 6.10pm.

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