

LOWER HARDRES AND NACKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 5th November 2025

In attendance were Cllrs Jane Grundy, Mike Taylor, Adrian Beaumont, Jo Fox, Peter Reynolds, the Parish Clerk and two members of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence

No apologies were received.

2. Declarations of Interest

None declared.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on the 1st October and matters arising.

The Minutes were approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chairperson as a true and correct record.

There were no matters arising.

Post meeting note: The minutes have been emailed to Claire at the Village News publication.

4. Finance Matters

The council is to start looking at the Budgets for the 2026/2027 financial year and calculate the precept required. The Chair is to meet with the clerk to go through this and other aspects of the parish council finances.

Members approved the following payments and these were paid by cheque:

Accounts for Payment

Cllr J Grundy	£ 13.50	Reimbursement for payment for Parish council website services
Parish Clerk	£ 1138.00	Back dated salary (1 st August to 1 st November)

Bank Balances as at 5th November 2025

Lloyds TSB Account	£23,784.99
National Savings Account	£7,418.89
BALANCE	£31,203.88

5. Local government reorganisation

Nothing further to report at this time.

6. Planning Matters

The following planning applications were considered:

- (i) CA/25/01756 Non-material amendment to planning permission CA/23/02100 for Use of outbuilding as ancillary accommodation together with associated external alterations; to allow alteration to the position of the staircase together with new insulation and joinery details. Little Catts Farm, Catt's Wood Road, Lower Hardres, Kent CT4 5PH. **No additional comment**
- (ii) CA/25/01779, 01780 & 01781 T1) Picea Pungens - Blue Spruce - crown lift by the removal to 2 lower limbs. North American White Oak- crown lifting by removal of the 2 lowest limbs only. 3x Cherry trees located to the front of the property - fell. Street End Place Hardres Court Road Lower Hardres Kent CT4 5NP. **Supported by council**

7. Planning Decisions.

The following four planning decisions were discussed and noted:

- (i) CA/25/01408 Single storey and side extension to 1 Butts Cottages, Hardres Court Road, Lower Hardres, Kent, CT4 5NZ. **Refused**
- (ii) CA/25/01483 Single storey detached garage in front garden of The Vines, Bridge Road, Lower Hardres, Kent, CT4 7AG. **Granted**
- (iii) CA/25/01611 TPO 8/1991 - G1 group of Yew trees cut overhang on driveway back by 2m, T2 Yew tree cut back from the house by 3-4m and reduce remaining canopy by 2-3m, T3 Sycamore remove lower branch and re-pollard at previous pollard cuts and G4 two Sycamore sever Ivy and raise canopy. Chequers 2 Nackington Park, Nackington Road, Lower Hardres, CT4 7AX. **Granted**
- (iv) CA/25/01852 5 day exemption request T1 Sycamore – fell. Street End Place Hardres Court Road Lower Hardres Kent CT4 5NP. **Decided**

8. Future Projects.

- (i) Improvements to signage identifying the village and parish – Nothing to report at this time.
- (ii) Siting and design of the large planters on Faussett Hill and “fences” at the southern end of the village – Nothing to report at this time.

9. Highways issues and PROW.

The latest HIP template and the submission process were discussed in some detail. Cllr Taylor explained the recent events concerning the HIP submission and recommended the document be resubmitted in the present detailed form. This would ensure that the full extent of the support information compiled in conjunction with Mike Sole, Kent County Councillor, is provided. The council unanimously agreed to this approach.

Cllr Talyor is to provide text for the submittal covering email, including the preference for a face to face meeting.

10. Speedwatch Group.

Nothing to report.

11. Rural Crime

Nothing to report. All is presently reasonably quiet in this regard.

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

The points raised during the October meeting are ongoing.

13. AOB

The possibility of using WhatsApp as an additional communication tool was suggested by Cllr Fox. This could be used for the more urgent messaging if necessary, although all council business would need to be discussed and agreed at the usual meeting forum. It was agreed that this should be trialled for a few months. Cllr Beaumont kindly agreed to set the council members up with LHN parish council group chat.

14. Next meeting of the Parish Council

The next meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 3rd December 2025 at 5pm.

The Meeting closed at 5.55pm.

Signed _____

Date _____