

# LOWER HARDRES AND NACKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2026

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

### 2. Apologies for Absence

No apologies were received.

### 3. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Beaumont declared an interest in 7(iii) and 10(ii)

### 4. Minutes of the meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December and Matters Arising.

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

#### **Matters arising:**

- (i) Cllr Grundy advised the council that the organiser of the dog walking group had been contacted and they now had access to parking in the Granville public house and the village hall car park. This should reduce any safety concerns with parking on Hardres Court Road.
- (ii) Membership of CPRE (Campaign to Protect Rural England) has been investigated and the clerk explained the benefits of being a member. These included projects to improve the rural landscape within the vicinity of villages and assistance with planning development. It was agreed to continue membership.
- (iii) The defibrillator maintenance is due to be carried out. Cllr Grundy has kindly volunteered to obtain a quotation for this. Defibrillator training was discussed and it was agreed that this should be opened up to groups across the parish. Cllr Reynolds will kindly look into training options. The opportunity for training is then to be advertised within the parish.

### 5. Finance Matters

- (i) The budget and Precept for 2026/2027 were discussed and agreed. Precept request to be sent to Canterbury City Council.
- (ii) Members approved payment by cheque to the value of £228.99 for the clerk in respect to the ILCA training course and Microsoft licence costs.
- (iii) Members approved the following payment, and a cheque was written and signed in this regard:  
Cllr Jane Grundy      £ 45.00      (for BACS payment to KIKK for website maintenance)
- (iv) No additional payments needed to be considered.
- (v) Cllr Grundy updated the council that progress to using online banking was ongoing.

- (vi) Website access: The website is presently being updated with completion planned for the beginning of February. Cllr Fox has kindly volunteered to provide wording for the pages that need addressing. The clerk is to liaise with KIKK in order to progress this as a priority.

## 6. Local government reorganisation

Nothing to report.

## 7. Planning Matters

The following planning applications were considered:

- (i) **CA/25/02239** Single-storey front extensions. Corvesgate, School Lane, Lower Hardres, Kent, CT4 5NS. No objections from parish council.
- (ii) **CA/25/02252** Details submitted pursuant to condition 4 (windows and doors) of planning permission CA/25/1225/FUL. 2 Highfield Cottages, Hardres Court Road, Lower Hardres, Kent, CT4 5NP. No objections from parish council.
- (iii) **CA/25/02253** Single-storey side and rear extensions, together with single-storey double garage following demolition of existing garage. 2 Whitehill Close, Lower Hardres, Kent, CT4 7AQ. No objections from parish council.
- (iv) **CA/25/02355** Single-storey front extension, removal of bay window to front elevation with replacement timber window together with enlargement of kitchen window to side elevation. Mount Pleasant, Hardres Court Road, Lower Hardres, Kent. CT4 5NR. No objections from parish council.
- (v) **CA/25/02356** Application for Listed Building Consent for external and internal alterations including single-storey front extension, removal of bay window to front elevation with replacement of timber window together with enlargement of kitchen window to side elevation. Mount Pleasant, Hardres Court Road, Lower Hardres, Kent. CT4 5NR. No objections from parish council.
- (vi) **CA/25/02288** Application for lawful development certificate for proposed single-storey rear extension. 2 Highfield Cottages, Hardres Court Road, Lower Hardres, Kent, CT4 5NP. No particular objections from the parish council but we will ask the planning department to take into account the views of the neighbouring properties.

## 8. Planning Decisions.

The following two planning decisions were discussed and noted:

- (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 alterations to fenestration. Little Catts Farm Catt's Wood Road Lower Hardres Kent CT4 5PH. **Approved**
- (ii) **CA/25/01757** Yew tree that currently overhangs the left boundary of the property, to reduce the overhanging growth right back to the boundary, Beech, reduce right back to the boundary and cable, in rear garden. Croft House Hardres Court Road Lower Hardres Kent CT4 5NP. **No Objection**

**9. Future Projects.**

Nothing to report at this time.

**10. Highways issues and PROW.**

- (i) The clerk informed the members that he had received an email from Kent Highways, introducing the new Engagement Officer, Briony Chaplin. They confirmed receipt of our latest HIP document and would be in contact to arrange a meeting in due course.
- (ii) The subject of replacing some of the public footpath stiles with kissing gates was discussed. The installation of the new gates would involve reasonable fencing alterations and the permission of the landowners. Further research needs to be carried in order to assess the feasibility of the proposal.

**11. Speedwatch Group.**

Nothing to report.

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

Nothing to report.

**13. Next meeting of the Parish Council**

The next meeting was confirmed as Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at 5pm.

*The Meeting closed at 6.10pm.*

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_