

**LOWER HARDRES AND NACKINGTON
PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 13TH JUNE 2017**

In attendance were Cllrs McCully, Taylor, Moore and the Parish Clerk

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Miss Grundy sent her apologies for absence due to being unwell

2. Declarations of Interest and Update to Disclosable Pecuniary Interests Register

Cllr McCully declared an interest in item 4iii Payments

3 To Approve the Minutes of the last Meeting and Matters Arising

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th May 2017 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct Record

Item Payments: A letter was received from the Parochial Church Council Treasurer thanking the Parish Council for the £1000.00 grant paid towards the upkeep of the Burial Grounds of the two Churches. Thanks were also given for the donation of £100.00 towards the restoration of the James Tillard Parchment.

4. Financial Matters

- (i) Following discussion at the last meeting, it was proposed and seconded and the motion carried that a contribution of £250.00 from reserves be given towards the cost of the Judicial Review against the South Canterbury development – air quality and traffic.
- (ii) Members approved the Chairman’s travel expenses for transporting the clerk to and from the May meeting
- (iii) The following accounts were approved for Payment
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| KECN | £ 250.00 | Donation towards Judicial Review |
| LH & N Village Hall | £ 91.00 | Annual Rent 2017-2018 |
| HMRC | £ 54.80 | Paye – June |
| Mrs C.F. McCully | £ 13.00 | APM Refreshments |
| Mr N.J.D. McCully | £ 18.00 | Travel Expenses |
| C. Castle | £ 150.00 | Internal Audit Fee |
| Parish Clerk | £ 35.32 | Stationery & Expenses |
- (iv) Members noted receipt of £1694.13 Concurrent Functions Funding 2017-18
- (v) Following inspection of the end of year accounts, the Internal Auditor reported that there were no issues found. She therefore completed and signed the appropriate report page on the annual return 2016-2017. A letter of thanks to be sent to the Internal Auditor.
- (vi) Members gave consideration to the purchase of a defibrillator for the Parish and following discussion on the benefits, location, maintenance and insurance it was proposed and seconded that subject to the agreement of the VH Committee on its placement, we go ahead and purchase a defibrillator through the KALC programme. As a long list of equipment and spares had been included in the paperwork, members felt there should be some advice on the most suitable choice. There was also a little concern over the possible outcome of incorrect use of the equipment. The clerk to recirculate the paperwork together with a list of the selection made by another Parish. As there is a time limit for placing orders, on receipt of satisfactory enquiries, members to agree the preferred choice for the clerk to order.

(vii) Members approved the Draft Level of Reserves and Payment Sheet as at 01.06.17

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Draft Level of Reserves 1 st June 2017		
Opening Balance 01.04.17		10535.02
Income Received to Date		
Precept	6490.29	
Concurrent Functions Funding	1369.53	
Total	7859.82	
Total Income & Reserves		18394.84
Less expenditure to date		1175.23
Balance		17219.61
Bank Balances as at 1 st June 2017		
Lloyds Account sheet 68		10006.29
National Savings Account		7213.32
Balance		17219.61

5. Planning Matters

- (i) CA/17/01170/TAM Land east of Iffin Lane, Street End, Lower Hardres
Application for prior notification for erection of 1 no. 15m lattice tower together with 3 no. antennas, 2 no. discs, 3 no. equipment cabinets and associated ancillary development. Whilst the Parish Council do not wish to stand in the way of progress – we should ask if the existing mast in the area can be used.
- (ii) CA/17/01187/MIN 2, Highfield Cottages, Hardres Court Road, Lower Hardres.
Non-material amendment to planning permission CA//16/02817/FUL for the proposed single-storey rear extension following demolition of conservatory & removal of caravan, to allow extension into existing courtyard & alter first-floor bathroom to WC only.
No objection
- (iii) CA/17/01134/FUL North Court, School Lane, Lower Hardres
Single-storey extension to rear of property following demolition of conservatory.
No objection
- (iv) CA//17/01287/FUL Harmansole Cottage Street End, Lower Hardres
Proposed single-storey garage extension with rooflights. No objection.
- (v) CA/17/01272 /FUL Harmansole Cottage, Street End, Lower Hardres
Proposed two-storey rear extension. No objection.
- (vi) CA/17/01208/LUP Bygones Yard, Merton Lane, Lower Hardres
Application for lawful development certificate for proposed café
It was unclear as to whether this application is to regularise a past use or whether it is for a change of use for a café. From our investigations, members can firmly state that there never has been a café on site and that as far as we can tell permission has never been granted.

Any future use for A3 should be carefully examined, as by granting this use opens it up for other types of development-without further permission. Members were also concerned regarding A3 use, as we understand that prior to closure of the reclamation business, the site was investigated regarding the possible use of certain chemicals for paint stripping that could detrimental to the site.

The Parish Council has in the past reported possible breaches of planning – not least as recently as February 2016 when development trenches, including a number of mobile buildings appeared on site without permission, to which the CCC enforcement officer assured us that two would be removed that week and a planning application would be forthcoming within a couple of weeks, this never happened. The current application inaccurately states that no work has been started. In addition there is now a considerable amount of erected scaffolding on site.

- (vii) CA/14/00085/FUL, CA/14/00086/FUL & CA/14/00087/FUL sites A B & C Solar Farm. Nackington

In response to our enquiry as to why the Planning Authority website states these applications were withdrawn and not invalid, as we were informed. The Planning Authority states that the applications were lodged and withdrawn in 2016 thereby implying that they were new applications. As they were submitted with very little change and using the same numbers as those that were considered invalid in 2014 the Parish Council disagree with this, therefore the clerk will write again for clarification.

6. Planning Decisions Granted by CCC

- (i) CA/17/00880/TPO Chequers, 2, Nackington Park, Nackington Road, Nackington TPO no 8 1991. T1 – Yew tree – pollard and T2 – Yew tree – fell.
- (ii) CA/17/00799/FUL Cornfields, Faussett Hill, Lower Hardres. Two-storey and single-storey rear extension, with roof lights following demolition of existing conservatory.
- (iii) CA/17/00873 Woodside, Hardres Court Road, Lower Hardres
Proposed construction of a two bay car port.

7. Correspondence, Publications and Other Matters of Importance

A letter was received requesting all Councils and other bodies to fly the Red Ensign for Merchant Navy Day September 3rd 2017. As the Parish does not have a flag pole, a Councillor has offered to fly it from a flagpole at his residence.

The clerk to report again the need to cut the overgrowth of tree foliage which is blocking highway signs on both sides of the road from Heppington Lodge to Bridge Road and this is hampering the speedwatch.

Casual Vacancy: It was agreed the clerk re-advertise the vacancy for a Councillor.

8. Confirmed the next meeting will be held on 11th July 2017 7.30pm

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