

**LOWER HARDRES AND NACKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2017**  
 Attending were Cllrs McCully, Grundy, Moore and the Clerk. Apologies received from Cllr Taylor

1. **Declarations of Interest:** There were no declarations

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

The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed as a true and correct record.

**Item 4i Finance:** A card was received from KECN thanking the Parish Council for their donation of £250.00 towards the Judicial Review relating to the traffic and air quality re the South Canterbury Development. The JR will take place on 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> July 2017.

**Item Nackington War Memorial:** The Parish Council has been informed that Nackington War Memorial has been Grade 11 listed. However, it is wrongly assumed that the Memorial is owned by the Parish Council. The Clerk has therefore written to HE advising that this is a factual error.

3. **Financial Matters**

(i) **Defibrillator:** Members confirmed the purchase of a defibrillator for the Parish. The location of the equipment on the village hall to be agreed. The clerk explained that she has not ordered or included the cost of £450.00 for training as John Rivers, KALC Chairman, who is trained in the use of defibrillators has agreed to carry out the local training for which we will only be charged the cost of his travel expenses. Following discussion as to who should be trained in its use, it was agreed that representatives from organisations using the Village Hall, the Farm Shop and the Cricket Club are offered training. The Clerk to also put a notice in the Parish News inviting anyone interested in being trained in the use of a defibrillator.

(ii) Members approved the following payments

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| KALC               | £1870.80 | Purchase of Defibrillator        |
| Mike Harris        | £ 400.00 | Maintenance of Website (2 Years) |
| Mike Harris        | £ 14.38  | Web Domain Name 2017-19          |
| LH & N Parish News | £ 10.00  | Annual Subscription              |
| KALC               | £ 72.00  | Clerk's Training Session         |
| HMRC               | £ 55.00  | Paye – July                      |
| Parish Clerk       | £ 44.05  | Stationery & Expenses            |

(iii) Notification of CCC Capital Grant Applications 2018-2019. Members to give some thought to a project.

(iv) It was approved the clerk attend KALC IT training, the cost shared with Petham PC

(v) The Draft Level of Reserves were approved as at 20<sup>th</sup> June 2017

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| <b>Opening Balance 01.04.17</b>                | <b>10535.02</b> |
| Income Received to Date                        |                 |
| Precept  | 6490.29         |
| Concurrent Functions Funding                   | 1694.13         |
| KALC Fee for Office Equipment                  | 1369.53         |
| Total  | 9553.95         |
| <b>Total Income &amp; Reserves</b>             | <b>20088.97</b> |
| Less expenditure to date                       | 1732.07         |
| <b>Balance</b>                                 | <b>18356.90</b> |
| Bank Balances as at 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2017 |                 |
| Lloyds Account sheet 70                        | 11143.58        |
| National Savings Account                       | 7213.32         |
| <b>Balance</b>                                 | <b>18356.90</b> |

4. **Planning Matters – Items i, ii and iii no objection**

(i) CA/17/01483/MIN Langside, Bridge Road, Lower Hardres  
 Non-material amendment to planning permission CA/15/00949/FUL for single-storey replacement garage to allow change of external material from brickwork to render.

(ii) CA/17/01489 2, Highfield Cottages, Hardres Court Road, Lower Hardres

- (iii) Single-storey rear extension following demolition of conservatory & removal of caravan. 17/01601 The Lodge, 1, Nackington Park, Nackington Road, Lower Hardres  
TPO no 8 1991 –T1 – Yew – repollard approx. 50cm above the old pollard points – reduce back the lower mid branches/side of crown by 1.5 – 2 metres. T2 – Yew – crown reduce the height by approx. 2 metres and the spread to reduce back by approx 3-4 metres. T3 – yew – reduce the height by approx. 3metres and spread by 0.5-1 metre.
- (iv) CA/14/00085/FUL, CA/14/00086/FUL, CA/14/00087/FUL Solar Farm. Nackington  
Following our letter to the Planning Authority querying their previous response, we have at last received the following reply: ‘I can confirm that these application are not live. We understand your concerns and the potential confusion to the public, given the history of these applications the details will be removed from the website’.
- (v) CCC advise that the Canterbury District Local Plan Inspector’s Report is available and can be viewed on <https://www.canterbury.gov.uk/localplannews> or at the Council’s offices, Military Road Canterbury Mon – Fri 8.30am – 5pm. The report concludes that the Local Plan is sound and legally compliant, subject to a number of Main Modifications which have been recommended by the Inspector.

**5. Planning Decisions Granted by CCC**

- (i) CA/17/00873 Woodside, Hardres Court Road, Lower Hardres  
Proposed construction of a two bay car port.
- (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.
- (iii) CA/17/01134/FUL North Court, School Lane, Lower Hardres  
Single-storey extension to rear of property following demolition of conservatory.

**6. CCC Consultation on Community Governance Review**

The clerk attended a CCC meeting at the Guildhall, given by CEO who explained the purpose and timetable of the consultation, which is to look at the future of Parish & Town Councils in the District. Mr Carmichael explained that CCC has lost 40% of its budget and needs to find another £3m savings by 2019. He put the emphasis on the possible creation of new town Councils for Whitstable and Herne Bay, and whilst CCC cannot impose additional services on existing Parish Councils it is able to devolve some services on newly set up Councils’. Regarding the Rural Parishes, he pointed out the possibility of boundary changes and the merging of some. He used Lower Hardres as an example, stating that when the South Canterbury Development is complete part of it will fall into the Nackington section of Lower Hardres, implying that the Parish would need to be split at the southern end of the development and therefore should become part of the Canterbury area – as he followed this by saying ‘what do we do with the rest of Lower Hardres.

To several who attended and by the nature of the questions it seemed obvious that it is the intention of CCC to follow this consultation through to their desired benefit rather than the Parishes’, as the committee of eight has already been formed along with the appointment of its Chairman and consists of only two rural parish members, so it seems that the outcome and future of rural parishes lay with city or town elected members. Mr Carmichael stated that there is an online questionnaire and would like help from parishes to engage peoples’ views. It was agreed to put an article in the Parish News seeking opinions.

**7. Correspondence, Publications and Other Matters of Importance**

Casual Vacancy: The electoral division of CCC state that as long as we are quorate we can carry on with only four members. However as it would be more beneficial to have a full membership, the clerk has arranged for further notices of vacancy to be put on the boards and the website.

**8. The date of the next meeting to be confirmed**

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