

LOWER HARDRES AND NACKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE BAKER WHITE MEMORIAL HALL ON TUESDAY 24TH JULY 2018

In attendance were Cllrs McCully, Miss Grundy, Taylor, Moore, Beaumont, the Parish Clerk and four Members of the Public.

1. **Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies

2. **Co-option of Councillor**

It was proposed and seconded that Adrian Beaumont be co-opted as a Councillor for Lower Hardres and Nackington Parish Council. On being put the motion was carried. Cllr Beaumont then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office witnessed by the Parish Clerk. The Chairman then welcomed Cllr Beaumont to the Council and added that he hoped he would not find it too arduous and that he would enjoy his time as a member.

3. **Declarations of Interest and any update to Disclosable Interests**

Cllr Beaumont handed a newly completed Disclosable Interests Form.

4. **To approve the minutes of the last meeting and matters arising**

The minutes of the meeting held on 26th June were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

Item 3 Defibrillator: Secam has offered to show a member how to use the equipment but were not so clear about training a larger number of people. It was agreed that if Secam do not respond within a week as to whether they are prepared to train several, we invite Cllr Taylor's contact to carry out the training.

Members wish it to be known that the equipment is up and running and as soon as it is used, instructions take you through the process, so anyone untrained can use the device.

Item 4vii Village Green: The Clerk has arranged for a tree surgeon to inspect the Cedar Tree on the Green for safety. He will report any problems he may find to the Clerk.

5. **Finance Matters**

(i) The following invoices were approved for payment.

HMRC	£	54.80	PAYE
Parish Clerk	£	40.40	Expenses & Stationery

(iii) CCC Community Governance Review

Although this matter should now have been resolved by Canterbury City Council as it was due to be finalized by CCC Full Council on 19th July, the Clerk has not received notice of the outcome.

(iv) GDPR – To update and finalize if possible

Due to holidays neither member could meet to discuss. It was agreed to defer to the next meeting.

During the next item the meeting was suspended in order to allow members of the public to speak.

(vi) The Battle's Over – commemoration of the end of World War One

Mr Harrison will provide a small cross for each of those named on the Parish War Memorials. He has also provided two large white crosses with the names of all from the Parish who fell in World War One, these, together with the small crosses, will be placed at each of the appropriate Memorials.

The Warden of Nackington Church stated that she had spoken with the Vicar who feels that this should be a commemoration and not a celebration. The two Parish Churches alternate their Armistice Day Service and this year it will be held at Lower Hardres Church attended by

the congregation from Nackington Church. Following the Wreath laying ceremony it was agreed that all in attendance adjourn to the village hall for light refreshments provided by the Parish Council. Both Churches have been asked to ring the bells at 7.05pm

The Clerk has communicated with the editor of the Parish News with regard to a small article being put in the November issue. David Harrison has kindly agreed to lend the clerk and editor, his papers on the fallen and some photographs.

- (vii) CCC Capital Grants 2019 – To consider projects

The Clerk advised that proposals for projects have to be with the City Council by 1st October. Members to give some thought to this.

- (ix) Members approved the payments sheet and Draft Level of Reserves as follows.

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Draft Level of Reserves 02 nd July 2018		
Opening Balance 01.04.18		9566.33
Income Received to Date		
Precept	6681.65	
Concurrent Functions Funding	1786.90	
Total	8468.55	
Total Income & Reserves		18034.88
Less expenditure to date		1603.37
Balance		16431.51
Bank Balances as at 2 nd July 2018		
Lloyds Account sheet 93		9184.20
National Savings Account		7247.31
Balance		16431.51

6. Planning Matters

- (i) Breach of Planning – To consider response from CCC Planning Enforcement

Members were extremely disappointed that although the Enforcement Officer admits that a breach has taken place, time is being given for the owners to act on removal of some equipment, there also appears to be some apathy on the part of the department.

It was agreed to involve CCC Cllr Rob Thomas in our concerns. The Clerk to write to him and include a copy of a letter from a resident whose concerns are much the same as ours.

- (ii) Bridge Local Plan

The Clerk advised that a Neighbourhood Plan consists mainly of planning and associated issues. Once adopted, the Local Authority have to take it into account when considering the Local Plan and is legally obliged to take note of it when considering planning applications and any changes to the Parish. Having looked through the detailed document, members, on the whole, do not object to the plan. However, it was agreed that we do write to Bridge PC about the loss of the Post Office, a vital service which also serves several of the nearby villages.

7. Planning Decisions of CCC

There were no planning decisions this month

8. Standing Orders – To approve and adopt new edition

As there had been a problem with the printing, it was agreed to defer to the next meeting.

9. Highways & KCC Notification on PROW Vegetation

A communication received from KCC East Kent PROW Manager, Andrew Hutchinson, advised that they have been experiencing some problems with the vegetation clearance in several of the districts including Canterbury, as a result many of the paths have still not been cut. Regrettably they were left with no choice but to terminate the contract. They have immediately appointed a replacement contractor but advise that it is likely to be another four weeks before the first cut is complete. They apologise for this and ask for patience whilst the problem is resolved.

10. Broadband

The Chairman has communicated with the KCC BDUK Manager enquiring whether any progress has been made on the Nackington reception, but as yet there has been no response.
A member informed the meeting that an Openreach van was badly parked at the junction of Bridge Road, when approached the driver was totally disinterested, this has been reported resulting in an improvement in parking.

11. Correspondence, Publications and Other Matters of Importance

It was brought to the Council's attention that a PROW near Cooks Farm is blocked, Cllr Moore will check this out and report it if necessary. He will also check and report a suspected case of fly tipping.

A member suggested that the diversion of a particular footpath to the perimeter of the field would make for an improved walk.

12. Due to the Summer break, it was confirmed the date of the next Parish Council meeting as 11th September 2018. However, should an emergency arise that would require an urgent decision an extraordinary meeting be called.

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