

LOWER HARDRES AND NACKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 15th May 2018

In attendance were the Chairman Cllr McCully, the Parish Clerk and 13 members of the public

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

CHAIRMANS REPORT

Welcome to all. Do not rush away at the end of this meeting because we have some light refreshments which we would like your opinion on!

Our thanks to such local organisations which give some backbone to the village such as the Village News Committee and distributors, the Parish Hall Committee and Neighbourhood & Speed Watch teams. We are also grateful for the support from City/County Councillors.

We now have a new Defibrillator in place at the Village Hall and we will shortly be calling for the volunteers who have expressed themselves ready to have some training on how to operate the device. We need to get it operational as soon as possible.

We also would like to hear from people how they would like to celebrate/mark the end of WW 1. This is due to be a nationwide event on 11 November. Do we want to focus on a Beacon or on our two War Memorials? I will ask Claire Taylor to put the links to the website (The Battle's Over Guide) in the next Village News to people can

I would like to praise the Farm shop for their recent award

PLANNING

32 plans were considered this year by your Council. Probably the most yet. Your Council is also keeping a close eye on the work going on at the Salvage Yard close to the bypass.

PRECEPT

Your Council set a precept for 2018-19 of £6407.00 which remains the same as last year. But we fear it may have to be increased next year when the implications of the new GDPR begins to be realised

We continue to provide a grant of £1000.00 to be shared equally between our two Churches – this funding can only be used towards the cost of the upkeep to the Burial Grounds.

SPEEDWATCH

The project continues to be successful. We are very grateful for the time that Jo McKeever and her team put into what at times can be a very hazardous operation. We congratulate Jo and Betty for their awards received for long service with the Speed Watch team. Following this report thanks were conveyed to Mrs McKeever and her team for all they do on behalf of the Parish.

BROADBAND.

The situation has improved in certain areas of the Parish but there remains much to be done and we continue to remind KCC that the situation is by no means satisfactory.

MEMBERS

My personal thanks to my fellow Parish Councillors for their patience and support and for their interest in the parish which makes it a very pleasant place to live and for maintaining their sense of humour when dealing with the increasing deluge of instructions and paperwork which sometimes seems about to drown us! We still have a vacancy for a Parish Councillor, please contact us if any of you are interested.

Finally, I would like to mention of our valiant Parish Clerk Sue Shaw. Without her patience, knowledge and sense of humour, we as a Parish Council would be in dire straits. Sue has suffered some serious domestic and health problems recently but has managed to keep the councillors abreast of the many regulatory changes which we seem to be deluged with these days. That she is with us today is a miracle in itself. Thank you Sue.

It was announced that for the time being our Parish Council meetings will commence at 5pm.

OTHER REPORTS AND MATTERS RAISED BY THE ELECTORATE

Reports were received from the following organisations

Fresh Start Calligraphy Group	Neighbourhood Report
Community Speedwatch Report	Lorrywatch Report
Gardening Society	CCC Cllr Rosemary Doyle
CCC Cllr Robert Thomas	KCC Cllr Michael Northey

Questions raised were as follows:

- A more frequent Bus Service with smaller vehicles as in Ashford
- A much needed pavement in order that residents can walk into Canterbury
- Housing – particularly affordable houses and houses in multiple occupation
- Air Pollution
- Broadband

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.25pm and invited all to take refreshments.

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