

# LOWER HARDRES AND NACKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2023

In attendance were Cllrs Miss Jane Grundy, Mike Taylor, Adrien Beaumont, Mrs Jo Fox and the Parish Clerk.

### 1. Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence

### 2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest on the agenda.

The Clerk advised that she has received notes from the CCC training session on the Code of Conduct – which included the difference between Declarations of Interest and Other Significant Interests. She will pass these on to members and asked that they all read the information.

### 3. To Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2023 and Matters Arising.

The minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2023 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

**Item 7 Highways (HIP):** Having been advised that the height of the 30mph sign on entering Bridge Road cannot be reduced as all the signs are of a standard height. A member has since measured the sign in question and although it is placed on a bank it is still a fair bit higher than the standard size. He has since written to Highways advising them.

### 4. Finance Matters

(i) To give consideration to a request from the Parochial Church Council for a grant towards the upkeep of the Burial Ground.

Having viewed privately the PCC accounts, members could not identify where our last year's grant was spent whereas the previous year's accounts clearly showed a heading of Upkeep of Burial Grounds. The Clerk to make enquiries prior to the decision of a grant and to also contact other Parishes to enquire whether they donate towards their Burial Ground upkeep.

During discussions, a member suggested an alternative method of keeping the grass and weeds down that would not cost any money. This was noted by members

(ii) The following payments were approved.

HMRC	£	93.40	PAYE (July 2023)
Parish Clerk	£	29.87	Expenses & Stationery

(iii) Members noted the Draft Level of Reserves and Payment Sheet as at 11<sup>th</sup> July 2023

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Draft Level of Reserves as at 11 <sup>th</sup> July 2023		
Opening Balance 01.04.23		13701.48
Income Received to Date		
Precept	11922.00	
Concurrent Functions Funding		
Total Income	11922.00	
Total Income & Reserves		25623.48
Less expenditure to date		4073.65
Total		21549.83
Bank Balances as at 11 <sup>th</sup> July 2023		
Lloyds Bank Account Sheet 113		14130.94
National Savings Account		7418.89
Balance		21549.83

(iv) Cricket Club repayment of loan.

This item is deferred to the next meeting.

(v) To give consideration to expanding the website.

Following discussion and agreement that we need to improve our website to include links and other information, it was agreed that following the summer holidays this item is discussed in more detail. In the meantime Cllr Taylor to update our current website.

## 5. **Planning Matters**

There were no new applications

## 6. **Planning Decisions of Canterbury City Council**

(i) CA/23/00889 Little Chart House, Hardres Court Road, Lower Hardres  
Single-storey rear extension. Granted by CCC

(ii) CA/23/01085 The Old School House, School Lane, Lower Hardres  
Roof extension to garage with front dormers and window and external  
staircase to side elevation and external material changes. Granted by CCC

(iii) CA/23/00969 Long Orchard, Hardres Court Road, Lower Hardres  
Two-storey rear extension with first floor extension and fibre cement cladding to all of  
first floor. Granted by CCC

## 7. **Highway Issues and PROW**

- Any update on highway issues and HIP  
Cllr Taylor advised that the monitoring wires have been removed from the B2068. He believes that they were measuring the volume of traffic and not the speed.
- A member pointed out that the wording on the B2068 red road surface strips needs renewing – the Clerk to report this to Highways and to request that similar strips are placed either side of the Bridge Road Junction
- A member reported that there had been an incident recently in the vineyard when a walker who was not on the PROW came too close to the front of a rapidly moving spraying equipment tractor. Fortunately no one was injured.

## 8. **Correspondence, Publications and other matters of an urgent nature**

To consider any candidates for the Parish Council vacancy

Nothing to report.

## 9. **To Confirm Date of the Next Meeting**

As the meeting scheduled for 6<sup>th</sup> September will not be quorate, it was agreed that the next meeting will be held on 27<sup>th</sup> September, this will also incorporate the meeting due at the beginning of October.

*The meeting closed at 6.15pm*

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