

LOUND PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Lound Village Hall on Monday 2nd December 2019 at 7.30 pm.

(Subject to amendment until signed by the Chairman at the next meeting)

Present: Miles Thomas (Chair), Judith Hobbs (Vice Chair), Peter Larcombe, Gayle Welsh, Paul Strowlger, Jenny Ozinel, James Reeder (County Councillor), Paul Ashdown (District Councillor), Jill Brown — clerk

There was one member of the public present.

The Chair welcomed those present and introduced the meeting by advising those present of the location of the Fire Exits.

Welcome & Apologies

Apologies from Keith Robinson (County Councillor).

2. Declaration of Interest - Declaration of any pecuniary or other interest with regards to items on the agenda. Miles Thomas declared an interest in the review of rental income for the garages.

3. Minutes of The Last Meeting and Matters Arising –

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7th October 2019 were proposed and seconded.

4. Public Forum – There were no items for discussion.



5. Councillor Vacancy – There are two possible candidates for the councillor vacancy, one of whom is definitely still interested. Paul S will contact the second person before the next meeting to find out if he is also still interested.

6. Updates –

• **Police Connect/newsletter updates** – This is available online at: <https://www.suffolk.police.uk/your-area/snt-newsletters> There have been no new newsletters for the Lowestoft area since April 2019.

• **Lound Website** – This has been updated with the latest information and Jill will continue with this. There is a payment of £60 to be authorised for website hosting.

• **Neighbourhood Planning Update** – The neighbourhood planning committee has met to discuss four pages of feedback received from East Suffolk County Council. The document is now in shape and will be discussed as a final draft at a meeting on 3rd December 2019. There will be open sessions held at Somerleyton, and Lound Village Halls when the process, and the document itself, will be shared with the public before it goes for the upcoming referendum. There will be a presentation at Somerleyton on Friday. Miles thanked Paul for all his hard work relating to the neighbourhood plan. There is an amount of £220 still to be paid to Graham Norse for his work on the plan.

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• **Bus Service Update** – The bus service came to an end on 31st October as it was no longer financially viable. Public meetings have been held to discuss other possible options. The rugby club have kindly offered the use of their bus for two days per week, which will possibly be Tuesdays and Fridays. Two potential drivers have volunteered their time to provide this service. The Locality Budget may be able to fund insurance and other costs. It will initially run as a pilot through to March 2020 and will hopefully be at no cost to service users. There will be a meeting at Lound Village Hall on Tuesday 10th December at 2pm to discuss possible routes and times.

• **Community Fund Report** – There will be a meeting for Lowestoft and the Northern Parishes on 29/1/2012 to discuss which projects will be considered for funding. The bus service may be considered for this.

• **Possible Projects to put forward for the Community Fund Report** – The surface of Blacksmiths Loke has deteriorated and is in need of repair. Judith has obtained a quote. Gate Posts leading into the village.

Footpath from church to Blacksmiths Loke needs some repair.

The rails leading into the Heath need some repair.

• **Insurance** – Miles will update the policy to provide cover for all assets.

7. Reports from District and County Councillors –

Council Tax will be increased by 4% this year which includes a 2% increase for social care costs. The decision has been made that local rural roads with a speed limit of 60mph will be reduced to 40mph. Parish Councils have been in favour of this change.

The Civil Parking Enforcement which will allow the Local Authority to administer parking tickets will be rolled out on 31st January.

8. Correspondence

There were four items of correspondence:

- An email from Anglian Energy Planning Alliance, regarding the energy projects proposed for Suffolk. Lound Parish Council have been invited to add their signature to a letter requesting an urgent review of these proposals. Councillors will let Miles know their vote on this by 7th December.
- An email from East Suffolk Council regarding a scheme to cut grass less often in cemeteries to help wildlife. This already happens in Lound.
- A brochure of village gateways. This will be kept for future reference.
- A letter from East Suffolk Council requesting the precept figures for 2020-21.

9. Accounts

a). Review of Income and Expenditure and balances to end of November 2019 –

The income, expenditure and bank balances to the end of November 2019 were reviewed and accepted.

Payments to authorise:

Clerks salary to end of October	£111.57 paid by cheque
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Clerks salary to end of December	£111.57 to be paid
Clerks salary to end of January	£111.57 to be paid
Ladywell Accountancy Services	£ 75.00 to be paid (invoice received)
HMRC	£ 76.20 to be paid by 10/01/20

Signed

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b). **Review of Budget for 2020/21** – Judith presented the proposed budget that she had drawn up. This was agreed.

Rent review for garages and allotments – Councillors will find out what other parishes are charging.

Review of Precept – It was agreed that the precept should remain the same.

12. Scheduled meetings for 2020 – Providing the Hall is available, the meetings for 2020 will be held on 13th January, 2nd March, 4th May, 6th July, 7th September, and 7th November. AGM will be held in May alongside the regular meeting.

13. Councillors Forum – Review of garages and allotments.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

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