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# LOUND PARISH COUNCIL

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 20 April 2026. The meeting took place at 7pm at the Village Hall. **(Subject to amendment until signed by the Chairman at the next meeting)**

**Present:** Miles Thomas (Chair), , Gayle Welsh, Jenny Ozinel, Connor Moore, Paul Strowlger, Jill Brown (clerk). Paul Ashdown (District Councillor). One member of the public was present.

- 1. Welcome and Apologies** – No apologies received.
- 2. Declaration of interest and requests for dispensation** – None were declared.
- 3. Planning Application Number DC/25/2853/FUL** – The reconsultation was discussed and a response formulated (see Appendix A below). Clerk will draft a response which includes all comments made and circulate to councillors before submitting to ESC planning department.
- 4. Any Payments to be Authorised** –  
ICO £52.00 authorised, - proposed by Gayle, seconded by Jenny.  
SALC membership £216.61 authorised, - proposed by Paul, seconded by Connor.  
The meeting closed at 8.10pm

Signed      Chairman, ..... Clerk, ..... Date.....

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Appendix A

DC/25/2853/FUL

In response to the reconsultation letter from ESC dated 7 April 2026, Lound Parish Council held a meeting on 20 April 2026 and makes the following comments:

Lound Parish Council stand by its comments made in its submitted response and objects to the Planning Application for the reasons stated therein.

The Parish Council is pleased to note that Lound has now been recognised as the appropriate Parish for consultation since approximately 85% of the proposed site falls within the Lound Parish boundaries.

Lound PC is aware that there are Government guidelines in place regarding compensation to local communities for schemes of this kind. The amounts of awards given in other areas are available online, and the amounts awarded are substantial. In order that Lound parish is not disadvantaged Lound PC strongly asserts that community compensation is a matter for discussion and agreement before any Planning Application is approved.

Lound PC also wishes to emphasis its disappointment at the lack of communication and transparency during this process.

Additionally Lound PC have concerns regarding the lack of information regarding the practicalities of connecting the proposed solar farm to the national grid. The energy export route determination is at feasibility stage only and moreover, planning approval for this critical infrastructure lay with a different authority (i.e. Norfolk). The total solar farm project proposal appears to have no cohesive approach to planning.

Signed      Chairman, ..... Clerk, ..... Date.....