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LOUND PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 2nd September 2024. 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), Paul Strowlger (Vice Chair), Gayle Welsh, Jenny Ozinel, Connor Moore, Jill Day, Carly Jones, Jill Brown (clerk). Also present were Paul Ashdown (District Councillor), and Keith Robinson (County Councillor).

- 1. Welcome and Apologies** – Apologies received from Ed Back (County Councillor). No vote needed as not Parish Councillor.
- 2. Declaration of interest and requests for dispensation** – Carly stated that she could be considered to have an interest in any discussion on quotes relating to car park project due to family connection with a supplier.
- 3. Minutes of the Previous Parish Council Meetings** - To confirm the minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meetings held on Monday 1 July 2024, and Friday 19 July 2024. In two places Paul S had been wrongly named as Paul A. Otherwise both sets of minutes were agreed. Proposed by Gayle. Seconded by Jenny.
- 4. Updates**
 - Speed Indicator Device** – Jill D has the downloaded statistics and figures. (Appendix One). This information will be passed to the police for analysis and possible implementation of speed cameras. Thanks were expressed to Jill D and Stuart for their work on this.
 - Mardle - duck signs and flower tubs** – The MOP who have offered to work on the Mardle have spent £76.92 on 3 pots and some plants. This will be reimbursed – receipts needed. They have some spare ones that they will also put in to use. The children Crossing sign is in situ but it was agreed it is a bit small. Keith R said he will look into proving a bigger sign.
 - Warm Welcome Rooms** – There is £152 left in funding which will be deducted from the next funding allocation of £800. Miles has completed an evaluation of numbers using this service for the funders.
 - Grants update** – The closing date for the small grants scheme from the Community Partnership is on Thursday. This can only be for new projects. A discussion took place around an exercise class being run in conjunction with Somerleyton. The Bact Bus could be used to transport Somerleyton participants to Lound. Paul A will provide information about an organisation that could run the classes. Miles asked if a bid could be put in late. Paul A will enquire and let Miles know. There is £100.47 left in the Lound Exchange fund. There is £14.43 left in the archive fund. It was agreed that this could be spent on folders.
 - Social media and Website** – Still in progress.
 - Village Hall energy bid** – The bid went in on 1st August. Outcome awaited.

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Car park and Conservation Area – The bid will be made by the VH committee, and any grant received will be paid through the VH accounts.

5. Reports from District and County Councillors

Paul Ashdown – From 1st September 2024 the Buzz bus has been accepting free bus passes. The funding for the Buzz bus is in place until 2026. The rugby bus is still running. It is still hoped that the disused beach huts will be available for use by Parishes. Paul A will chase this up. There is a possibility that the days of collection of bins will change due to the introduction of further recycling bins. These will be for glass, and food.

Keith Robinson – The new bridge will open to the public on Saturday at 11 am and to traffic at 12pm. There will be roadworks on the A47 near Sparrows nest for 12 weeks.

6. Allotment Query – It was decided unanimously that the request to replace a shed on allotment 3 would be approved, providing the replacement shed was of the same dimensions and made of similar materials. Proposed by Gayle, seconded by Jill D.

7. Review of Fishing permit Scheme – A petition requesting the cessation of the fishing permit scheme has been presented to the PC by a Lound resident. The petition contains over 30 signatures, the majority being from Lound residents. Following discussion, it was decided unanimously that further information was needed. There is only one permit holder and they will be approached for their viewpoint and comments. A leaflet will be distributed to all residents to provide the opportunity for any further input from interested parties. A representative from Lound Lakes will be contacted for any ecological input/advice. The matter will be on the agenda for the next meeting and no further permits will be issued before then. The resident who provided the petition will be informed of this outcome. Proposed by Paul S, seconded by Carly.

8. Adoption of new NALC Financial Regulation – It was agreed that a subcommittee of Miles, and Paul S will meet to work on this. Jill B will also attend. The result will be presented at the next full PC meeting.

9. Lound Trust – It was voted unanimously that Paul S and Miles would remain on the Lound Trust committee for a further 5 years. Paul S acts as clerk and there are 3 co-opted members. There is a vacancy for one further member. The trust committee meet once per year.

10. Correspondence – There was no correspondence that had not previously been discussed.

11. Accounts a: Review of income and expenditure and balances to end August 2024. Review of bank reconciliation to end of August 2024. Review of actual and forecast income to end August 2024. These were reviewed and agreed. Proposed by Paul S, seconded by Jill D. Jill B will send a breakdown of the VAT repayment to Paul S for his records.

b: Payments to Authorise:

Clerk's salary to end of September 2024 and end of October 2024. Proposed by Paul S, seconded by Jill D.

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Zurich Insurance Renewal - £511.39 (email Circulated). Proposed by Gayle, seconded by Jill D.

Lound Exchange £100.47 remaining grant to be spent on necessary items.

Archive Project £14.43 to be spent on folders. Both proposed by Gayle and seconded by Connor.

12. Dates of Future Meetings 2024: 4th November 2024, 6th January 2025, 3rd March 2025.

13. Councillors Forum – No further items for discussion at next meeting were raised, other than already discussed.

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