

LOUND PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 3rd March 2025. 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), Jenny Ozinel, Connor Moore, Jill Brown (clerk). Also present was Paul Ashdown.

- 1. Welcome and Apologies** – Apologies received from Jill Day, Carly Jones, and Gayle Welsh. Apologies accepted by all members. Proposed by Paul S, and seconded by Jenny. Apologies also received from Keith Robinson.
- 2. Declaration of interest and requests for dispensation** – None were declared.
- 3. Minutes of the Previous Parish Council Meetings** – The minutes of the meeting on Monday 6th January were agreed as a true record. Proposed by Jenny, seconded by Paul S.
- 4. Public Forum** – No members of the public present.
- 5. Updates**

Speed Indicator – Miles presented the data to the council. (Appendix One) He has also sent the data to Police Officer, Michelle Deal, but had no response as yet. At the end of March, the Speed Indicator will be moved back to The Mardle to coincide with the duck breeding season.

Warm Welcome Rooms – This remains popular and there has been an average of about 15 attendees each week. There have been visitors from other agencies who have provided information around a variety of topics. Paul A has pledged to donate £1000 funding to keep the project running for another year. A request form must be submitted after the end of March.

Grants update – The ‘Fit, Flex, Fun’ group is underway with 14-15 people attending each week. After the initial 8 weeks the cost for each session will rise from £1 to £3 per person and will be subsidised by a grant held by the Village Hall Committee.

Village Hall Energy Bid – The Village Hall Committee are in the process of compiling a bid to the Lottery ‘awards for all’ scheme.

Paul Ashdown said that for specific, major, projects, applications can be made to the District CIL. The information is on the East Suffolk website.

Miles said that the monthly community events are going well. The latest one was the daytime disco.

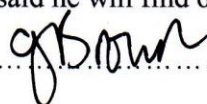
Maintenance Tasks – The Heath is currently in good condition. There is some maintenance to be carried out on the sycamore trees and ivy growth. This is in hand. The Mardle is basically in good condition, apart from the rail which needs painting. The notice boards need some attention. Miles said he will find out which

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oil needs to be used. The Litter pick will be on 29th March. Leaflets are going out. The donated beach hut will be erected after completion of the Car Park project.

6. **Reports from District and County Councillors** – Paul Ashdown said that ESC will be raising Council Tax by 2.99% from 1st April. New waste bins for food are on order. The method of recycling will change, and there will be a 3-weekly collection of the black bins.
7. **Correspondence** – There was no correspondence not already dealt with or circulated
8. **Engagement of Internal Auditor for 2024/25 fiscal year.** Council approved SALC as Internal Auditors for the 2024/25 Internal Audit. Proposed by Paul S, seconded by Connor.
9. **Appoint RFO (Responsible Financial Officer)** – Jill Brown (clerk) was appointed as RFO. Proposed by Miles, seconded by Paul S.
10. **Internal Control Document** – Paul S updated the PC on the progress of the Internal Control document. Checks are currently in progress and the document will be completed and signed before the next PC meeting.
11. **Reserves Policy** – The draft Reserves Policy was reviewed and it was agreed that it would be adopted by the PC. It was agreed that earmarked reserves for future use would be considered in the next budget discussion. Proposed by Paul S, seconded by Connor.
12. **a: Accounts:** Review of income and expenditure and balances to end of December 2024. Review of bank reconciliation to end of December 2024. Review of actual and forecast income to end December 2024. All reviewed and agreed, including the previous query which is now resolved. Proposed by Paul S, seconded by Jenny. Bank reconciliation checked against bank statements and signed by Paul S.

Review of income and expenditure and balances to end February 2025. Review of bank reconciliation to end of February 2025. Review of actual and forecast income to end February 2025. All reviewed and agreed. Proposed by Paul S, seconded by Jenny. Bank reconciliation checked against bank statements and signed by Paul S.
b: Payments to Authorise:
Clerk's salary to end of March 2025 and end of April 2025 – agreed, proposed by Connor, seconded by Jenny.
Village Hall Rental for PC use £80 – agreed, proposed by Paul S, seconded by Connor.
Village Hall Rental for Warm Room Project – £420 – agreed, proposed by Jenny, seconded by Connor.
Reimbursement to Wendy for cakes - £21.72 (including 50p underpayment from previous reimbursement) – proposed by Connor, seconded by Jenny
13. **Dates of Future Meetings 2025** – 12th May (Annual Parish Council and Annual Parish Meeting), 7th July, 1st September, 3rd November.
14. **Councillors Forum** – No items requested.

The meeting closed at 8.23pm

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	15/05/24 - 27/08/24 Mardle	19/08/24 - 27/08/24 Mardle	27/08/24 - 30/08/24 C Lane	01/09/24 - 31/10/24 C Lane
			ENTERING VILLAGE	ENTERING VILLAGE
TOTAL VEHICLES	123,995	11,560	1,363	24,490
AVERAGE DAY	1,246	1,300	340	404
TOTAL SPEEDERS	24,494	2374	819	13012
% SPEEDERS	19.75%	20.54%	60%	53%
5mph	19,800	1,860	387	6338
0mph	3,969	456	273	3984
5mph	619	50	100	1780
0mph	79	6	46	637
5mph	22	2	12	214
0mph	5	0	1	40
5mph				11
0mph				5
0mph				3

	01/11/24 - 30/11/24 C Lane	01/12/24 - 31/12/24 C Lane	01/01/25 - 31/01/25 C Lane	01/02/25 - 28/02/25 C Lane
	ENTERING VILLAGE	ENTERING VILLAGE	ENTERING VILLAGE	EXITING VILLAGE
TOTAL VEHICLES	10,734	12,402	10,318	7,956
AVERAGE DAY	403	400	356	283
TOTAL SPEEDERS	5586	6471	5315	4252
% SPEEDERS	52%	52%	52%	53%
5mph	2769	3332	2715	2253
0mph	1663	1971	1606	1255
5mph	747	813	673	526
0mph	298	276	246	175
5mph	87	55	63	31
0mph	18	21	8	10
5mph	1	3	2	2
0mph	1		2	
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