

LOUND PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held by Zoom on Monday 4th January 2021 at 7.30 pm.
(Subject to amendment until signed by the Chairman at the next meeting)

Present: Miles Thomas (Chair), Judith Hobbs (Vice Chair), Paul Strowlger, Jenny Ozinel, Connor Moore, Jill Brown — clerk.

James Reed, Keith Robinson, (County Councillors). Paul Ashdown (District Councillor) attended part way through.

Welcome & Apologies - Apologies received from Peter Larcombe, and Gayle Welsh.

1. 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 the rental of the garages.

2. Minutes of The Last Meeting and Matters Arising – The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 7th September 2020 were agreed.

3. Public Forum – No members of the public joined the meeting.

4. Updates –

- **Neighbourhood Planning Update** – Leaflets were delivered to residents at the end of November with full details being available on the website. The Reg 14 consultation period has now ended. There was due to be an open consultation on 16th January but due to lockdown restriction will take place via open Zoom sessions. The consultation period ends at the end of February. The Plan will then be handed over to ESC to be finalised. All present volunteered to help delivering leaflets when need be.
- **Village Path Bid Update** – It has not been possible to obtain quotes for this work as yet, but James has offered to help. The application needs to be submitted by the end of January and once the money is allocated it should be used within 6-8 weeks.
- **Well-being update** – The deadline for this application is 15th January and various options were discussed. It is hoped there can be a notice board and leaflets which provide information about Lound.
- **Bus Provision** – Unfortunately due to the Covid restrictions this service has been temporarily suspended until further notice.
- **Parking on The Street** – No updates about this at the moment. James is putting this forward for advice.
- **Village Sign Repair** – The village sign is back in place and the footings just need to set

5. Correspondence –

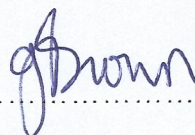
- A complaint had been received regarding the overhanging hedges on the junction of Church Lane and The Street. This has now been dealt with.
- There have been more reports of flooding in Back Lane. The clearance work is still outstanding.

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- Informal plans have been submitted to the PC for a row of cottages on The Street and a community orchard to run along the back of The Street.
As these proposals do not align with the neighbourhood plan, Miles will contact Lord Somerleyton to suggest that an open meeting is held to gauge public opinion once the Covid restrictions allow.
- Correspondence has been received regarding signs for the footpath between Jay lane and Blundeston, which has been used incorrectly by horse riders and motorcyclists. Paul will contact the landowner with information about where the signs can be sourced at a reasonable price. The matter has been reported to Highways Suffolk and acknowledged

6. Reports from District and County Councillors – James said that the ‘Home Alone’ number is still in operation for use for those who should need it. Paul A said that there is funding available to help with social isolation and the panel will sit on 4th February to allocate funding.

7. Allotment Agreement and Guidance Letter –

Some minor adjustments have been made to the agreement that was reviewed at the last meeting. These will be issued in the near future.

8. Review of Internal Audit Procedures and appointment of Internal Auditors – The Internal Audit Procedures were reviewed and it was agreed that the Internal Audit Services of SALC would be requested again this year.

9. Review of budget requirements for 2021/22 –

The budget for 20/21 is running at a deficit due to extra expenses. A further online meeting was scheduled for 18th January to agree the budget.

10. Review of Precept 2021/22 – A further online meeting was scheduled for 18th January to agree the precept.

11. Internal Control Documents – This will be discussed at the meeting on 18th January.

12. Policy Reviews – This will take place at the meeting on 18th January.

13. Planning application DC/20/5049/FUL: A reply will be drafted as per appendix one.

14. Accounts

a: Review of Income and Expenditure and Bank Reconciliations to end of December 2020 –

The income, expenditure and bank reconciliations to the end of December 2020 were reviewed and accepted. Adjustments were needed to the ‘actual and forecast’ figures.

b: The following payments were authorised:

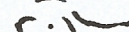
Clerks salary to end of January 2021	£152.39
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SLCC VAT webinar –	£ 36.00 paid
Repair of village sign – amount to be advised	

15. Future meetings for 2021 – 18th January, 1st March 2021, 10th May 2021 (also AGM), 5th July 2021, 6th September 2021, 1st November 2021.

16. Councillors Forum – Planting of trees on The Heath, Earth Lane. Date for ditch clearance to be agreed.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

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Appendix One

Planning Application DC/20/5049/FUL

At a full Parish Council meeting on 4th January 2021 the above planning application was discussed. It is the view of the Parish Council the planning application should be refused for the following reasons:

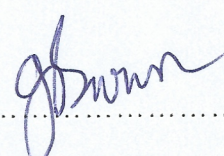
1. The entrance/exit does not have good visibility for entering/exiting The Street. As there is a speed limit of 30 mph this would be considered unsafe. There has been at least one known accident there in the past.
2. The proximity of the proposed plan to the garden of 45 The Street would be considered intrusive by the owner/resident who was not consulted by the Planning Department regarding this application, but who did contact the Parish Council to register her concerns. It is thought the map did not display the correct boundary marking.
3. It was not thought by the Parish Council that holiday lets are beneficial to the community of Lound, bringing little to the village other than an increase in traffic.

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