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# LOUND PARISH COUNCIL

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

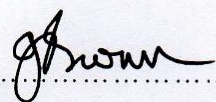
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 5 January 2026. The meeting took place at 7pm at the Village Hall. **(Subject to amendment until signed by the Chairman at the next meeting)**

**Present:** Miles Thomas (Chair), Paul Strowlger (Vice Chair), Gayle Welsh, Jenny Ozinel, Carly Jones-Perks, Jill Brown (clerk). Paul Ashdown (District Councillor) joined via zoom.

1. **Welcome and Apologies** – Apologies were received from Connor Moore, These were accepted. Proposed by Paul S, seconded by Carly.
2. **Declaration of interest and requests for dispensation** – There were none declared.
3. **Minutes of the Previous Parish Council Meetings** - The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025 were agreed apart from wording to the proposed precept which should have read ‘an increase to £32.43’ instead of ‘an increase of £32.43’. Proposed by Paul S, seconded by Jenny.
4. **Public Forum** – There were no members of the public present.
5. **Updates**
  - Speed Indicator – the results have been similar to previously. Miles will continue sending the results to the local police to be forwarded to the speeding department.
  - Warm Welcome Rooms – Funds have been obtained to keep this scheme going. There have been 12-14 participants each week.
  - Grants update – The Village Hall committee have applied for funding for carpeting in the upstairs room.
  - Notice Boards - Paul is obtaining quotes from 3 companies and will report back at the next meeting.
  - Gov.uk email addresses – these are in use for some councillors, others still to set up.
  - Dog Waste Bin – This will be put on the next agenda. Paul Ashdown said there is funding available if needed.
  - Step on Heath – This work has been completed to a good standard. If possible the lower set of steps will be replaced later this year.
  - Fit, Flex, Fun – The instructor has moved on. The group has been continuing as individuals and a new instructor is being sought. Miles will make contact to put an advert on Social Media.
  - Village Hall Update – There are to be renovations to the upstairs room so that this can be used separately.

Signed

Chairman, 

Clerk, 

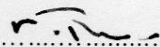
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6. **Reports from District and County Councillors** – Paul Ashdown reported that the new bin collection scheme will be implemented during the course of the year.
7. **Rugby Club Bus Service** – After discussion it was agreed that Lound Parish Council will contribute £300 towards the cost of the new bus, and it may be possible to contribute more in future. Proposed by Paul S, seconded by Gayle.
8. **Solar Farm** – There will be a consultation on 29<sup>th</sup> January at Somerleyton Village Hall from 4-7pm. Leaflets will be delivered to all residents. Lound PC have formulated a supplementary leaflet informing residents that an open afternoon session will be held at Lound VH a few days after the Somerleyton event. All agreed.
9. **Casual Vacancy** – If no election is called for the list of Parish Councillors on the Notice Boards and the website will be updated to reflect the vacancy. All agreed.
10. **Correspondence** – No correspondence that has not already been distributed or discussed.
11. **Budget for 2026/27 and Precept request for 2026/27** – The budget was agreed as presented (Appendix A). The precept for 2026/27 was agreed at £4443.00. This translates to a charge of £32.43 p.a. for a Band D property, (Appendix A). Proposed by Paul S, seconded by Jenny. It was agreed that allotment and garage rents should be reviewed yearly. This will be put on the agenda for the March meeting.
12. **Accounts a:** Review of income and expenditure and balances to end December 2025 - agreed. Review of bank reconciliation to end of December 2025 – agreed, (signed by Paul S). Review of actual and forecast income to end December 2025 - agreed. Proposed by Paul, seconded by Carly.  
**b: Payments to Authorise:**  
Warm Rooms receipts £30.10 (reimbursement to Miles) - agreed.  
Village Hall £245 (warm rooms budget) – agreed.  
Clerk’s payment to end of January and end February – agreed.  
Proposed by Gayle, seconded by Jenny.
13. **Dates of Future Meetings** - 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026.
14. **Councillors Forum** – Dog waste bin, Notice boards, Review of Allotments and Garages.
15. **Private** – Jill Brown (clerk) left the meeting. Pay rise as per Local Government pay scales agreed for 2025/26. This will be backdated to April. Proposed by Gayle, seconded by Carly.

Signed

Chairman, .....



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Appendix A

Lound Parish Council

**Proposed Budget 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2027**

**Income:**

Garage Rents	858.00
Allotment Rents	120.00
Bank Interest	40.00
Total Planned Income	<b><u>£1018.00</u></b>

**Expenditure:**

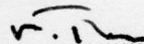
Employment Costs	3066.00
Insurance	600.00
Hall Hire	90.00
Website Hosting	90.00
SLCC subscription	90.00
SALC subscription	225.00
Internal Audit	225.00
ICO (GDPR) registration	45.00
Printing	150.00
Contingency and Other	750.00
Email addresses	130.00
Total Planned Expenditure	<b><u>£5461.00</u></b>

**Precept Requirement** **£4443.00**

Precept for 2026/27 was agreed at £4443.00 – this results in an increase to £32.43 for a band D property.

Signed

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