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LOUND PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 7 July 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), Gayle Welsh, Jenny Ozinel, Connor Moore, Jill Day, Jill Brown (clerk). Also present were Keith Robinson (County Councillor), Paul Ashdown (District Councillor) There were no members of the public present.

1. **Welcome and Apologies** – Apologies were received from Carly. These were accepted. Proposed Jill D, seconded Jenny. No objections.
2. **Declaration of interest and requests for dispensation** – There were none declared.
3. **Minutes of the Previous Parish Council Meetings** - The minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 12th May 2025 and the extraordinary meeting held on 21st May 2025 were agreed. Proposed by Gayle and seconded by Paul S. No objections.
4. **Public Forum** – No members of the public present.
5. **Updates**
 - Speed Indicator – Jill D presented the recent findings of the speed indicator. It seems to have improved the situation near the Mardle and less ducks have been injured/killed this year. It will be moved to Church Lane within the next couple of weeks.
 - Warm Welcome Rooms – There is £88.93 left in the grant. An application will be made for £720 for the upcoming season. If this bid is unsuccessful, Paul A said the County budget can cover up to £1000.
 - Grants update – The VH committee has two bids in place – Conservation area and PA equipment for the Village Hall. The Fit Club continues to be popular, and there will be another music event on 16th August. Another bid will be made for new windows for V.H.
 - Village Hall Energy Bid – Solar panels were installed last week on the VH, which means the Hall can now be used more freely due to less concerns about energy costs.
 - Notice Boards - Paul S has contacted ‘Men’s Sheds’ and they are unable to commit at present. He has obtained a quote from a company for £1200 each. Paul A suggested a charity who may be able to help. Paul S will contact them.
 - Heath (damaged step) – Miles will contact Public Rights of Way as this is part of a public footpath.

Signed

Chairman,

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- Additional dog waste bin – If the PC purchase an extra bin for Back Lane this will be emptied by ESC. Jill D will investigate.
- 6. Reports from District and County Councillors – Paul A** said that the Community partnership Team won the award for Customer Service Team of the year. There will be a relocation of the boxes in the ‘box-up’ scheme to encourage better utilisation. District CIL money is available to part-fund various projects. Info is on ESC website. **Keith** reported on the devolution process which will result in huge savings and hopefully result in a more efficient system.
- 7. Correspondence** – None that had not already been circulated/dealt with.
- 8. Email addresses** – Miles gave information about obtaining gov.uk email addresses from Info Suffolk Cloud at a cost of £130. This was agreed. Proposed by Gayle, seconded by Jenny. There were no objections.
- 9. Allotments** – Miles presented photographs of the allotments as they are at present. No action needed at present. Jill B (clerk) said that all payments and signed agreements have been received for 2025-26.
- 10. Payroll arrangements** – Jill B (clerk) received an email from SALC regarding costs and procedures of their payroll service. This will be brought forward to next meeting.
- 11. Clerk’s Laptop** – Due to discontinuation of Windows 10 and unsuitability of current laptop for Windows 11, a new laptop will be necessary. Keith R said that they could fund up to £500 towards this expense with the Parish Council funding up to £300. Proposed by Paul S and seconded by Connor. Jill B will look into sourcing this. Dell was suggested by Paul A and Keith R as a reliable make.
- 12. Accounts a:** Review of income and expenditure and balances to end June 2025. Review of bank reconciliation to end of June 2025. Review of actual and forecast income to end June 2025. Adjustment to Actual and Forecast needed to show the contingency usage. All agreed. Proposed by Paul S, seconded by Connor. No objections. Bank reconciliation checked and signed by Paul S.
b: Payments to Authorise:
Clerk’s salary to end of July 2025 and end of August 2025. Proposed by Gayle, seconded by Jill D. No objections
Laptop – Up to £300 to supplement grant from Keith R. Proposed by Jenny, seconded by Connor. No objections.
Email addresses (gov.uk) £130 – proposed by Paul S, seconded by Connor. No objections.
- 13. Dates of Future Meetings 2025** - 1st September, 3rd November.
- 14. Councillors Forum** – Items for next meeting – notice Boards, dog waste bin, payroll, damaged step on The Heath.

The meeting ended at 20.30

Signed

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