

24-25/12

LOUND PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 11th November 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), Gayle Welsh, Connor Moore, Carly Jones, Jill Brown (clerk). Also present was Paul Ashdown (District Councillor). There was one member of the public present.

- 1. Welcome and Apologies** – Apologies from Jill Day and Paul Strowlger. These were accepted. Proposed by Gayle seconded by Connor. Apologies also received from Ed Back (County Councillor), Keith Robinson. No vote needed as not Parish Councillors.
- 2. Declaration of interest and requests for dispensation** – There were none declared.
- 3. Minutes of the Previous Parish Council Meeting** - The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 2 September 2024 were agreed. Proposed by Connor, seconded by Carly.
- 4. Updates**
 - Speed Indicator – SCC will not be taking any action following the speed indicator readings that they were sent. Miles will contact the local police officer. The latest readings were not clear and these will be discussed at the next meeting.
 - Mardle – The children crossing sign has not been effective as it is not big enough. Keith R is looking into getting a bigger sign.
 - Warm Welcome Rooms – There were 11 at the first session. There is funding available until the end of the winter. 20% of the grant has been held back until after the evaluation in February.
 - Grants update – The phone kiosk project is now completed and evaluation done. The archive project is complete and yet to be evaluated. There may be £1,000 funding available for the Tri Art fitness project.
 - Social Media and Website – This is still being evaluated.
 - Village Hall Energy Bid – No further progress to report.
 - Car park and Conservation Area – Funding is in place and this will commence in the New Year.
- 5. Reports from District and County Councillors** – Paul Ashdown said that leaflets about the Bact Bus have been distributed. Bus passes can be used after 9.30am. Rugby bus is back up and running after a breakdown. There will be changes to the way in which waste and recycling will be collected. Any comments or complaints about these changes should be reported to ESC in writing or by email.

Signed

Chairman,

Clerk,

Date..... 6/11/25

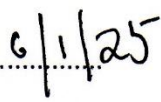
6. **Review of Fishing Permit Scheme** – There were two letters received from residents of Lound who did not wish the fishing permit scheme to continue. This is in addition to the petition against the scheme which had been presented at the previous meeting. Professional advice had also been sought, and this had also suggested that the Mardle is unsuitable for fishing for ecological reasons. After discussion it was voted that the scheme be discontinued and no permits renewed. Proposed by Carly, seconded by Connor. No votes against discontinuing the scheme.
7. **Adoption of new NALC Financial Regulation** – Miles presented the version of the New Financial Regulations that had been reviewed and adapted by Miles, Paul S, and Jill B. It was agreed that this document would be adopted. Proposed by Gayle and seconded by Carly. There were no objections.
8. **Correspondence** – An email had been received from a resident of Lound regarding the positioning of the bin at the Mardle café. It was noted that the PC are unable to intervene in this matter.
9. **Planning Application Ref DC/24/3564/FUL** – This was discussed and the response was as Appendix One.
10. **Preliminary review of Draft Budget for 2024/25 and Precept request for 2024/25.** Preliminary discussions took place and this will be on the agenda for the meeting in January. See Appendix 2.
11. **Accounts a:** Review of income and expenditure and balances to end October 2024. Review of bank reconciliation to end of October 2024. Review of actual and forecast income to end October 2024. All reviewed and agreed. Proposed by Carly seconded by Gayle. Bank reconciliation checked against bank statement and signed by Carly.
b: Payments to Authorise:
Clerk’s salary to end of November 2024 and end of December 2024. Agreed. Proposed by Gayle, seconded by Connor.
Any other payments to authorise – Payment to member of public for items brought for Mardle as previously agreed. £122. Proposed by Gayle seconded by Carly.
12. **Dates of Future Meetings 2024, 6th January 2025, 3rd March 2025.**
13. **Councillors Forum** - To request items to be included in the agenda for the next meeting – Laptop scheme (to replace laptop), review of clerk’s salary and WFH allowance. Walk the paths scheme.

The meeting finished at 8.20pm.

Signed

Chairman, 

Clerk, 

Date, 

Appendix One (to meeting on 11 November 2024)

The Parish Council have no objections to the Planning Application but would like to express concerns about traffic visibility at the access to the site, particularly the increased traffic whilst construction is taking place.

Appendix Two

Proposed Budget 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026

Income:

Precept	4109.00
Garage Rents	858.00
Allotment Rents	120.00
Bank Interest	30.00
Total Planned Income	<u>5117.00</u>

Expenditure:

Clerk's Salary	2782.00 (see below)
'Working From Home' allowance	120.00
Insurance	700.00
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
Contingency and Other	750.00
Total Planned Expenditure	<u>5117.00</u>

Signed

Chairman,

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Date

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