

LOUND PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Lound Village Hall
on Monday 1st October 2018 at 7.30 pm.

(Subject to amendment until signed by the Chairman at the next meeting)

Present: Louis Smith (chair), Judith Hobbs (vice chair), Paul Strowlger, Peter Larcombe, Miles Thomas, Gayle Welsh, James Reeder (county councillor), Keith Robinson (county councillor).

Jill Brown — Clerk

There were no members of the public present.

1. Welcome & Apologies

The Chair welcomed those present and introduced the meeting by advising those present of the location of the Fire Exits.

Apologies were received from Paul Ashdown.

2. Declaration of Interest - Declaration of any pecuniary or other interest with regards to items on the agenda. There were none.

3. Minutes of The Last Meeting and Matters Arising

Judith Hobbs (Vice Chair) proposed that the minutes for the meeting held on Monday 6th August be agreed and this was seconded by Paul Strowlger (parish councillor).

Matters arising – Louis said that insurance has now been purchased which includes the garages on Earth Lane. The total cost of this insurance is £197.47 per annum.

4. Public Forum – There were no members of the public present.

5. Co-option of Parish Councillor to replace Marina Patterson – This vacancy is still open. It was agreed that no action will be taken regarding the vacancy until May 2019 when all parish councillors will stand down and the new council will be elected.

6. Speedwatch – Louis asked whether the Parish Council would like the Speedwatch scheme to continue in Lound. Keith said that the scheme does have a positive effect and makes drivers more aware of their speed. There are two remaining volunteers from the Corton Parish but more volunteers are needed if the scheme is to continue.

This will be discussed at the next Northern Parishes Meeting to see if there are any potential volunteers from the other Parishes.

Keith suggested that a fixed speed sign could be more practical and effective, although these need the battery changing approximately every two weeks and so volunteers are still needed to carry out this task. A vehicle activated speed sign for Lound will be considered.

Signed

Chairman,

Louis Smith

Clerk,

J Brown

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7. Northern Parishes Meeting – The next meeting will be on Thursday 11th October, and will be hosted by Lound. Jill will send out a running order within the next couple of days. The meeting will also be attended by Liz Casey who is the Inspector for Local Community Policing covering the Lowestoft, Beccles and Bungay areas.

8. Updates

- **Police Newsletter** – The September issue of the police newsletter did not contain any information that was specifically relevant to the Parish of Lound. The Councillors would like to continue to receive a copy of the newsletters.
- **Lound Website** – Louis continues to update this when required.
- **GDPR privacy statement** – Louis will add a GDPR privacy statement to the website.
- **Webcam** – Miles said that he will speak to Inspector Liz Casey about the proposed webcam/s at the Northern Parishes meeting on 11th October. It is hoped that a webcam could be placed to cover the entrance to the Village Hall and also along The Street.
- **Neighbourhood plan** – There has been no progress with the neighbourhood plan in the last month. The steering group have been awarded a technical support package which will provide a design consultant to help draw up the required design briefs, but this work has not yet started.

The steering group will be meeting on Thursday 4th October as there are other alterations to the neighbourhood plan that can be dealt with in the meantime. Louis, Paul and Miles will be attending.

- **Unadopted service road at back of The Street**– There has been no further progress with this to date. Louis has obtained an estimate for ten tons of graded crushed concrete and the cost of this will be £212 including VAT and delivery. Louis will get in touch with the resident who initially raised the issue of the potholes to see if he has identified any volunteers to help with the physical task of filling the holes.

9. Reports from District and County Councillors

Suffolk County Council are currently engaged in drawing up the budget for next year. The Council is currently approximately 8 million pounds over budget, a large proportion of which has gone towards Social Care. From April 2019 there will need to be savings of 25 million and the same again the following year. The yearly budget is in the region of 500 million pounds.

A consultation is in process regarding the Lowestoft record office and this will identify what service will be provided and which items can be stored at Lowestoft.

The plans for the 3rd Lowestoft river crossing are on track and are currently going through the planning process. There will be further news about this next week.

GCSE results throughout the region have maintained their position.

Pothole repairs and surface dressing in Suffolk are on target.

10. Correspondence

- An email has been received from the external auditors (PKF Littlejohn LLP) which states that they have not, as yet, completed their review work.

Signed Chairman, Louis Smith Clerk, J. Brown Date 3-12-18

10. Correspondence (cont.)

- An email was received from Suffolk Highways regarding the procedure for ordering a grit bin. It was decided that there is no need for this facility in Lound as the roads are generally cleared by the Highways Department due to the bus route that runs through the village.
- An email was received from 'East Suffolk Partnership' inviting the council to send a representative to 'East Suffolk: So much on the horizon', which is an annual forum aiming to improve life in the area.

11. Accounts

- **Review of Income and Expenditure** - The income, expenditure and bank balances at the end of September 2018 were reviewed and accepted.
- **Payments to authorise:**

Clerks salary to end of August	£106.96 – paid by BACS
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Insurance	£197.47 – cheque raised
HMRC September	£ 72.60 – cheque raised
Payroll service	£ 72.00 – cheque raised
Padlock for heath / allotments	£ 28.09 – cheque raised

All the above payments were agreed and have been paid.

The proposed budget for the period 1st April 2019 – 31 March 2020 was discussed. It is forecast that there will be a significant amount unspent at the end of March 2019. Unless there are specific projects to be funded we should not plan to have more than twice the amount of the precept in our reserve. After discussion the proposed budget was agreed with the requested precept for 2019/20 remaining the same as the current year.

12. Scheduled meetings for 2018 and 2019

2018 - 3rd December.

2019 – 4th February, 1st April, 3rd June, 5th August, 7th October, 2nd December.

The Parish Annual Meeting for 2019 will be held in May, the date to be arranged.

Election of councillors will take place on 2nd May 2019.

13. Councillors Forum

Judith said that there will be a mass planting of hedgerow plants around the new graveyard boundary on Thursday 1st November. This will commence at 9am and teas/coffees will be freely available all day. Local residents are invited to help with this work.

Sadly, the Lound Bowls Club has come to an end due to lack of participation. The Village Hall committee will decide about the future use of this land.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

Signed

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