

LOUND PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Lound Village Hall
on Monday 5th August 2019 at 7.30 pm.

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

Present: Judith Hobbs (acting chair), Paul Strowlger, Peter Larcombe, Jenny Ozinel, Paul Ashdown (District Councillor),
Jill Brown — clerk

There was one member of the public present.

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

1. Welcome & Apologies

Apologies from Keith Robinson (County Councillor), James Reeder (County Councillor), Miles Thomas, Gayle Welsh.

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 –

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3rd June 2019 were proposed and seconded. The minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 18th July were proposed and seconded.

4. Public Forum – There was one member of the public present. No items were put forward for discussion.

5. Resignation of previous Chair and Councillor vacancy – Following the resignation of Louis Smith as Councillor, a notice has been placed on the village notice board. This will remain until 8th August and if no election is to be called a new Councillor can be co-opted. Following Louis' resignation, the position of chair is also vacant. It was agreed that in the absence of a full council this month, Judith Hobbs (Vice Chair) will act as Chair until the October meeting when hopefully a new Chair will be nominated and elected. This has also left the Council with one less signatory who can sign cheques and only one Councillor at present registered for online banking. This means that no online payments can be made at present. It was agreed that appointing a new signatory should also be dealt with at the next meeting.

6. Membership of SLCC – The Council agreed that Jill (Clerk) can register for membership of the SLCC and the ALCC. The Council agreed to cover the cost of this. As there are not at current the required two signatories who can authorise online banking, Jill will fund this upfront and will be reimbursed by cheque in due course.

Signed

ACTING
Chairman, *Judith Hobbs* Clerk, *J Brown* Date *7/10/19*

7. Updates

- **Police Connect Updates** – Jill continues to circulate these. There have not been any items specific to Lound since the last meeting.
- **Lound Website** – Jill has contacted Louis asking for the log-on details of the Lound website so that she can keep it updated.
- **Neighbourhood Planning Update** – The design briefs have been received from the consultants and a neighbourhood planning group meeting was held to discuss these. Unfortunately, there were some mistakes and Louis replied with comments accordingly. It is hoped that a response will be received in the near future. The group will meet again in September. If all is correct then the plan will go to an independent planning inspector for approval. If approved the plan will then go to a public referendum.
- **Mardle clear up** – A group met in July to clear up the area around the Mardle and this was very successful. It was noted that some of the paths on The Heath need to be cleared. It was agreed that a working party will meet at 6.30pm on Monday 19th August to undertake this work. Posters will be put around the village inviting local residents to join in.

8. Reports from District and County Councillors –

Paul Ashdown (District Councillor) reported that Steve Gallant, the new leader of East Suffolk County Council, visited Lound and other local rural areas on 24th June and he was very impressed with the villages in general.

A new committees board is being set up which has funding to be split between six community areas. A steering group has been established and Paul will represent the Northern area. The Parish Council can apply for funding for village projects.

The next Northern Parish meeting will be held on 19th September in Somerleyton. Mary Evans from the Highways Department will be attending this to answer queries about any issues relating to the highways.

Paul said that he will speak to Keith about the procedures for installing flashing speed signs and also suggested that the Parish Council could apply for funding from the Highways budget.

9. Correspondence

There were no items of correspondence.

10. Accounts

- **Review of Income and Expenditure and balances to end of May 2019** - The income, expenditure and bank balances to the end of July 2019 were reviewed and accepted.
- **Payments to authorise:**

Clerks salary to end of June 2019	£111.57 – paid by BACS
Clerks salary to end of July 2019	£111.57 – paid by cheque

13. Scheduled meetings for 2019 - 7th October, 2nd December.

13. Councillors Forum

There were no items raised for discussion at the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Signed *ACTING* Chairman *Mark Brown* Clerk, *JBrown* Date *7/10/19*