

LOUND PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 1st November 2021 at 7.00 pm which took place at the Village Hall, Lound.

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

Present: Miles Thomas, Paul Strowlger, Peter Larcombe, Gayle Welsh, Jenny Ozinel, Connor Moore, Paul Ashdown, (District Councillor), Keith Robinson (County Councillor), Eddie Back (County Councillor) Jill Brown — clerk.

Welcome & Apologies - Apologies received from Judith Hobbs and Connor Moore.

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

2. Minutes of The Last Meetings and Matters Arising – The minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on 6th September were agreed. The spelling of Eddie Back’s name needed correction. Proposed by Paul Strowlger and seconded by Jenny Ozinel. The minutes for the planning meeting on 4th October were agreed. Proposed by Paul Strowlger and seconded by Peter Larcombe.

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

4. Internal Audit – The Internal Audit report was reviewed and necessary action discussed. Miles will deal with necessary updates to the website. Miles will draw up a ‘General Reserves’ Policy.

5. Updates –

- **Litter Pick, Mardle Clean Up and other tasks** – The litter pick was successful with about a dozen people taking part. Nicky Noodles assisted by supplying extra hoops. The mardle clean up is still to be arranged. The clear up around the garages will take place this Friday.
- **Neighbourhood Plan** – The plan has been passed for a R16 examination by Andrew Ashcroft. It is hoped that a report will be published by late November, which the committee will then have an opportunity to discuss
- **Clerk’s access to internet banking** – This has not yet been accomplished due to an error at the bank. Miles and Jill will visit Barclay’s in an attempt to sort this out.
- **Allotment update** – The allotments were discussed. Miles and Paul will chase up the various outstanding matters.
- **Speed signs** – Two sites were proposed on Jay Lane and Yarmouth Road.
- **Display Board for the Mardle** – This is not quite ready and still in progress.
- **Insurance** – This is in place for 3 years.
- **Dropped kerb on Earth Lane** – This is being jointly funded by the District and County Council. There will be a small amount to pay from Parish Council funds. Paul Ashdown will email a form to Miles.
- **Volunteer for Lound Trust** – There is a vacancy for a volunteer and applications are invited.

Signed Chairman, Clerk, Date.....

6. Correspondence – There were three items of correspondence received:

- An email from Dan Goldsmith regarding the next stage of maintenance work to The Heath.
- An email from a Lound resident regarding fly-tipping.
- An email from a Lound resident regarding speed signs.

7. Reports from District and County Councillors – Paul Ashdown asked if representatives from Lound could attend a meeting in February at Corton to meet James Mallender, Cabinet Member for the Environment, and to find out about recycling issues and initiatives in the area.

There will be £50,000 available for rural transport. Residents will be consulted in due course.

Keith Robinson said that Suffolk County Council have applied for funding for rural transport.

Eddie Back spoke about the response times of the Fire Service and the need for improvements.

8. a) Planning Application DC/21/4593/FUL – This was discussed and the response is as per Appendix One.

b) Planning Application DC/21/4832/FUL – This was discussed and the response is as per Appendix Two

9. Accounts –

a: Review of income and expenditure and balances to end October 2021. Review of Bank Reconciliation to end October 2021. These were reviewed and agreed.

Review of actual and forecast income to end October 2021. These were reviewed and agreed.

b: The following payments were reviewed and agreed:

Clerk's salary to end of November 2021 £152.39

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SLCC membership – amount to be confirmed

c: Review of draft budget - A preliminary budget discussion took place. A preliminary precept discussion took place. These amounts will be finalised at January's meeting.

10. Future meetings for 2022 – January 17th, March 7th, May 16th, July 4th, September 5th, November 7th.

10. Councillors Forum – Use of public footpaths by horses and riders.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Appendix One

Planning Application DC/21/4593/FUL –

The Parish Council have discussed this application and have no objections to the internal adaptations or the addition of the front porch.

The Parish Council would like to recommend that the positioning of the annexe is moved closer to the house and that the size of the footprint of the annexe is reduced in order to safeguard against it becoming an independent dwelling at some point in the future. The Parish Council would also like to recommend that conditions be applied to prevent the annexe becoming a separate dwelling or being sold as such.

Appendix Two

Planning Application DC/21/4832/FUL –

The Parish Council have discussed this application and have no objection in principle to the change of use.

The Parish Council noted that there is restricted visibility at the junction of Dorking Road, Jay Lane, and Church Lane and expressed concerns that the increased volume of traffic entering and leaving the property, particularly with drivers not used to the area, could increase the risk of accidents.

Therefore, the Parish Council would like to suggest that visibility is improved at the access to the property.

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