

LOUND PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 17th January 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, Gayle Welsh, Jenny Ozinel, Connor Moore, Paul Ashdown, (District Councillor), Keith Robinson (County Councillor), Jill Brown — clerk.

Welcome & Apologies - Apologies received from Peter Larcombe.

1. Declaration of Interest - Declaration of any pecuniary or other interest with regards to items on the agenda. Miles declared an interest in item 8 and stated that Judith Hobbs would chair that part of the meeting.

2. Minutes of The Last Meetings and Matters Arising – The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 1st November were agreed. Proposed by Paul Strowlger and seconded by Judith Hobbs.

3. Public Forum – There was one member of the public present. No items were raised.

4. Correct Use of Public Footpaths – New footpath signs have been installed by Suffolk County Council in various locations.

5. Updates –

- **Neighbourhood Plan** – The chair of the Neighbourhood Plan committee was asked to write to both Parish Council's involved (Lound and Somerleyton) to provide an update them on the current situation. This is attached as an appendix to these minutes.
- **Litter pick, Mardle clean-up and other tasks** – The litter pick was set for 12th March. The Mardle clean-up will be arranged later.
- **Duck signs** – Paul S. presented an example of a sign which could be used at the Mardle. It was decided that the appropriate size would be A3. Judith will send an electronic copy to the supplier of the noticeboard for a quote.
- **Allotment update** – Miles will draft letters to two allotment holders, as deemed necessary, which will be issued by the Clerk on behalf of the PC.
- **Display Board for the Mardle** – Judith presented the finalised image of the display board. There are two small adjustments and then it will be constructed and placed at the Mardle, with an official opening.
- **Dropped kerb on Earth Lane** – Two choices of position were given by Highways Department. After full discussion, it was agreed that Option One was the most suitable (directly in front of the gate). Proposed by Judith and seconded by Paul S. One councillor voted against Plan A.
- **Volunteer for Lound Trust** – The member of the public who was present at the meeting kindly volunteered for the vacancy with The Lound Trust. Paul S will contact him in the near future to explain what is involved.

Signed Chairman, Clerk, Date.....

6. Correspondence –

- An email from Laura Hack at ESC re The Treebilee Project – this will be presented to Lound PC in February. It is hoped it can be used as a focus for the Jubilee celebration.

7. Planning Application DC/21/5743/FUL – The Parish Council has no objection to this planning application.

8. Building at 2 The Paddocks, The Street – Questions have been raised by members of the community regarding developments at The Paddocks. A letter will be drafted by Judith and Paul S outlining these queries and it will be sent to Joe Blackmore at ESC on behalf of Lound Parish Council, and copied to Ben Woolnough, and Paul Ashdown. Paul A will also speak to planning officers on Thursday regarding this.

9. Reports from District and County Councillors – Paul Ashdown provided hardcopies of the transport survey and BACT leaflets for distribution. Responses need to be back by 31st January. A link will also be put on the Lound PC website. The Community Partnership event has been delayed until March.

10. a). Review and agree budget for 2022/23 – The budget for 2022/23 was discussed by the PC. It was decided that a contingency amount of £500 would be included. The budget was then agreed. Proposed by Judith and seconded by Paul S.

b). Review and agree precept for 2022/23 – The precept for 2022/23 was discussed and agreed. It was decided that there would be an increase of 30%. This equates to an increase of approximately £6 per annum on a Band B property.

9. Accounts –

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

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

b: The following payments were reviewed and agreed:

Clerk's salary to end of January 2022

Clerk's salary to end February 2021

10. Future meetings for 2022 –March 7th, May 16th (AGM), July 4th, September 5th, November 7th.

10. Councillors Forum – Dumping of rubbish at corner of Dorking Road, Jay Lane, and Church Rd.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN NEWS

The Neighbourhood Plan is nearing completion; East Suffolk Council will be issuing a Decision Notice stating that the plan meets all the requirements to become part of the planning process until 2036. The date of the referendum will then be announced.

The Plan will not be finalised until it is approved in a referendum – your opportunity to vote and support the Neighbourhood Plan. You the community have engaged and supported the preparation of the plan and now is the time to “get it done”.

The plan includes a range of policies and seeks to bring forward positive and sustainable development with emphasis on smaller scale housing for young people and families. We have focussed on safeguarding local character, supporting and enhancing community facilities, encouraging local businesses, promoting good design and providing specific policy advice for the development of the three allocated sites in the area.

The complete documents can be accessed on the Lound Parish Council website.

The Neighbourhood Plan is a stand-alone strategy for the future shaped by volunteers and supported by residents and completely distinct from any initiatives being brought forward by the Somerleyton Estate

The three sites were allocated in 2016 by Waveney District Council for development and cannot be rescinded. However, the Parish Councils consider the Neighbourhood Plan reflects the aspirations of the community and are happy to endorse the plan.