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# LOUND PARISH COUNCIL

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting at Lound Village Hall on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020 at 7.30 pm. Public access was by zoom.

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

Present: Miles Thomas (Chair), Judith Hobbs (Vice Chair), Gayle Welsh, Paul Strowlger, Jenny Ozinel, Connor Moore, Jill Brown — clerk.

County Councillors, James Reed and Keith Ashdown joined the meeting by zoom.

The Chair welcomed those present and thanked everyone for attending.

**Welcome & Apologies** - Apologies received from Peter Larcombe, and Paul Ashdown (District Councillor).

**1. Declaration of Interest** - Declaration of any pecuniary or other interest with regards to items on the agenda. Miles Thomas declared an interest in the review of the rental of the garages.

**2. Minutes of The Last Meeting and Matters Arising** – The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020 were proposed and seconded.

**3. Public Forum** – No members of the public joined the meeting remotely by Zoom.

**4. Updates** –

- **Neighbourhood Planning Update** – The neighbourhood plan has been completed. It has been reviewed by ESC Planning Officers who have accepted it. The plan can now move into the consultation stage and then the referendum stage. The consultation will include all stakeholders, and all householders in the area. A pamphlet will be issued to all dwellings and it will be available to view in full online. There will also be a few hardcopies available for lend. This is likely to happen in the new year. The committee would like to encourage positive feedback as well as critique as all comments go to an outside examiner who decides whether the plan will be taken forward. Information regarding the plan has been uploaded to the website. ESC have suggested that social media is used to publicise the plan.
- **Speedwatch Camera** – There has been no news about this and further enquiries are being made.
- **Litter Pick and Mardle Clean Up** – This was a success. The new equipment was used which made it possible to stagger times.
- **Bus Provision** – Jenny will enquire with bus users to see if a limited service is required during lockdown. If so, it may be possible to arrange this within social distancing guidelines.
- **Benches on Green and Memorial Bench** – Paul has inspected the benches and they appear in good order although in need of a clean and preservative. The condition of the pagoda has deteriorated. This is the responsibility of the Village Hall Committee.

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- **Parking on The Street** – The double parking on The Street has increased, causing more congestion. This could create a problem for farm machinery and emergency vehicles. A member of the Highways Team will be visiting Blundeston on 6<sup>th</sup> November and he will be asked to have a look at the site. The County Councillors agreed that they will look into the situation.
- **Drain clearance in The Street, and drain and ditch clearance in Back Lane** – The drainage problem on The Street has eased since the drain was cleared on 14<sup>th</sup> October. A request has been made to the Highways Dept to clear the drains on Back Lane. When this has been actioned, the relevant landowners will be approached regarding the ditches that need clearing.
- **Village Sign repair** – The village sign has fallen down and needs repairing and replacing. Paul S. agreed to have a look at this. The top part could be repainted whilst out of the ground.

#### 5. Correspondence – There were three items of correspondence for discussion:

- An email from Sarah Davis, ESC, regarding funding available to the Northern Parishes. A committee will meet by Zoom on 9 November to discuss this.
- An email and letter from ESC re public consultations. The posters have been displayed on the notice boards and Councillors will respond individually.
- An email from ‘Quiet Lanes’ team. The Parish Council agreed not to get involved in this project at this time

#### 6. Reports from District and County Councillors –

James Reeder (County Councillor) reported that funding for the 3<sup>rd</sup> river crossing has been approved. Keith Robinson (County Councillor) said that if anyone needs help during this next lockdown period, they can ring the ‘Hardship Line’ 0800 068 3131 for guidance and advice. An email was received from Paul Ashdown (District Councillor) with his input.

#### 7. Review of Allotment Agreements –

There is a waiting list of four people for the allotments. The allotment agreement has been redrafted. This was reviewed by the Parish Council and some further minor changes will be made and it will be adopted in the New Year.

#### 8. Review of budget requirements for 21/22 –

A discussion took place regarding the budget for 21/22. The budget for 20/21 is running at a deficit due to extra expenses.

It was agreed that garage and allotment rents will be raised by approximately 10%.

The precept was discussed theoretically and will be decided at January’s meeting after the review of the budget.

#### 9. Review of Income and Expenditure and Bank Reconciliations to end of October 2020 –

The income, expenditure and bank reconciliations to the end of October 2020 were reviewed and accepted.

#### The following payments were authorised:

Clerks salary to end of November 2020	£152.39
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**10. Future meetings subject to Village Hall availability** - 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021, 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021, 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021 (also AGM), 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021, 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021, 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021.

#### 9. Councillors Forum – no items.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

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