

LOUND PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 4 July 2022 at 7pm at The Heath Lound, following an informal meeting relating to maintenance of allotments and The Heath.
(Subject to amendment until signed by the Chairman at the next meeting)

Present: Miles Thomas, Judith Hobbs, Paul Strowlger, Gayle Welsh, Jenny Ozinel, Connor Moore, Paul Ashdown, Keith Robinson, and Jill Brown (clerk).

Welcome & Apologies: No apologies received.

1. Declaration of Interest – There were none stated.

2. Minutes of The Last Meetings and Matters Arising – The minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 16th May 2022 were agreed. Proposed by Paul S and seconded by Judith.

3. Public Forum – There were two members of the public present.

4. Updates –

- **Neighbourhood Plan** – The results of the recent referendum were that the Neighbourhood Plan was voted in and will be adopted shortly. Notices have been displayed on the notice boards and the website with a full breakdown of the results. The hard work and commitment of all involved was noted and commended.
- **Heath and Allotment Report (Dan and Peter)** – There has been clearing of bracken and brambles and removal of some sycamore trees to clear space for other plants and trees. It was suggested that a volunteer group is formed to care for The Heath. Paul Ashdown said that the Locality Budget can be accessed for purchase of equipment. Parish Councillors reported on the present condition of the allotments which on the whole was a big improvement on last year. There is one allotment not in use and this will be offered to person at the top of the waiting list.
- **Speed Indicator Report** – Keith has sourced a speed board for the use of Lound and Somerleyton which should be available within the next few days.
- **Mardle Leaflets** – A draft leaflet has been created and Miles will contact printers.
- **Hermitage** - Miles has made contact with SCC to identify owners. There has been no reply as yet but it was noted the Hermitage is looking cleaner.

5. Reports from District and County Councillors – Paul Ashdown reported on a new upcoming scheme called ‘Warm Rooms’ which is being put in place to help people cope with the increases in cost of living and which will be run by volunteers. It is hoped that Parishes will become involved in setting the scheme up. A new bus service has commenced today. Planters have been distributed to local schools to encourage young people to become involved in growing produce. There is funding available from the locality budgets.

6. Future Projects for Discussion at September’s Meeting – Possible future projects were discussed, including: playground on Millennial Green, recycling, and improvements to the path leading from Blacksmith’s Loke to the church. The ‘Warm Room’ scheme will also be discussed. This will likely be a combined project involving the Parish Council, The Village Hall Committee, and the Church committee.

7. Councillor Vacancy – The appropriate notice was displayed for the required 10 days and the vacancy can now be filled by co-option.

8. Correspondence –

Query regarding fishing in the Mardle Pond – A discussion took place and a vote taken. It was agreed by a result of 4 ‘yes’ votes to 2 ‘no’ votes that an experimental and temporary permit system would be implemented for one year initially, to be reviewed at the end of that period. Miles agreed to draft Terms and Conditions.

ESC Survey – Councillors will look at this individually in their own time

Quality of Place Awards – There was no interest in taking part in this

9. Accounts:

a). Review of income and expenditure and balances to end June 2022.

Income and expenditure to end of June 2022 was reviewed and agreed.

Bank Reconciliations to end of June 2022 were reviewed and agreed.

Comparison of Actual and Forecast figures to end of June 2022 were reviewed. Adjustment needed to forecast of HMRC figure. Otherwise, all agreed.

b). Payments to be authorised:

Clerk’s Salary to end July and to end August 2022

Graphic Solutions 3 payments totalling £136 already paid

SALC membership £192.69 already paid

Internal Audit £130.80 already paid

All Payments were authorised.

10. Future meetings for 2022 – 5 September and 7 November.

Planning Application number DC/22/2442/VOC for variation to the original plan of extension to 39 The Street – After discussion it was agreed that there were no objections to the proposed variation to the original plan.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Signed Chairman, Clerk, Date.....