

LOUND PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 4 September 2023 at 7pm at The Village Hall. The meeting took place after an inspection of the allotments.

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

Present: Miles Thomas, Jenny Ozinel, Connor Moore, Jill Day, Paul Ashdown (District Councillor), Keith Robinson (County Councillor), Ed Back (County Councillor) and Jill Brown (clerk). There were no members of the public present

1. Welcome and Apologies – Apologies were received from Paul Strowlger, Gayle Welsh, and Carly Jones-Perks. These were voted on and accepted unanimously by the Parish Council.

2. Declaration of Interest and Requests for Dispensation – There were none.

3. Minutes of the Previous Parish Council Meeting – The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 3 July 2023 were reviewed and agreed. Proposed by Connor, seconded by Jill D.

4. Updates –

- **Councillor Training** – Jenny said that she has booked onto some free training via SALC. Paul Ashdown said he will meet with Somerleyton PC on Thursday and will enquire about PC training for Carly, Jill D, Connor and Jenny.
- **Warm Rooms Project** – A total of £770 has been spent so far leaving £490 unspent. Miles will inform ESC of the plans to extend the scheme into next winter. There may be more funding available. Miles will arrange a meeting with all those who have been involved to discuss ongoing plans.
- **Footpath Blacksmiths Loke** – This project is now completed. Miles thanked Eddie for the funds which were underspent by £1.25.
- **Phone Kiosk Back Lane** – The shelves will be installed in the near future. There is £180 left in the funds.
- **Dog Fouling Signs** – This project is still in process. Miles will contact Nicky Noodles.
- **De-fib** – The defibrillator needs a new battery. The VH were initially involved in installing this. A grant of £320 has been received to replace the battery which will last for 4 years.
- **Village Hall** – Bowling Green Project – The meeting to discuss this has not yet taken place.
- **Speed Camera** – The battery was changed on Friday. The camera is due to be returned to Somerleyton for the start of the school term. It seems not to be programmed correctly as is flashing unnecessarily. Somerleyton PC will be asked for the data from the camera. Some speed signs are covered by foliage. There are grants available for equipment for this to be cleared. Keith R said that he will speak to the relevant person.
- **Future Projects and Grants Available** – There may be a grant available to help with heating the Village Hall during the warm room project. A tree near the bench at The

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Mardle needs to be removed. A working party for the upkeep of The Mardle will be organised. The Litter Pick will take place on Saturday 14th October.

5. Lound Heath – Peter and Edith may need help with maintenance of The Heath. Miles said that he will speak to Peter to gain more information.

6. Reports from District and County Councillors -

Paul Ashdown – There have been changes to the method of booking the Buzz Bus. Leaflets are in the process of being printed and there will be app available for booking the bus. It will stop at North Quay as well as Tesco and possibly James Paget Hospital in the future. There is still grant money available for the Warm Rooms scheme.

Keith Robinson (County Councillor) requested that Lound PC submit any requests for grant fundings. Keith will send a link for videos about healthy eating.

7. Asset Register Review and Insurance Renewal – The seats owned by Lound PC were valued at £600. The telephone box was valued at £2000. Still waiting for feedback from Carly re valuation of garages. Once this is received Jill B will contact Zurich Insurance with the revised values. Proposed by Jenny, seconded by Connor.

8. Correspondence – Jill B updated re fishing permits. Two are in the process of being issued. It was agreed that there was no limit as to the number of fishing permits and that the scheme is under trial.

9. Accounts

a). Review of Income, Expenditure, and Balances to end of August 2023 – These were agreed.

Review of Bank Reconciliation to end of August 2023 – These were agreed.

Review of Actual and Forecast Income to end of August 2023. These were agreed.

Proposed by Jenny and seconded by Connor.

b). Payments to authorise

Clerk's Salary to end of September and October 2023. Proposed by Connor, seconded by Jill D.

De fib battery payment £320 – proposed by Jill D, seconded by Connor.

Items for phone box £53.28 – proposed by Jill D, seconded by Connor.

Zurich Insurance £346 – it was agreed that any increase that occurs following the changes to the asset register could be met. Proposed by Jill D, seconded by Jenny.

10. Dates of Future Meetings – 6th Nov 2023, 8th January 2024, 4th March 2024.

13. Councillors Forum – Connor mentioned that there has been fly tipping on footpath 6, off Jay Lane, and that the sign is obscured by foliage. This will be dealt with when the equipment is available. Jill D mentioned flooding on Church Lane. This should be reported to Highways Dept via the online service.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

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