

# LOUND PARISH COUNCIL

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 7.30 pm on The Heath, Lound. Prior to the Parish Council meeting, an informal meeting took place to look over The Heath and allotments.

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

Present: Miles Thomas (Chair), Judith Hobbs (Vice Chair), Paul Strowlger, Peter Larcombe, Gayle Welsh, Jenny Ozinel, Connor Moore, Paul Ashdown (District Councillor), Eddie Black (County Councillor), Jill Brown — clerk.

There were 6 members of the public present.

**Welcome & Apologies** - Apologies received from Keith Robinson (County Councillor).

**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 Meeting and Matters Arising** – The minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on 24<sup>th</sup> May were agreed. Proposed by Paul A, seconded by Gayle W.

**3. Progress on The Heath and Plans for On-Going Maintenance** – Some sycamore trees have been cleared to prevent them from taking over established trees and to give light and air to the other plants. Paths have been cleared. A discussion took place regarding whether the trees were removed during nesting season. An application had already been made to the Woodland Trust for trees to plant. However, after discussion it was decided that this would not go ahead due to the amount of upkeep and maintenance that would be required in the early years of their growth. It would not be possible to bring enough water to keep them alive. It was agreed that a sign would be placed requesting that dogs are kept on leads.

**4. Public Forum** – As above.

**5. Updates** –

- **Neighbourhood Planning** – The plan has been submitted to East Suffolk Council who have called a meeting for Wednesday regarding the upcoming planned changes to government legislation which could impact on the Neighbourhood Plan.
- **Bus Service** – The bus service is up and running and going well. It will be reviewed at the end of July.
- **Village Green Project** – This project is almost finished. The gate has been repaired and access is improved.
- **Well-being grant** – There are three more illustrations to be completed before the work will be sent off to be made into the village notice board and leaflets. Hopefully it will be completed by Xmas.
- **Dorking Road Trees** – It is planned the overhanging trees will be cleared. Cars will need to be parked elsewhere whilst the work is in progress.

Signed      Chairman, ..... Clerk, ..... Date.....

**6. Correspondence** – An email has been received from Suffolk Highways regarding the proposed dropped kerb on Earth Lane. There is no objection in principal but it would need to be funded externally.

**7. Reports from District and County Councillors –**

Paul Ashdown (District Councillor) said that he has received 11 applications for funding so far. 2 grants have already been issued and there is still funding available. A grant form is available from Paul and applications that fulfil the green agenda are particularly welcomed.

Eddie Back (County Councillor) said that there is a locality budget available for community projects.

**8. Accounts**

**a: Review of Income and Expenditure and Bank Reconciliations to end of June 2021 –**

The income, expenditure and bank reconciliations to the end of June 2021 were reviewed and accepted.

**b: The following payments were authorised:**

Clerk’s salary to end of July 2021	£152.39
Clerk’s salary to end of August 2021	£152.39

**9. Future meetings for 2021 –** 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021, 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021.

**10. Councillors Forum** – No extra items were brought forward for discussion at the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.