

LOUND PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 5th September 2022 at 7pm at The Village Hall.

(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 (District Council), Keith Robinson (County Council), Ed Back (County Council), 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 Parish Council Meeting held on 4 July were agreed. Proposed by Judith and seconded by Paul S.

3. Public Forum – There was one member of the public present who wished to discuss the proposed fishing permits. Miles requested that this is discussed at item 4. The Mardle pond was also discussed as water levels have become very low putting fish and other wildlife at risk.

4. Updates –

- **Speed Indicator Report** – The speed indicator has been sourced and brackets are needed for this. These are priced at around £60 each, the cost of which will be jointly met by Lound and Somerleyton Parish Councils. Miles will contact Somerleyton to arrange this.
- **Mardle Leaflets** – The original 200 of these have been taken, and a further batch will be printed. The cost for these will be met by the PC as the funding has now run out.
- **Hermitage** – Enquiries are still being made to locate the tenant of this land. Paul A and Keith R will look into this.
- **Permit for fishing in Mardle Pond** – Miles presented the draft fishing permit and a discussion took place. He suggested only 2-3 permits be issued per annum and only to residents of Lound. The draft permit will be placed on a shared drive for all councillors to contribute.
- **Allotment Update** – There has been an issue with carcasses of a lamb and exotic animals being left in a freezer on allotment 3. This presented a bio-hazard and has now been removed at a cost of £500 plus VAT. Miles will take the freezer to the local recycling centre and asked for someone to accompany him. There may be a licensing issue around the exotic birds and Paul A will look into this. Nicky Noodles at the Waste Dept is helping to trace the previous allotment tenant as it may be possible to seek reimbursement through the small claims court. Allotment 2 is not being cultivated.
- **Councillor Vacancy** – An advertisement for this vacancy will be included in the next flyer that is issued.

5. Litter Pick – The date for this was set at 8th October 2022 and this will also be included in the next flyer.

6. Correspondence –

- **Planned changes to A47** – Closure of gaps in central reservation between Jay Lane and Rackham’s Corner. There was no advance notice of this by Highways Dept or opportunity for comment. Miles has drafted a letter to Highway’s Dept outlining concerns.
- **Option to opt of SAAA arrangements to appoint external auditor** – The PC voted to stay within the SAAA arrangements for appointing an external auditor. Proposed by Judith, seconded by Jenny.

7. Future Projects –

- **Footpath between Blacksmith’s Loke and the church** – Miles will approach Sam Perks for advice on resurfacing the gravelled path.
- **Recycling** – Jenny is still investigating this.
- **Play equipment on village green** – An entry will be included in the flyer to gauge local interest. Paul will speak to the Village Hall committee.

8. Reports from District and County Councillors –

Paul Ashdown spoke about the Warm Rooms Project. It is hoped that Lound will be able to provide space for this. Funding will be provided to help with heating and electric. There will be a meeting at Lound Plant Centre on 21st September for all involved to discuss this. Miles said he will invite Gary from the Village Hall Committee. It is hoped there will be a committee including the Parish Church and the Village Hall Committee to take this project forward.

The bact bus service is up and running.

Keith Robinson said there will be posters and bus signs for the village. The rugby club bus will still be running on Fridays.

9. Accounts:

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

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

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

Comparison of Actual and Forecast figures to end of August 2022 were reviewed.

Adjustment needed for payment to Cleanseforce. Otherwise, all agreed.

b). Payments to be authorised:

Clerk’s Salary to end September and October 2022

Speed camera brackets – payment up to £100 was authorised

Insurance £326

£180 for flyers

All payments were authorised.

10. Future meetings for 2022 – 7 November. A meeting to discuss the planning appeal regarding The Paddock is to be arranged.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Signed Chairman, Clerk, Date.....