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# LOUND PARISH COUNCIL

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023 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), and Jill Brown (clerk).

**Welcome & Apologies:** Apologies from Ed Back and Keith Robinson.

**1. Declaration of Interest** – Miles declared an interest in the setting of garage rents.

**2. Minutes of The Last Meetings and Matters Arising** – The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022 were agreed apart from a correction to the date of next September's meeting which will be 4<sup>th</sup> September.

**3. Public Forum** – There was one member of the public present. No matters were raised for discussion.

**4. Updates** –

- **Speed Indicator Report** – This will be discussed at the next meeting when hopefully Keith R will be present.
- **Councillor Vacancy** – There have not been any applications to date.
- **Warm Rooms Project** – A meeting was held at Lound Village Hall on 12<sup>th</sup> December to talk about the Warm Rooms Project. There is funding available for this purpose. All the relevant information for winter help is on the Lound Village Website in the Policies Section.
- **Footpath from Blacksmiths Loke to the Church** – Miles presented estimated figures for this project which totalled £1575. The PC agreed unanimously that an application will be made to the locality budget for this project.
- **Phone Kiosk on Back Lane** -Miles presented estimated costs to convert the phone box to a book exchange. The total estimated figure is £350. The PC agreed unanimously that an application will be made to the locality budget for this project. There was also a discussion about a defibrillator and where this should be sited. A discussion also took place regarding a defibrillator for Back Lane which could possibly also be sited within the phone box. The possibility of a bin for dog waste near this location was also discussed.

**5. Reports from District and County Councillors** – Paul Ashdown (District Councillor) reported that there is no final news on the Council Tax for the next financial year. There has been a survey that indicated residents would be willing to pay an extra 29p per week to fund extra policing. There is now a new Chief Executive for ESC in place and Paul will be bringing him round the district next Wednesday between 12.30 and 2.30.

**6. Correspondence** – An email has been received asking if anyone would like to be considered as a trustee for a new charity being set up to raise funds for the residents of Lound Nursing Home.

Miles has received an email from a member of the public enquiring whether the fishing permit scheme is now in place. Miles has updated the querant.

**7. Planning Application Number DC/22/4675/FUL** – The PC had no objections to this application,

**8. a). Budget Discussion and Agreement** – The budget for 2023/24 was discussed and agreed unanimously.

**b). Precept Discussion and Agreement** – It was agreed that to cover the budget for 2023/24 the precept will need to be increased by 35%. This will translate to an approximately £26 p.a. in the Council Tax for a Band C property. The Precept was unanimously agreed at £3820. The PC agreed that Paul S would check these figures before the precept request is submitted to ESC and corrections to the figure could be implemented accordingly.

**10. Accounts:**

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

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

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

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

Adjustment needed for ‘other’ forecasted items of expenditure. Otherwise, all agreed.

**b). Payments to be authorised:**

Clerk’s salary payments to end January and February 2023 were approved. This will include the 2022/23 pay increase and will be backdated to April 2022.

**12. Meeting dates for 2023** – 6<sup>th</sup> Mar. 15<sup>th</sup> May (AGM), 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 4<sup>th</sup> Sept, 6<sup>th</sup> Nov.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.