

LOUND PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Council extraordinary meeting held on Monday 3rd October 2022 at 7.30pm 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). There was one member of the public present.

Welcome & Apologies: No apologies received.

1. Declaration of Interest – Miles Thomas declared an interest in item 2 on the agenda. Judith Hobbs agreed to chair this section of the meeting.

2. Planning Appeal – Planning Appeal number APP/X3540/C/22/3303066 regarding Paddock 4 The Street, Lound was discussed and a response was compiled. The clerk will submit the response to appropriate department. Appendix One (This can be viewed on Lound Parish Council website at: <http://lound.onesuffolk.net/parish-council/>)

3. Planning Application – Planning Application number DC/22/3599/FUL to drop kerb outside 76 The Street was discussed. Lound Parish Council have no objections to this application. The clerk will submit the response to ESC Planning Dept.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Appendix One

Appeal reference: APP/X3540/C/22/3303106 Lound Parish Council held a full PC meeting on 3rd October 2022 to comprise a response to the above appeal. The response is as follows:

1 – Lound Parish Council (LPC) wishes to express its support of East Suffolk Council’s (ESC) position of disallowing the current mobile home installation, not least because the original planning permission DC/17/1917/FUL, for the “Eco” House has lapsed and LPC asserts that there has been no commencement of work within the permission period. Indeed, LPC asserts that site clearing commenced during the second half of 2021. Since it is not possible, in such a case, to prove a negative it is necessary that the Planning Inspectorate is clear that evidence submitted by the Applicant is unequivocal. LPC supports ESC application of its relevant Planning Policies.

2 – Notwithstanding the above (that the current development status of a mobile home is disallowed), LPC wishes to emphasise that such a mobile home structure conflicts with Policy LAHS4 of the recently made Lound with Ashby, Herringfleet and Somerleyton Neighbourhood Plan– Policy LAHS 4 Design of new Residential Developments New residential developments should harmonise with and reflect the character of the existing houses in the immediate locality. New dwellings should be similar in scale, type, and use similar materials to either match or complement existing vernacular houses. As appropriate to their scale, nature and location, development proposals within the East Suffolk administrative part of the neighbourhood area should respond positively to the requirements of the Lound and Somerleyton, Suffolk, Master Planning and Design Guidelines.

3 – LPC has reviewed the Applicant’s Personal Note and wishes to respond to two points. Firstly, that the Applicant alleges victimisation. The Personal Note is redacted so LPC has no knowledge to whom the Applicant refers, but to ensure completeness and correctness, there has been no communication between the Applicant and the LPC or Councillors or Clerk and LPC seeks only to ensure the fair and equitable application of Policies and community feedback. Secondly the Applicant states “...as they seem hellbent on trying to stop this development whilst other unsightly developments are carried out in the village”. Here the Applicant recognises that the Applicant’s development is indeed unsightly but incorrectly asserts that other unsightly developments have been allowed. This is singularly not correct. All recent developments can be considered to meet the requirements of LAHS4 above.

4 – LPC observations include the Applicant’s installation of pipes across the site, in the very place where the excavations would be required for the “Eco” house, that are reminiscent of utility hook up points for a further, circa 6, caravans or mobile home type dwellings. Such observations raise concerns that intentions are to develop this site for temporary, holiday or Traveller type accommodation. LPC therefore brings these, not unreasonable local fears, to the attention of the Planning Inspectorate.

Signed Chairman, Clerk, Date.....