

LOUND PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Lound Village Hall
on Monday 3rd June 2019 at 7.30 pm.

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

Present: Louis Smith (chair), Judith Hobbs (vice chair), Paul Strowlger,
Miles Thomas, Gayle Welsh, Peter Larcombe, Jenny Ozinel,
Paul Ashdown (District Councillor),
James Reeder (County Councillor)
Jill Brown — clerk

There were no members of the public present.

The Chair welcomed those present and introduced the meeting by advising those present of the location of the Fire Exits.

1. Welcome & Apologies

Apologies from Keith Robinson (County Councillor)

2. Declaration of Interest - Declaration of any pecuniary or other interest with regards to items on the agenda. There were none.

3. Minutes of The Last Meeting and Matters Arising –

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 1st April 2019 were proposed and seconded. The minutes of the Annual General meeting held on 17th May were proposed and seconded. The minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on 17th May were proposed and seconded.

4. Public Forum – There were no members of the public present.

5. Parish Councillor Election Expenses – Louis explained the procedure for completing the election expenses forms. Some councillors have already completed these and the others will be completing theirs within the next couple of days.

6. Parish Council Register of Interests – All Parish Councillors have been registered online for any declarations of interests. Councillors are in the process of completing these.

Signed *ACTING* Chairman, *Judith Hobbs* Clerk, *Jill Brown* Date.....

7. Report on Northern Parishes Meeting of 21st May 2019 – Louis attended this meeting and gave feedback to the Parish council. There were no specific items to relay back. The next Northern Parishes meeting will be in September and an email will be sent to confirm the exact date.

8. External Audit Requirements

The Parish Council reviewed the requirements to qualify as an ‘Exempt Authority’, and agreed that the Parish Council met the criteria for exemption.

The Parish Council reviewed and approved the ‘Annual Governance Statement’.

9. Updates

•**Police Connect Updates** – Relevant Police Connect emails are circulated to the Parish Councillors when received. There has been a garage burglary and some incidents of criminal damage in Blundeston lately.

•**Lound Website** – Louis continues to update this when required. The Parish Council policies have now been added to the website. A Safeguarding Policy will be added shortly and Jill Brown (clerk) will be named as the main Safeguarding contact.

•**Neighbourhood Planning Update** – Unfortunately the design briefs for the residential sites in Lound and Somerleyton are still outstanding. These are being provided by AECOM, who have stated that they are not yet finalised. Louis will contact the grant provider to inform them of the delay.

10. Reports from District and County Councillors –

Paul Ashdown (District Councillor) reported that East Suffolk have set up their new committees and the first meeting will be held next week. The first cabinet meeting was due to be held on 4th June 2019. There have been changes within the planning department and training sessions are being held for those involved with planning meetings. It will now be vital that all comments on planning applications are received back within a 21-day deadline.

On the morning of 25th June 2019, Paul and Steven Gallant (the new leader of East Suffolk County Council) will be visiting parishes.

James Reeder (County Councillor) reported that Mathew Hicks is the new leader of Suffolk County Council, and he has confirmed his cabinet. Suffolk County Council is the third largest landowner in the country and housing has been made a higher priority on the agenda. Suffolk County Council will be working with District Councils on this issue and will be supportive of housing plans. Inclusive economic growth will be a priority to ensure that all constituents benefit.

Signed ^{ACTING} Chairman, *Paul Ashdown* Clerk, *Steven Gallant* Date.....

Ofsted (Office for Standards in Education, Children’s Services and Skills) have rated Suffolk County Council Childrens Services as outstanding. SCC are one of only nine in the country to receive this rating.

The current emphasis on healthy lifestyles and exercise will continue to be a priority and social prescribing by GP’s will continue.

James also explained the ‘Community Self Help Scheme’ which empowers Town and Parish Councils to deliver minor highway works in their communities. Details of this scheme can be found online at:

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/community-self-help-scheme/>

11. Correspondence

There was one item of correspondence:

An annual report from Suffolk Accident Rescue Service. This was noted by Councillors.

12. Accounts:

- **Review of Income and Expenditure and balances to end of May 2019**
The income, expenditure and bank balances to the end of May 2019 were reviewed and approved.
- **Payments to authorise:**

Clerks salary to end of April 2019	£111.77 - paid by BACS
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HMRC due 3 rd July 2019	£ 76.00 - cheque to be raised
Hall Hire	£ 75.00 - to be paid by BACS
- **Accounting Statements for External Audit**
The accounting statements for the year ending March 2019 were reviewed and approved.

13. Scheduled meetings for 2019 - 5th August, 7th October, 2nd December.

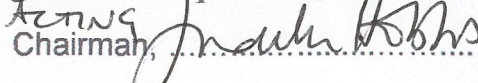
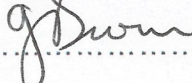
14. Outline Planning Application DC / 19 / 1229 / OUT

This outline planning application was reviewed. Parish Councillors decided not to support this application as the location is well outside the existing built-up area of the village and is not within easy reach of village facilities such as the church, the village hall, the public house, and the café. It was felt that this would constitute unsustainable development in the countryside.

13. Councillors Forum

There were no items raised for discussion at the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 9pm.

Signed  Chairman,  Clerk, Date.....