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LOUND PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Lound Village Hall
on Monday 13th April 2015 at 7:30pm

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

Present: Rita Flatt, Judith Hobbs, Peter Larcombe, and Louis Smith (Chair)
John Burford – Clerk
Gayle Welsh – Prospective Parish Councillor

The Chair welcomed those present and introduced the meeting by reminding those present of the location of the Fire exits.

1. Welcome & Apologies

Apology from Alison Thomas and from PCSO Sue Kershaw who is now back full time but not on duty this evening.

2. Declaration of Interest

Declaration of any pecuniary or other interest with regard to items on the agenda
There were no declarations made.

3. Minutes Of The Last Meeting and Matters Arising - To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 2nd February 2015 together with Planning meetings held on Friday 13th February 2015 - DC/15/0333/FUL and Wednesday 1st April 2015 - DC/15/0990/FUL

With the addition of Judith Hobbs being present at both planning meetings, Judith proposed and Peter seconded acceptance of the minutes.

There were no matters arising.

4. Police Report and Speedwatch

POLICE REPORT FOR THE PARISH OF LOUND FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2015

Please give my apologies I am on a day shift and unable to attend but pleased to report, I am back on full duties.

There were no recorded crimes for the parish.

Your C.S.W. received a thank you letter on from Suffolk Constabulary for their continued good work in keeping the speed of vehicles down.

As from April 1st Sgt Hogan – Green is now responsible for the S.N.T. North Lowestoft.

Kind regards, Sue

Signed Chairman, Clerk, Date.....

SPEEDWATCH – Speedwatch meeting in the Police Station on Wednesday 15th April.

Automatic speed indicator has been returned from repair and is in use.

5. Public Forum

There were no members of the public other than Gayle who had nothing to discuss.

6. Updates:

The Mardle – the working party on Saturday 28th March was successful. A drop down curb to aid wheel chairs was discussed and deemed unpractical because of the Mardle and the risk of entering the pond.

Speeding – 20mph has been agreed for back lane, awaiting further information from our County Councillor.

Road Signs – Finger post at the junction of Church Lane and The Street has faded and needs replacing..

Back Lane passing bays – Still waiting for the one sign to be relocated.

Proposed picket fences at village entrances – an email was sent to Keith Sampson indicating where the picket fences should be located; we are awaiting further information.

Litter Pick – The new date has been confirmed as Saturday 25th April 2015 meeting at 9:30. Louis will organise flyers and the equipment from WDC.

Allotment Inspection and Footpath Inspection together with associate trees – Louis and Peter would choose an afternoon to inspect the allotments and walk the footpaths.

There was concern that the gate to the green was frequently left open; Peter has been asked to keep an eye on it and shut and lock the gate if found open.

Standing Orders – John had produced a proposed document which will be distributed to Councillors for comment/adoption at the next meeting.

7. Advertising Signs

There is a concern that Lound might suffer from an invasion of signs as recently seen in Somerleyton. The Parish Council wanted to reaffirm its stance on fly posting in line with regulations. A document called, **Advertising Signs - Statement of acceptability** has been copied to Councillors. Judith proposed and Rita seconded adoption of the document. A copy is available from the Clerk upon request.

8. Report from District and County Councillors

No District or County Councillors present as they are in purdah due to the forthcoming elections.

9. Correspondence

A list was supplied for councillor’s consideration, most of which had been circulated by email.

10. Future Scheduled Meetings

1st June, 3rd August, 5th October, 7th December.

There will be two meetings on first of June; the first will be a Parish Council Meeting at 7:00pm where a new Chair and Vice Chair will be elected followed by the Annual Parish meeting at 7:30pm.

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11. Accounts

Business Bonus Account	As at 26 th March 2015	£4,000.00
Community Account	As at 26 th March 2015	£ 991.57
Cheques:		
Clerk's Salary (Feb' – Mar')		£251.46
HM Revenue & Customs 120PD00315869 1509		£ 115.60
Village Hall Hire		£ 75.00

The end of year accounts were distributed and the Clerk talked Councillors through the document. The outgoing was slightly higher than the incoming monies due to the unexpected bill for pollarding the willow tree on The Mardle which had not been budgeted for.

Louis proposed and Judith seconded acceptance of the accounts.

12. Councillors Forum

To request items to be placed on the Agenda for the next Parish Council meeting
Planting more flowers around The Mardle and the village in general was discussed.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed Chairman, Clerk, Date.....