

LOUND PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Lound Village Hall
on Monday 1st August 2016 at 7.30 pm

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

Present: Paul Ashdown, Carl Ashpole, Judith Hobbs, Len Jacklin, Peter Larcombe,
Louis Smith, and Bertie Poole
John Burford – Clerk
One member of the public

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

1. Welcome & Apologies

An apology had been received from Miles Thomas and Gayle Welsh..

2. Declaration of Interest

Declaration of any pecuniary or other interest with regard to items on the agenda and requests for dispensations.

No pecuniary interest was declared.

3. Minutes Of The Last Meeting and Matters Arising - To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 6th June 2016 and the Parish Council Planning held on Friday 14th July 2016

Acceptance of the Parish Council Meeting was proposed by Judith and seconded by Peter and agreed by all present.

With the correct spelling of Gayle's surname made on the minutes of the Planning meeting, acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Louis and seconded by Peter and agreed by those present.

At this point, Paul gave his District Council report so that he could leave early, the details are recorded under item 7 where they would be expected to be found

4. Police Report and Speedwatch

There was no Police report and Len advised that the information was on line although he had been unable to find it. There seems to be little faith in 101. There has been a sharp increase in domestic violence although it is estimated that only about 13% of incidents are recorded. Speedwatch is continuing normally although they no longer have a named contact.

Signed Chairman, Clerk, Date.....

5. Public Forum

Rita had submitted a letter to the Parish Council reflecting concern with parking in The Street and several methods for combating the situation were offered. After a discussion it was decided that only supplying yellow lines along the road might help although there is a reluctance to go down that path as it is likely to spoil the ambience of the village.

6. Updates:

Repaint the Mardle railings and the phone box in Back Lane

The Mardle railings have been painted ; the phone box will be done as soon as possible.

Road Signs

The Parish Council agreed and have paid the additional sum needed to supply an enhanced finger post sign located at the junction of The Street and Church Lane; which has been ordered and will be fitted once available.

Proposed picket fences at village entrances

The quotation for the proposed picket fences at the village entrances was £7,365.23; this is considered too expensive so the Parish Council has decided to withdraw the request.

onesuffolk website - <http://lound.onesuffolk.net>

The site is being updated when circumstances allow.

Slow Markings on Jay Lane

There are slow markings on the road in Jay Lane which will be repainted after the road has been resurfaced.

Neighbourhood Planning

Steering Group meetings are being held. The group is awaiting the conclusion of Waveney District Council’s consultation on the designation of the Neighbourhood Area.

Approval of the area is expected by the middle of September. Where possible work required is being carried out in advance of this date. The committee is a subset of the Parish Councils.

When approval is given, the committee will be looking at housing, transport, health and many more items. A questionnaire will be drawn up for residents to complete.

Notice Boards (not on the agenda)

The rotten door on the notice board in Back Lane has now been repaired and will be rehung shortly.

7. Report from District and County Councillors

Paul – District Councillor

With the ‘Call for Sites’, Lothingland was the best respondent, WDC has given approval for the devolution process.

National Highways have responded to a letter from Peter Aldous, where they state “we have no plans for resurfacing ahead of other planned work in 2018-2019”. This was in relation to a complaint from Blundeston Parish Council about the state of the slip road onto the A12. Bertie’s opinion is that the area described as well as the Jay Lane junction are unsafe. Len said that he felt that the criteria was all wrong

We may in future belong to one authority called “East Suffolk” which will be Suffolk Coastal and Waveney combined.

Paul advised that the Police Commissioner, Tim Passmore would not be attending the Northern Parishes meeting. However he would be attending a meeting with the Chief Constable at the Kirkly Centre in Lowestoft South at 6:30pm on Thursday 1st December 2016 when members of the public will be able to attend and ask questions.

County Councillors

The verges at the east end of Back Lane have been levelled, and a part of the ditch has been filled in. The soakaway is still there.

Things are quiet over the summer; concern was raised over devolution and the probable lack of accountability.

8. Correspondence

A list was available, but most documents had been circulated by email, copies are available for any Councillor who would like to see them.

9. Future Scheduled Meetings

3rd October, 5th December (Len has advised that he will not be available for the December meeting).

10. Accounts

Business Bonus Account	As at 26 th July 2016	£3,802.59
Community Account	As at 26 th July 2016	£2,033.39

Cheques:

Clerk’s Salary (Jun’ – Jul’)		£260.00
Confirmation Authority for cheques issued under ‘106 monies’		
SSC for Enhances Finger Post		£135.11
Slabs & Paint		£152.70
Sand, Cement & Ballast for Heath Table		£ 76.89
Heath Table		£706.80

The amount in the Community Account seems high because a cheque for £936.00 of 106 monies which had to spend with a deadline of **26th August 2016** has been deposited in the account. £1,043.69 will be taken out this month which will reduce the balance to £989.70.

The clerk advised that he had heard from the external auditors about needing a signed minutes for the meeting that discussed the risk assessment document. He had advised them that he was in hospital when the minutes had been agreed and that the chair had subsequently resigned, hence no signed minutes. After a brief discussion, the present chair agreed to sign the minutes because he was at the meeting, this was done and a copy is to be sent to the external auditors.

Louis proposed acceptance of the account which was seconded by Judith and agreed by those present.

11. Councillors Forum

To request items to be placed on the Agenda for the next Parish Council meeting

Louis attended the East Suffolk World of planning event on the Local Plan consultation and learnt that there were a total of 523 responses from a population of about 115,000, ie an overall response rate of less than ½ of one percent. There were 59 responses from Lound from a population of about 360, ie a response rate of 16%. This shows the strength of feeling in Lound against the sites being put forward for potential residential development.

The meeting finished at 9:05 pm.

Signed Chairman, Clerk, Date.....