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# LOUND PARISH COUNCIL

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Lound Village Hall  
on Monday 2nd February 2015 at 7:30pm

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

Present: Paul Ashdown, Carl Ashpole, Rita Flatt, Judith Hobbs, Peter Larcombe,  
Bertie Poole, and Louis Smith (Chair)  
John Burford – Clerk

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 on holiday.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015**

Judith proposed and Peter seconded acceptance of the minutes.  
There were no matters arising.

**4. Police Report and Speedwatch**

On 13<sup>th</sup> January an appeal for information was made after three thefts in Lound overnight of Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 January.

Around 500 litres of heating oil was stolen from a tank, and plumbing tools were taken from a shed in Back Lane. And several joints of frozen meat were stolen from a freezer in a garage at a property in Yarmouth Road.

Speedwatch – The automatic speed indicator is presently away for repair.

**5. Public Forum**

There were no members of the public

**6. Updates:**

**The Mardle** – Plants need to be planted, planting party agreed for Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March. The railings need repainting, and Louis agreed to ask whether Community Payback could do this work. It would cost approximately £70 per day.

Signed ..... Chairman, ..... Clerk, Date.....

**Speeding** – 20mph has been agreed for back lane.

**oad Signs** – No further information available.

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

**Proposed picket fences at village entrances** – Keith Sampson has indicated that the picket fences cannot be located near the 30mph signs as it's too near to the junction with Earth Lane and would cut visibility. The hedgerow has been cut back allowing location further south towards Blundeston. Since there is no verge on Jay Lane to accommodate picket fences, it's been suggested that roundels are placed on the road.

**Service Road** – WDC have filled the potholes in the service road behind the ex-council houses on The Street. They have used type 1 stone, which should be good for a couple of years before it needs re-doing

**One Suffolk web site** - This item is ongoing

**7. Tree Removal**

On Boxing Day, a substantial branch from a dead Beach Tree fell in Earth Lane, blocking the road, this was broken up using a chain saw. A quotation of £140.00 was obtained to cut down the rest of the tree. Fortunately, the wind blew the tree down without causing damage, so saving the fee for cutting it down.

There is a need to include trees growing on land owned by the Parish Council on the risk assessment and arrange for a periodic check on their condition.

**8. Report from District and County Councillors**

District – There is a balanced budget. The 25<sup>th</sup> February is the last District Council meeting before Councillors go into purdah. The purdah period typically begins six weeks before the scheduled election, in each authority on the day the notice of election is published; for the 2015 General and local elections purdah will begin on **Monday 30 March**.

County – The budget is set with no increase. Money is available for spending on allotments Suffolk County Council provides insurance for any volunteers who looks after grit bins.

We are still awaiting plans for the future of Blundeston Prison.

**9. Correspondence**

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

The clerk advised that he had received a time-table for the forthcoming elections and a copy would be supplied to Councillors by email.

Councillors were asked to note that Nomination Papers had to be delivered by hand. Nomination papers would be available around 20<sup>th</sup> March and will be made available to Councillors as soon as is practical after that. The deadline for return of application forms is **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April**, so they will be collected by the Clerk on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**.

**12. Future Scheduled Meetings**

13<sup>th</sup> April, 1<sup>st</sup> June, 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 5<sup>th</sup> October, 7<sup>th</sup> December.

The first of June will be the Annual Parish meeting, followed by a Parish Council Meeting.

**13. Accounts**

Business Bonus Account	As at 28 <sup>th</sup> January 2015	£3,949.07
Community Account	As at 28 <sup>th</sup> January 2015	£1,163.01

Cheques:

Clerk's Salary (Dec' – Jan')		£251.46
HM Revenue & Customs 120PD00315869 1509		£168.00

Carl proposed and Judith seconded acceptance of the accounts.

**14. Planning Application** – The Chair explained that he was aware of another planning application being placed forward by Lowestoft College, Lound Campus for construction of new heat pod, construction of a new plant room, relocation of oil tank and existing pool pump house to be covered.

Councillors were offered the opportunity of seeing the plans on screen or having another meeting when the plans had been received. They chose to hold another meeting.

**15. Councillors Forum**

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

It was felt that the telephone box needed painting, Keith has some paint. Louis agreed to include this work when speaking to the Community Payback coordinator.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm