

LOUND PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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

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

Present: Paul Ashdown, Carl Ashpole, Judith Hobbs, Peter Larcombe, Louis Smith,
Miles Thomas and Gayle Welsh.

John Burford – Clerk

2 members 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

Apologies have been received from Cllr Len Jacklin and Cllr Bertie Poole, both who are attending the Fire Brigade consultation.

2. Declaration of Interest

Declaration of any pecuniary or other interest with regard to items on the agenda

No pecuniary interest was declared.

3. Minutes Of The Last Meeting and Matters Arising - To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 7th December 2015

During the Councillors forum Carl volunteered to be the Neighbourhood Watch coordinator for Back Lane. Carl's contact details were passed to Sue Kershaw so she could set up the scheme.

Matters Arising: Councillor Training; Carl, Judith and Louis attended, several things came to light:-

- a) Internal Auditor needs to be approved by the Parish Council.
- b) Transparency – Declarations need to be seen, consideration has to be in writing before the meeting.
- c) Accounts need to be seen by all Councillors

All who attended felt that the training had been worthwhile.

Judith proposed acceptance of the minutes which was seconded by Carl and agreed by all present.

Signed Chairman, Clerk, Date.....

4. Police Report and Speedwatch

PCSO Sue Kershaw is on Annual Leave, no report has been received by the police. On advising Sue Kershaw of this meeting I received an automatic response saying that she was off sick. I subsequently sent a request to Lowestoft Police Station asking for a report but to date nothing has been received.

Speedwatch – Traffic has reduced in Lound.

5. Public Forum

Rita attended a meeting in Blundeston in relation to the No. 7 bus; it may be diverted through Lound.

Work is continuing on “The Village Maid” which is scheduled to open in March.

Lothingland School is up for sale again, no news is available.

Café licence was discussed.

6. Updates:

Repaint the Mardle railings and the phone box in Back Lane

The Parish Councillors will undertake the painting when the weather improves.

Proposed 20mph speed limit - Back Lane

We have now received notification from Suffolk County Council in the form of an email attaching for our information a copy of a draft Order, the Council’s reasons for proposing to make the Order and the notice that will shortly be published in the local press.

Road Signs

Awaiting replacement fingers.

Proposed picket fences at village entrances

Awaiting information from Keith Samson.

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

Louis to check Financial Transparency.

Roundels on Jay Lane

Keith Sampson advises that roundels can be placed at the commencement of a speed limit and at every repeater sign, however, our conservation team do not tend to like too many roundels in rural areas as they believe they urbanise the rural vista. Any new roundels would have to be funded by the local county councillors – all I need is a decision of how many you would like so I can provide the councillors with an estimate of the likely costs involved.

7. Neighbourhood Planning

There was a view that there should not be any new developments in Lound. To protect the village, one of three things could happen:

1. Produce a Neighbourhood Plan
2. Join Somerleyton to produce a Neighbourhood Plan
3. Do nothing

If nothing was done, no influence could be used on future planning. Joining with Somerleyton to produce a Neighbourhood Plan would have the advantage being to share the workload and help both Parishes.

A steering group was needed not made up of only councillors so that the village can plan up to 2030. Louis had a list of seven names that were willing to help, Somerleyton had a similar number. Both villages are similar but there are more properties in Somerleyton.

The Council Meeting closed to enable the public to join the discussion:

Concern was raised in joining Somerleyton and the methodology of joining them was discussed. Waveney would have to be notified because of associated costs, a grant is available. The way forward was discussed and it was noted that Oulton Parish have already produced a plan.

The Council Meeting was resumed:

Option 2 was chosen with an acknowledgement that the steering group would let the Parish Council know what was going on, this was agreed by all. Louis to talk to Somerleyton to arrange a meeting and bring the Waveney Representatives on board. It was estimated that the project would last 12 months.

8. Report from District and County Councillors

Neither of the County Councillors are present. Paul reported that Waveney were looking at the budget for the next four years, the government cuts were still having an impact, decision expected by the end of the month Meetings had been held with the Police with no commitment made to rural areas. The police will attend a Parish Council meeting if requested for a specific reason. Hopefully Lothingland site will not be built on, but there was no information available.

9. Correspondence

A list is available, but every document has been circulated by email, copies are available for Peter if he would like to see them.
Peter had a look at the correspondence.

10. Future Scheduled Meetings

4th April, 6th June, 1st August, 3rd October, 5th December.

11. Accounts

A copy of the accounts had been distributed to Councillors at the beginning of the meeting.

Business Bonus Account	As at 26 th January 2016	£4,251.57
Community Account	As at 26 th January 2016	£ 650.34

Cheques:

Clerk's Salary (Dec' – Jan')	£260.00
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Louis proposed acceptance of the accounts which was seconded by Judith and agreed by all.

12. Councillors Forum

To request items to be placed on the Agenda for the next Parish Council meeting
Litter Pick and the Clerk's salary to be discussed at the next meeting.
The litter pick would take place on Saturday 12th March 2016.

The meeting closed at 8:50pm.

Signed Chairman, Clerk, Date.....