

# LOUND PARISH COUNCIL

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Lound Village Hall  
on Monday 13th October 2014 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**

Apologies have been received from: Anna Moyse, Alison Thomas and PCSO Sue Kershaw who is still off from work.

**2. Declaration of Interest**

*Declaration of any pecuniary or other interest with regard to items on the agenda*  
Judith mentioned that she had an invoice from the Land Registry.

**3. Minutes Of The Last Meeting - To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August**

Once the date of the meeting had been changed to 14<sup>th</sup> August, the minutes were agreed as a true record of the last meeting and signed by the chair.

**4. Matters Arising - from the minutes not included on the agenda**

Planning Application - DC/14/1802/FUL for Paddock 2, The Street, Lound was discussed and Paul Ashdown explained why permission had been given after a site visit. It was felt that the property would not be intrusive nor would it set a planning precedence.

**5. Police Report and Speedwatch**

There was no police report since PCSO Sue Kershaw was still of sick after being knocked off her bike and breaking her arm.  
The Speedwatch continues to maintain its schedule.

**6. Public Forum**

There were no members of the public.

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

**7. Budget for 2015 – 2016**

The clerk presented a proposed budget for next year which assumed no increase in the precept, the garages or the allotments. After a discussion, this was agreed.

The chair explained that the clerk's salary needed to be reviewed and councillors agreed that he and the clerk should discuss the issue seeking appropriate agreement from councillors at the next meeting – this was agreed.

**8. Updates:**

**The Mardle** – No change.

**Speeding** – the long awaited Suffolk Policy is now completed and issued. Bertie will seek a copy.

**Road Signs** – now completed, to be taken off the agenda list.

**Back Lane passing bays** – Still awaiting action from Suffolk Highways.

**Proposed picket fences at village entrances** – Still awaiting information from Keith Sampson.

**Service Road** – No more information available.

**9. One Suffolk web site.**

Work is being carried out when time permits. The site is not as user friendly as first thought.

**10. Northern Parishes**

The next meeting is on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2014 at Somerleyton Hall, 7;30pm start. Both Louis and John will attend. Louis advised that 11<sup>th</sup> December was free if the next meeting was to be held in Lound.

**11. Ditch and Hedges around The Green**

Judith Hobbs approached the Land Registry to determine ownership of the ditch. It was determined that it is owned by Mr and Mrs George of Blundeston House, Blundeston, also known as Badger Building.

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

WDC are presently discussing next year's budget. The new building in South Lowestoft will be ready for occupation in March, the town hall would then be empty.

The verges and hedges in Back Lane and Border Lane are overgrown and encroaching on the road, they have only been cut once this year. The sides of the road will be reclaimed when the roads are resurfaced.

**13. Correspondence**

Much of the correspondence had been circulated to councillors with email. A hard copy was available for those without email if they wanted to look at them.

A letter had been received from Essex and Suffolk Water asking if we would be able to supply a dog foul waste bin at Fen Barns car park. Process for getting one to be obtained from Blundeston.

- 14. Future Scheduled Meetings** – To agree dates for 2015  
1<sup>st</sup> December, **2<sup>nd</sup> February, 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.**

After a discussion it was decided to remove the date in May and run with the 1<sup>st</sup> June, other than that change, the dates were agreed and confirmed.

**15. Accounts**

Business Bonus Account	As at 26 <sup>th</sup> September 2014	£3,849.07
Community Account	As at 26 <sup>th</sup> September 2014	£1,992.23

Cheques:

Clerk's Salary (Aug' – Sep')	£251.46
Inland Revenue	£115.60

Parish Insurance	£265.00
Mrs. J. Hobbs – Land Registry Search	£ 21.94

Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Louis Smith, seconded by Rita Flatt and agreed by all present.

**16. Councillors Forum**

*To request items to be placed on the Agenda for the next Parish Council meeting*  
Clerk's salary to be an agenda item at the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm