

# LOUND PARISH COUNCIL

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Lound Village Hall  
on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2016 at 7.30 pm

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

Present: Paul Ashdown, , Judith Hobbs, Len Jacklin, Peter Larcombe,  
Bertie Poole, Louis Smith, Miles Thomas and Gayle Welsh  
Marina Patterson – Prospective Councillor.  
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**

An apology had been received from Carl Ashpole. The Chair welcomed the new clerk from Gisleham who had come see how another Parish Council Meeting was run.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> August 2016 and the Parish Council Planning held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2016**

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

**4. Police Report and Speedwatch**

The clerk advised that he had subscribed to ‘Police Connect’, a system by which the Police notify people in the area of potential issues. It was decided that the information was best circulated via the Northern Parishes team and where appropriate a copy placed on the notice boards.

Speedwatch is continuing normally, Flixton has its fair share of speeders...

**5. Public Forum**

No members of the public were present. The new clerk from Gisleham was present as an observer.

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

**6. Updates:**

**Road Signs**

The Parish Council agreed and has 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 not yet fitted.

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

We have been advised by One Suffolk that from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2016, there will be a charge for Hosting on the web platform of £60.00. After a discussion which revolved around the difficulties of moving to another site, it was decided to pay £60.00 a year and stay with One Suffolk.

Payment was proposed by Miles, seconded by Gayle and agreed by all present.

**Slow Markings on Jay Lane**

There are slow markings on the road in Jay Lane have not been repainted after the road has been resurfaced.

**Neighbourhood Planning**

Steering Group meetings are still being held. Waveney District Council has formally accepted the designation of the Neighbourhood Area.

The Steering Group has been formed by Lound and Somerleyton Parish Councils, who have agreed to co-operate to produce a Neighbourhood Plan.

An open day will be held at Lound and Somerleyton Village Halls on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2016 from 10.00am to 4.00pm. The purpose of this open day is to gather residents' views on the key issues likely to affect the villages over the next 20 years.

This will be followed up by a questionnaire in Spring 2017.

**7. Northern Parishes**

The discussions from the Northern Parishes, attended by Hopton this time, enlightened us that there were a complete new set of Councillors in Hopton who seemed to be spending their funds for the benefit of the community near the location of the 'old post office'.

Oulton now have a new clerk and have moved their meetings to the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month.

Somerleyton have a new Parish Clerk and a new Chair. The shop and Post Office has closed, but there is a possibility that a new shop could be opened at a different location within the village.

Blundeston – the prison site has been sold and will be developed for housing. The pre-school has moved from the village hall to the prison officers club. The pond is collapsing causing the road to fall in. New play equipment is being purchased since the original is rotten; the company which supplied the original equipment has gone bust.

The next meeting is to be held in Lound on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

**8. Asset Register**

The clerk issued a copy of the asset register and explained that the only change was the addition of a table in the Heath.

**9. Risk Assessment**

A copy of the Risk Assessment was issued to all Councillors who have been asked to return with any comments at the next meeting

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

Suffolk County Council is still discussing devolution, and there is some dissatisfaction with the way it has been handled. The current proposal may be rejected.

With the parishing of Lowestoft into a town council, Oulton Broad is going to be parished and Corton altered to include both sides of Long Lane.

Waveney and Suffolk Coastal District Councils are likely to merge in the future to form East Suffolk District Council. Some office functions have already been merged, but there is no plan to close either the Waveney offices in Lowestoft, or the Suffolk Coastal offices at Melton near Woodbridge.

It was noted that there is still a dispute concerning the access track leading to 7 Cuckoo Green Lane. However neither District nor County Councillors are able to help in what is essentially a dispute between neighbours.

Waveney Councillors have noted a number of complaints about the Household Waste recycling site at Haddenham Road. The main problem seems to be the difficulty in gaining access to the site as there is often a long queue.

**11. 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.

**12. Future Scheduled Meetings**

*5<sup>th</sup> December; February 6<sup>th</sup>, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, May 12<sup>th</sup> (Annual Parish Meeting), June 5<sup>th</sup>, August 7<sup>th</sup>, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, December 4<sup>th</sup>.*

**13. Accounts**

Budget for 2017/2018

A draft budget for 2017/18 was presented, and it was agreed that the precept for 2017/18 would stay at £1700. The clerk's salary and other details of the budget for 2017/18 will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Proposed by Miles, seconded by Louis and agreed by all present

Garage number 3 is now vacant and is to be advertised.

Business Bonus Account	As at 26 <sup>th</sup> September 2016	£3,802.59
Community Account	As at 26 <sup>th</sup> September 2016	£1,119.72

Cheques:

Clerk's Salary (Aug' – Sep')	£260.00
HM Revenue & Customs 120PD00315869 1706	£120.00

Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Louis, seconded by Judith and agreed by all present.

The clerk explained that we were now covered on insurance and explained the type of cover.

**14. Councillors Forum**

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

The Councillor vacancy was discussed and it was proposed by Louis, seconded by Judith and agreed by all present that Marina Patterson be co-opted onto the Parish Council – clerk to sort out the paperwork.

It was noted that Church Alley Passage is overgrown.

The meeting finished at 9:30 pm.