

LOUND PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Lound Village Hall
on Monday 6th August 2018 at 7.30 pm.

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

Present: Louis Smith (chair), Judith Hobbs (vice chair), Paul Strowlger, Peter Larcombe,
Paul Ashdown (District Councillor), Keith Robinson (County Councillor).

Jill Brown — Clerk

There were no members of the public present.

The Chair welcomed those present and introduced the meeting by advising those present of the location of the Fire Exits.

1. Welcome & Apologies

Apologies from Gayle Welsh, Miles Thomas and James Reeder.

2. Declaration of Interest - Declaration of any pecuniary or other interest with regards to items on the agenda. There were none.

3. Minutes of The Last Meeting and Matters Arising –

The pot hole in Back Lane has now been repaired. There has been no further development regarding repairs to the unadopted road at the back of the houses on The Street. WDC are only prepared to pay a contribution towards this as many of the houses are now owned privately.

4. Public Forum – There were no members of the public present.

5. Co-option of Parish Councillor to replace Marina Patterson – This vacancy is still open.

6. Neighbourhood Plan Progress Report – The draft plan was completed and sent to Waveney District Council two weeks ago for an informal review.

Waveney District Council have made some suggestions to improve the plan as follows:

They have asked for the design briefs to be more specific and the steering group have applied for a technical support package to provide the services of a qualified architect to deal with this.

Waveney District Council have also requested that the plan includes more maps and that the sequencing of the plan is put into more of a logical order.

They would also like the local plan to be more specific about the way it will work alongside Waveney District Council plans.

The next step for the neighbourhood plan is for the work on the design briefs to take place over the next 4-5 months and then a formal meeting will take place with Waveney District Council.

There will then be a six-week consultation after which the plan will go forward for a referendum with local residents.

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7. Speedwatch – Louis has been the co-ordinator for the local Speedwatch scheme for the past 8 years. He has decided to step down from this role. One of the other volunteers is willing to take over as the co-ordinator for the scheme. The radar belongs to Lound Parish Council but this could be transferred to another Parish.

If the scheme is to continue there will need to be more volunteers from the relevant parishes.

It is a possibility that a speed indicator board or a VAS (vehicle activated sign) would be more effective, however this would cost about £3300.

Paul Ashdown thanked Louis for his hard work over the past eight years and the Councillors all agreed.

8. Northern Parishes – Louis gave feedback from the recent Northern Parishes that he and Jill (clerk) attended. The next Northern Parish meeting will be held at Lound Village hall and will take place on 11th October 2018. The Parish Councillors are welcome to attend.

9. Updates

- **Police Newsletter** – The July issue of the SNT was distributed. This did not contain any information that was specifically relevant to the Parish of Lound. It was noted that there is a new Community Engagement Officer named PC Amy Yeldham who will be covering Beccles, Bungay, Lowestoft and the surrounding areas. It was suggested that she be invited to the next Northern Parishes meeting.
- **Lound Website** – Louis continues to update this when required.
- **Webcam** – as Miles was not present at this meeting there was no feedback given about any progress regarding the webcam.
- **‘Slow Ducks’ notice** – This has now been purchased and placed near the Mardle to warn oncoming traffic about the presence of ducks.

10. Reports from District and County Councillors

Paul Ashdown (District Councillor) said that the new local plan is now with an independent planning inspector. There will be a final public consultation starting in October, and the plan is expected to be formally adopted by the end of the year.

Waveney District Council and Suffolk Coastal District Council are to merge. On 31st March 2019 the two district councils will cease to exist and will be replaced by East Suffolk District Council.

The Boundary Commission are looking at the new warding system which will take effect from 1st April 2019. There will then be 55 councillors instead of the current 90. It is not yet known who the councillors will be. There will be an election on 2nd May and the new authority will take over a few days after this.

Keith Robinson (County Councillor) said that on Wednesday 8th August a formal request will be put to County Hall in Ipswich asking that all the local roads that are not currently 20 or 30mph be changed to 40mph. This in accordance with the wishes of local residents.

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11. Correspondence

The external auditors (PKF Littlejohn LLP) have written to say that as the accounts were submitted past the deadline last year, this year’s accounts will be subject to a full audit. The cost of this will be £200 plus VAT. The full figures have been submitted by Louis this week.

12. Accounts

- **Review of Income and Expenditure** - The income, expenditure and bank balances at the end of July 2018 were reviewed and accepted.

- **Payments to authorise:**

Clerks salary to end of June	£115.82 – paid by BACS
Clerks salary to end of July	£106.96 – paid by BACS
HMRC June	£ 72.60 – cheque raised
Miles Thomas - ‘slow ducks’ sign	£ 19.99 – cheque raised
Peter Larcombe - petrol for strimmer	£ 10.00 – cheque raised

Judith Hobbs proposed that the above accounts be authorised and Paul Strowlger seconded.

13. Scheduled meetings for 2018

1st October, 3rd December.

14. Councillors Forum

Some new hedging needs to be planted round the graveyard extension at the church. This is likely to be arranged in early November, and the church will ask local residents to form a working party to carry out this work.

Items on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting on 1st October will include budget and precept setting.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

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