

LOUND PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Council AGM held at Lound Village Hall
Friday 25th May 2018 at 7.30 pm.

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

Present: Louis Smith (chair), Judith Hobbs (Deputy Chair), Peter Larcombe
Miles Thomas, Paul Strowlger, Gayle Welsh.

Jill Brown - Clerk

There were 9 members of the public present.

Notice boards were on display showing contributions from:

- Community Speedwatch
- Lound Heath
- Lound Allotments
- Lound Charity Trustees
- Lound Village hall
- Lound Bowls Club
- Lound Church
- Lound lakes
- Parish Council Chairman's report

1. Welcome & Apologies

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

2. Confirmation of Minutes from the AGM held on Friday 12th May 2017 – The minutes were agreed and signed off by the chair.

3. Election of Chairman – Judith thanked Louis for his hard work over the last year and proposed Louis as the chairman for the upcoming year. This was seconded by Miles.

4. Election of Vice Chair – Miles proposed Judith for the position of Vice Chair and this was seconded by Gayle .

Signed Chairman, Clerk, Date.....

5. Public Forum

- A discussion took place regarding the access road at the back of the properties on the Street which is in disrepair. Louis said that he has corresponded with WDC regarding this matter. WDC would pay part of the cost to have this unadopted road improved, but the remainder would need to be met by the owners of the privately-owned properties. It was agreed that Louis will meet with the member of the public who raised this matter to discuss further. Estimates for the work will be requested and then property owners will be approached and asked if they are willing to contribute.
- A discussion took place regarding access for wheelchair users on Earth Lane where there is no dropped curb. Louis said that the Parish Council will make a request to Suffolk County Council, Highways Department, for this to be rectified.
- A discussion took place regarding cars being parked on the grass verge near the junction of Church Lane and The Street. This is obstructing the view of on-coming traffic. Louis said he will check how far vehicles legally need to be from a junction for parking purposes - the highway code says the minimum distance is 10 metres.
- A discussion took place regarding a sign on Yarmouth Road that directs traffic to Back Lane. This is no longer visible due to hedgerow foliage growing across it. Louis said that he will look into this and trim the vegetation back as need be.
- There is a pot hole near the Yarmouth Road end of Back Lane in which someone has placed a traffic cone to make it visible and to prevent accidents. Louis explained that these highway issues can be reported via the Suffolk County Council website and that these are then dealt with in order of priority. Louis said that this may have already been reported but he will report it again to be on the safe side.
- A member of the public said that there is a large gap in a hedge on Back Lane which has caused problems with snow drift and deer passing through onto the road and potentially being killed. It was stated that farmers do have the right to create openings in the hedgerow to allow access for farm machinery.
- There has been a problem with fly tipping on Border Lane. This is part of the Somerleyton Estate and so the Estate is responsible for removing this. WDC are responsible for dealing with fly tipping on their own property and land.

6. Accounts for the year to 31st March 2018 – The accounts will be examined and signed off for the external auditors at the next full Parish Council meeting on 4th June.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

Signed Chairman, Clerk, Date.....