



## **Lound Parish Council**

Draft Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish held on 19th May 2018 at 3.00pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs: M. Holgate, A. Perkins, A. Jones, R. Austin, J. Wilkinson – chairlady.

County and District Cllr: T. Taylor.

Clerk: C. Challener

BDC: 2

Residents: 7

Apologies for absence: Cllr J. Powell,

**19.05.18.01** The chairlady, Cllr J. Wilkinson opens and welcomes everyone to Lound's Annual Parish meeting.

The minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> May 2017 are signed as true and accurate recording of events.

**19.05.18.02** Apologies for absence: Cllr J. Powell

### **19.05.18.03 Chair Persons report.**

Cllr Maureen Holgate gives the chairpersons report.

Maureen opens her speech by asking the board of councillors to introduce themselves and the positions they undertake on the Parish Council:

Claire Challener – Parish Clerk

Alan Jones – representative on the Village Hall Committee for 2017 ( For 2018, Alan has handed this over to Rod Austin) and on the Linghurst Lakes committee. A. Jones has largely maintained the village website and published the monthly edition of the Crier.

Janet Wilkinson – has been the Trees and Village Green representative, organising the periodic working teams, planting and maintenance of the areas, as well as the Christmas Tree and Lights turn on. Treasurer to Linghurst Lakes.

Andrew Perkins – has represented on the Neighbourhood Plan Committee, and maintained and updated the Village Emergency Plan.

Rod Austin - Village Hall Committee, Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee, Health & Safety, and GDPR advisor.

Julian Powell – has managed/ represented the Grass cutting contracts & police meetings

M. Holgate explains that the position of chairperson, as per the decision made at the 2017 Annual Parish Council meeting, has been rotated every 2 months amongst the Parish Councillors.

The Parish Council saw David Foy leave the position of Parish Clerk, the position being taken over by Claire Challenger as of the beginning of April.

M. Holgate raises the vacant position of Parish Councillor.

M. Holgate mentions that the parish Council has been active on a number of committees including the Neighbourhood plan, The Central Bassetlaw Forum, IGas/ Tinker Lane Meetings and the Village Hall committee, to name some.

This year the Parish Council has worked with District and County Councillor Tracey Taylor on crossroad improvements, seeing the lines repainted and an interactive signal request placed.

The Gully's have had much attention with over £1000 being spent on clearance and maintenance, this has been funded in part by the Parish, part by the Lengthsman scheme and part through contributions from local businesses being Retford Aggregate and Fred Walter and Sons Ltd.

The playground swing has been replaced following its theft, as well as the chain on the gate. The swing being funded through the insurance.

D. Foy spent time working directly with Retford Aggregate (formally Charcon) arranging funding and litter picks with them in the village.

J. Wilkinson greatly contributed to the success of the Christmas Tree lighting with many thanks extended to the team playing the instruments for the Carol Singers which followed after the lights were turned on.

The main planning applications submitted have been for tree cuttings/removals, as the village ages so does the trees and many residents are now in a position due to the size of the trees and the area being classed as a conservation area having to request planning permission. None have been refused by the Parish Council to date. In addition, the village has seen an application for a property extension and x1 new building.

The biggest issue the Parish has seen, and the Council is addressing relates to Dogs. There have been numerous complaints of barking, nuisance, fouling and escaping dogs. The Parish Council is in close contact with the Police, Dog Warden and Environmental Health on these matters and a time framed action plan is in place to resolve some of the larger issues. Once again, all Parishioners are asked to report all dog issues to the correct authorities with as much detail and information as possible as this will greatly aid in the resolution of the matters.

Next year, and looking forward the Parish Council hopes the village will be in a position to enter the Best Kept Village competition, the success of this will obviously relate to the participation of the villages residents and them being involved in doing their part.

M. Holgate names and Thanks a number of people in relation to the work they have done for the Village.

**19.05.18.04 (Abridged) Jerry Kershaw Chairman's report for Linghurst Lakes (presented by A. Jones – for the complete unabridged report please contact the chair of the Linghurst's Lakes committee.)**

### **LINGHURST LAKES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL – MAY 2018**

It has been a challenging year, with an excessive growing period during late summer, autumn and into early winter, coupled with problems our contractor was having with labour and his cutting equipment. We did try unsuccessfully to find another contractor. This has been followed as you will all know, by a very wet January through to mid-April. However, we have continued to carry out works.

#### **Maintenance Completed 2018**

##### **By Contractors**

1. Large area of gorse to north side of South Lake has been cleared.
2. Willow and self-sets cleared from meadow areas and lake edges.

##### **By Sub Committee and Friends**

1. Bridge to north end of South Lake repaired.
2. Cut willow removed from site.
3. Lake edges cleared on west side of North Lake
4. Benches and seats re-stained.
5. Areas of reeds removed from lake edges.
6. Fallen or dangerous trees have been cut and cleared
7. New steps installed to avoid flooded area on west side of North Lake.

#### **Planned Further Maintenance 2018**

##### **By Contractors**

1. Paths to be cut. (This now to be 3 times a year and where possible path widths will be increased).
2. Meadows to be kept tidy/cut as necessary, avoiding damage to wild flowers.
3. Sections of lake edges to be kept clear, ensuring other areas are left untouched for nesting birds.
4. Cleared area of gorse to be kept clear
5. Ragwort to be sprayed during May/June before the flower heads open.
6. Thistles to be cut/sprayed June/July to inhibit and control growth.
7. Cut areas of willow and self-sets to meadow areas to be kept clear.
8. Neatholme hedges to be cut.

##### **By Sub Committee and Friends**

1. Monthly H&S inspections, reports and actions

2. Cut back self-sets, gorse and brambles in hard to access areas (Equipment has been sourced to carry out this work when conditions allow)
3. Keeping growth back on pathways (brambles and overhanging branches).
4. Repairing stiles.
5. Clear areas around life buoys and clean rings.
6. Continue pruning lower growth on young oak trees to encourage vertical growth.
7. Keep areas around seating cut back

### **Sub Committee**

This consists of 6 members, two of whom have to be serving Parish Councillors.

### **Brief History (for anyone who doesn't know or is new to the village).**

Following an agreement between Lound Parish Council and Tarmac, Tarmac were allowed to quarry close up to the village, but they would have to carry out restoration work and at the same time they would pass on the Parish Council a sum of money for future maintenance of the lakes and surrounding areas.

The restoration was monitored and approved by Notts County Council and when the works were successfully completed by Tarmac, they were handed over to Lound Parish Council in January 2004 and a Management Plan which was proposed by Tarmac, accepted by the County Council was passed on to the Parish Council as part of the handover.

Towards the end of 2002, a Sub Committee was formed (under the authority of the Parish Council) to manage and maintain the lakes area. The Sub-Committee consists of 6 parishioners and has to include a minimum of two serving parish councillors and the monies handed over by Tarmac, are maintained by the Sub Committee to ensure that all future generations of the parish can all enjoy this unique village amenity.

The Sub Committee try to keep maintenance to a minimum by carrying out as much work as possible themselves, as the only income received is from interest accrued from the handover fund. The general aim is to maintain where possible a capital fund that can deal with any major costs which may arise in the future.

### **Footnote**

In accordance with the Deeds, the purchaser (Lound Parish Council) will hold the handover fund upon trust together with any accrued interest for the residents of the Parish of Lound. These funds are only to be used to manage or improve Lingham Lakes with should only to be used as a nature reserve and/or a public open space for the residents of Lound Parish.

**Finally, as always, we need more people in the village to join us in carrying out maintenance and with the continuing battle with mother nature. Please contact me or any or any sub-committee member.**

**Jerry Kershaw. 10<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

A. Jones comments there is £106k in the Linghurst Lakes bank accounts, it was previously agreed that the monies wouldn't be allowed to go under £100k in order to ensure the continuation of the keep of the Lakes but due to interest rate being unfavourable and inflation in general it is likely that the committee will have to review this in order to provide the current level of maintenance required. Alan stresses that the Lakes money can only be spent directly on the Lakes and the maintenance of them.

#### **19.05.18.05 Bassetlaw District Council Engagement Stand**

BDC give a welcome introduction and invite any questions.

#### **19.05.18.06 Neighbourhood Plan update presented by Rod Austin.**

A committee member of the NHP comments that an information sheet will shortly be distributed allowing for people to provide their viewpoints.

*Presentation included as separate attachment.*

#### **19.05.18.07 AOB**

A resident asks whether the interactive signage is a signed and complete deal. T.Taylor responds that it is not until it is ordered, received and in place.

A resident asks whether the road surfaces of Daneshill Lane near Little Dot Lane will be repaired.

It is explained that this has been previously requested, and agreed but didn't go ahead due to the being unable to redirect traffic. The clerk is to follow up on where we are with this now.

A resident asks whether we could employ a village warden to clear the roads within the village, using the Lengthsman scheme money.

M. Holgate responds that the Parish Council has looked at this in the past but had no interest from anyone wanting the position.

A resident asks whether Retford Aggregate can be contacted to see if they have a road sweeper, and for them to regularly sweep the road (once a week being suggested) as TARMAC used to do for the village.

The clerk will put this question to Retford Aggregates.

A resident comments that the pavement surfaces seem much improved.

T.Taylor raises that 2019 will be the election year and all Parish Council positions will be up for re-election.

The Parish Council thanks all for their attendance and interest.

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NB: Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting

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