

**Lound Parish Council**  
**Annual Parish Council Meeting Minutes 24 May 2016**

**Present:** C Cllr Liz Yates, D Cllr Tracey Taylor, Cllrs – M Holgate in the chair, A Jones, J Powell, J Nicholson, J Wilkinson and Clerk J Kershaw.

**Residents:** 3

**Apologies for Absence** – Cllrs Perkins and Fowler

**1. Welcome from the Chair**

The chair welcomed villagers to the meeting and introduced all the Councillors to the residents.

**2. Minutes of Meeting held on 23 May 2015**

The Chair signed the minutes as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

**3. Annual Report from the Chair**

Cllr Holgate started her report by reviewing the past year

- The Neighbourhood Plan is underway. There is a steering group of 10 residents who meet monthly to formulate a mutually acceptable plan for the village to be accepted by BDC.
- Broadband is now available in the village.
- The plans to alter the level crossings in the area appear to have been put on hold for now.
- The AD plant problems seems to be settling down. Communication with the new manager has been easier than in the early days.
- Dog fouling is a concern as always, but two new bins installed by BDC at Wetlands corner and on Chainbridge Lane, adjacent to Poplar Walk appear to be helping.
- The traffic concerns at the crossroads are still ongoing.
- Quadbikes are still a problem. If anyone sees them, the police advice is to call 101 and report. This will help build a picture of the nuisance they create.
- The Health and Safety report is completed each month by different Parish Councillors. The bi-annual external report has been completed recently and any issues highlighted have been rectified.
- The grass cutting contract runs smoothly overseen by Cllrs Powell and Fowler.
- Any street damage in drains, gullies etc. are reported to NCC as and when necessary by the clerk.
- The gullies have been cleared by the Lengthsman as part of their remit last year along with re-painting the reading room when the weather improves. NCC provided £1,000 for this scheme.
- The village website continues to supply information to subscribers or visitors, updated regularly by Cllr Jones and the clerk.
- The Emergency Plan is overseen by Cllr Perkins. This identifies Councillor's specific areas of responsibility in the event of an emergency in the village. Cllr Perkins is also the snow warden to activate assistance to vulnerable residents if necessary.
- There have been a few planning applications but none of them contentious.

On Going

- The village are in consultation with NCC re: a marked footpath on Chainbridge Lane.
- Janet Wilkinson, the tree warden, is looking to buy a Christmas tree to be planted on the village green.
- The new village PCSO is Claire Walker. Claire sends monthly crime reports to the clerk.
- Tinker Lane Community Liaison Group has been formed to keep a watching brief on the IGas plans to drill an exploratory bore hole for shale gas. Cllr Holgate and the clerk attend these meetings every two weeks to hear expert's opinions on the proposed site.
- Bassetlaw Forum meetings take place four times a year in the Town Hall in Retford. The most recent topics has been Devolution of powers to possibly Sheffield City Council.
- Central Bassetlaw Forum is a group of 5 local villages meeting 4 times a year to discuss local issues.
- Cllr Powell attends the Police Priorities Meeting in Retford Town Hall to help identify areas requiring more attention by the police i.e. quadbikes, speeding or thefts.
- Lingham Lakes committee continue to maintain the areas surrounding them. Holmes Groundcare carry out major maintenance duties twice a year but the general work like pruning lower branches of oak trees is carried out by the committee and volunteers. Two new benches, kindly made by Alan Marsh have been installed for residents to rest and enjoy the views

The chair then thanked all Parish Council members, the clerk, tree warden, footpath warden, Lingham Lakes sub-committee, archivist, auditor, memorial grass cutter, C.Cllr Liz Yates, D Cllr Tracey Taylor, PCSO Claire Walker and most of all residents.

Residents are always welcome to attend meetings held usually on the fourth Tuesday of the month in the village hall at 7.30pm.

Finally, many thanks to all residents who tirelessly work to maintain the high standard of care in the village.

#### **4. Open Forum**

- Cllr Jones thanked Cllr Holgate for her commitment to the Parish Council as Chair.
- Nick Prout asked Cllr Jones (Lingham Treasurer) how the funds were faring now interest rates are so low. Cllr Jones told the meeting he had secured higher rates at Nationwide bank contributing a little more towards the annual maintenance costs. To date the initial sum is still more than it was to start with and only essential remedial work is carried out annually. The committee continues to maintain the areas efficiently with little or no cost. It is not envisaged currently the necessity to generate income for future maintenance but obviously all care will be taken to protect the capital.
- Vivienne Knight queried the planting of laurels around the corner and asked if there was a safe height for capping them. Should they obscure traffic vision at any point then NCC would advise the owner.
- The question of visitors' cars parked on Town St outside Lound Hall was raised. The clerk is to write to the staff asking for co-operation in asking them to park in the designated car park.

### **D Cllr Liz Yates**

The vehicle registration scheme for recycling centres in Nottinghamshire has been highly contested, by petitions to consider withdrawing, at County Hall. The scheme is now currently under review and Liz will update the PC when new information is available.

NCC are changing the way Highways operate. VIA will be an arm's length company employing the same staff and hopefully functioning in much the same way.

Libraries will now be managed by INSPIRE. Liz does not foresee any more closures and very little change.

### **C Cllr Tracey Taylor**

Planning has dominated much of the year at BDC with the preparation of the new Local Plan Document. BDC are committed to a 5-year plan for new build and have analysed the call for sites by landowners in an attempt to fulfil the quota. They are re-assessing all settlements but Tracey considers Lound will be much the same and just infill building allowed as previously. Hopefully Lound's Neighbourhood Plan will have been adopted by BDC before they complete theirs and the two will be embedded.

Devolution is evolving. There have been several suggestions – joining the Derbyshire and Notts group or Sheffield City Council. At the last full council meeting BDC agreed to seek full constituent membership with Sheffield. There has been no consultation with residents but it is thought MORI are to be contracted to undertake a public consultation. The consultation will be taken not just in Bassetlaw but also in Sheffield, Barnsley, Rotherham and Chesterfield, around 1.7million people. There is a local on-line petition circulating for anyone wishing to object to the lack of consultation to date.

BDC Garden Waste Scheme. The viability of a further bin collection (at a cost to the householder) is being considered. Glass recycling viability is being assessed by BDC too.

A1 Housing is currently outsourced but now, where positions are duplicated i.e HR and admin., then the post is brought back in house in an attempt to cut costs.

Nick Prout asked Tracey if the Lound Neighbourhood Plan was completed before the Bassetlaw Local Plan was completed would it be embedded within it. Tracey considered it would.

**Julia Kershaw – Clerk  
Clerk to the Parish Council  
25 May 2016**