

Lound Parish Council

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 28th January 2020 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Chair: P. Sheehy, Cllrs R Austin, A. Jones, A Marsh, A Perkins, M Naylor.

District Cllr: R. Boeuf

County Cllr: T. Taylor.

Clerk: C. Challenger

Residents & Members of the Public: 14

01.20.01 Apologies for absence:

Cllr(s) H O' Donoghue

01.20.02 Meeting adjourned for Public Discussion, and Police Report

A Member of the public raises their concerns in respect to the BDC Local Draft Plan and the 20% uplift on proposed housing for the area. They list concerns relating to Infrastructure, sustainability and environmental impact.

A presentation and briefing are given by FCC on the planning application they are to shortly submit. The application proposes 50k tonnes of soil/landfill of which some will be classed as contaminated waste: such as hydrocarbons and asbestos at the Daneshill Waste site.

8 wagons in and 8 out are expected per day, Manned operations 5/6 days per week (9-5 work hrs).

But the facility will operate 24hrs/7days a week (unmanned overnight)

The Care Home manager introduces herself.

The Lound Neighbourhood Steering Group update on the Lound Village Plan, in addition they outline their response to the Bassetlaw District Council Draft Local Plan, being specifically opposed to the increase from 10% to 20% housing requirement and the exclusion of the Village plan specific to Small Rural Settlements)

(The Parish Councils response to the Draft Local Plan can be found on pages 5-7 of this document)

Crime report:

3 Crimes reported for November 2019 as per the police.co.uk website.

All on Chainbridge Rd and reported as Violence or Sexual Offence.

01.20.03 Declarations of Interest and Confidentiality

None.

01.20.04 Minutes of Meeting

Previous meeting minutes signed by the chair as a record of true and accurate proceedings.

01.20.05 Matters Arising

The Lound Neighbourhood Plan is formally approved by the Parish Council: all in favour. The plan is to now progress to the next stages.

The BDC Draft Local Plan response is discussed, it is agreed an extraordinary meeting should be called to further discuss the Parish Councils response to the plan. Meeting to be held on Monday 3rd February 2020 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

VE Day: A Village Street party to be held to commemorate VE Day 2020. Updates to be given as this progresses.
Action H. O'Donoghue

01.20.06 Reports from County and District Councillor -
None to report.

Interactive Sign: The sign has been taken down.
Action T. Taylor to update on progress

01.20.07 Health and Safety, GDPR, and Policy
Playground Assessment performed by: Cllr A Jones
One of the benches need repainting.

One of the Keep Fit machines is showing rust.

Goal Post is rusting – to be reviewed periodically.

The Rotary swing located in the rear field of the Play Park; seats have now been purchased. Works to take place once the weather is suitable to do so.

The November Bonfire night rubble has now been cleared. The area now requires reseeding.

Next review: Cllr M Naylor

01.20.8 Finance

The LPC Bank Reconciliation was reviewed.

The expenses signed off for the month were:

Less Current Months Expenses			
A Close	inv1903	£	50.00
A Close	inv2001	£	214.80
Claire Challener	Clerks Monthly Salary	£	242.83
Claire Challener	Stationary - Printer Ink	£	33.51
Claire Challener	Replacement - Swings Seats for playing field	£	205.92
0012	Lound Village Hall	£	550.00
0013	A Jones - Cryer	£	225.00
		£	1,522.06

The Budget for 2020 is discussed and agreed upon, and the precept is set for the forthcoming year at £14k.

Linghurst Lakes.

No Finance movements for the month.

The little bridge has now been removed – this will not be replaced. It will however be infilled and levelled.

Works from December expected to be billed shortly at circa £1.5k.

01.20.9 Tree Warden & Footpath Wardens.

Tree removal: The planning application to remove the Ash Tree in the village Green has been granted.

Clerk and Cllr A Marsh to progress with the removal.

Action Clerk/ A Marsh

It is agreed to commence works on the installation of the tap in the Village Green.

Action Clerk/ A Marsh

The avenue of trees along Daneshill: The BDC Tree Officer has been engaged to review the trees with a view to having the trees placed under Tree Preservation Orders.

Action Clerk to progress

01.20.10 Correspondence:

Various included within the folder for review.

01.20.11 Planning issues Applications:

9/01630/HSE Erect Single Storey Rear and Side Extensions: 99 Town Street Lound Retford Nottinghamshire DN22 8RX.

All support the application.

01.20.12 Reports from Other Committees

None

01.20.13 Village Update / Matters to Report

A letter of complaint has been received from a member of the public, outside of the village, in regard to the shooting activity within the village, the disturbances caused to birds roosting and the times of which this occurs. A curfew is requested prohibiting shooting after 3pm.

This is discussed and agreed by all, the Parish Council cannot support such a request. Chair to draft a response.

01.20.14 Date of the next Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 25th February 2019 – 7.30pm

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Notice board, files, website.

NB: Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting

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Draft Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting held on Monday 3rd February 2020 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Chair: P. Sheehy, Cllrs A. Jones, A Marsh, H O' Donoghue, M Naylor, A Perkin, R Austin
District Cllr: R. Boeuf
Clerk: C. Challener

Residents & Members of the Public: 0

Apologies for absence:

County Cllr: T. Taylor.

Declarations of Interest and Confidentiality

None.

Meeting called to discuss the response to be given in respect to the Bassetlaw Local Plan 2020.

All unanimously agree to support the essence of the Neighbourhood Steering Groups response.

A notice to go in the Cryer outlining the issues, 2 updates to go out via the village website. Social Media post to go out.

Each Councillor agrees to write individual responses voicing their individual objections and concerns.

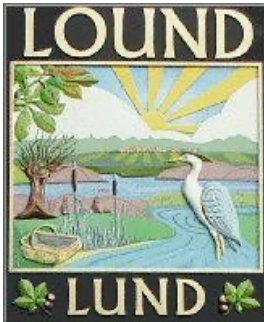
Clerk to draft response from Parish Council and once agreed to send to BDC (see below).

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To whom it may concern,

Please find below Lound Parish Council's response and comments to the consultation on the Bassetlaw District Council Draft Local Plan 2020.

Draft Local Policy ST2:

Lound Parish Council objects to an arbitrary uplift of 20% housing growth being applied to all Small Rural Settlements (SRS) as detailed within the Draft Local Plan policy ST2.

Many areas lack the infrastructure to support such an increase, some are listed by Bassetlaw District Council as Areas of Conservation; as having Heritage assets or; as Areas of SSSI and, as such, special considerations should have been taken into account.

Additionally, each small rural village should be individually assessed in detail and further diversity applied to the housing growth requirement to **protect** heritage assets, Sites of Special Scientific Interest, Conservation areas, (or equivalent), areas of greenspace, greenbelt, Nature Reservations and the surrounding biodiversity.

The current methodology of imposing an arbitrary increase demonstrates a clear lack of understanding of the area, of rural life and of local requirement.

The Draft Local Plan Policy ST45 Climate Change Mitigation and Adaption:

Many of the small rural areas identified in the Bassetlaw Spatial Assessment Background Assessment paper are listed as being without a 'Doctors' or a 'Shop' and will be wholly reliant on private transport to facilitate everyday necessities including employment. This is in direct conflict with ST45 1a and 1c:

POLICY ST45: Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation

- A. All proposals, including the change of use of existing buildings and spaces will be supported where it can be demonstrated that:
1. Carbon emissions have been minimised through:
 - a) Directing development towards locations that minimise the need to travel and maximise the ability to make trips by sustainable modes of transport;
 - b) Delivering higher densities of development on the most accessible sites;
 - c) Providing more walkable and cyclable neighbourhoods that reduce demand for car use;
 - d) Requiring that all new residential developments that are providing off-road parking ensure infrastructure is capable of providing connection for electric vehicle charging. For all commercial development, at least 25% of the available spaces provided for visitor and commercial parking should be fully fitted with electric charging points;

In addition, many of the Small Rural villages have recently experienced extreme weather conditions, some of which may be attributable to climate change. On many occasions, this has resulted in the temporary loss of public transport. resulting in isolation for some demographic groups for days, with no access to hospitals, groceries/convenience stores or physical social networks. As the Draft Local Plan covers a period of 20 years these considerations should be factored into the Plan especially in those areas that are susceptible to such conditions.

ST45 Climate Change Mitigation and Adaption, does little to enforce its recommendations. The policy is a list of recommendations or encouragements that developers are likely to disregard due to their own cost implications. This policy should **clearly define standards and requirements** that must be met without exception and in conjunction with other policies.

All planning proposals should clearly demonstrate that sustainability and climate change have been clearly addressed and all such issues mitigated to ensure that these problems are not compounded for future generations in SRS' thus leaving some residents without the means to support everyday requirements.

The Draft Plan Policy ST37 Conservation and Enhancement of the Historic Environment & 38 Heritage Assets:

The Bassetlaw Draft Local Plan policy ST37 & ST38 attempts to address the NPPF Section 15 Conserving and enhancing the natural environment: but clearly **promotes development** without putting in any **clear measures for protecting the natural environment or historical assets**.

The National Planning Policy framework (NPPF) section 15 details:

15. Conserving and enhancing the natural environment

170. Planning policies and decisions should contribute to and enhance the natural and local environment by:

- a) protecting and enhancing valued landscapes, sites of biodiversity or geological value and soils (in a manner commensurate with their statutory status or identified quality in the development plan);*
- b) recognising the intrinsic character and beauty of the countryside, and the wider benefits from natural capital and ecosystem services – including the economic and other benefits of the best and most versatile agricultural land, and of trees and woodland;*

187. Local planning authorities should maintain or have access to a historic environment record. This should contain up-to-date evidence about the historic environment in their area and be used to:

- a) assess the significance of heritage assets and the contribution they make to their environment;*

188. Local planning authorities should make information about the historic environment, gathered as part of policymaking or development management, publicly accessible.

171. Plans should: distinguish between the hierarchy of international, national and locally designated sites; allocate land with the least environmental or amenity value, where consistent with other policies in this Framework⁵³; take a strategic approach to maintaining and enhancing networks of habitats and green infrastructure; and plan for the enhancement of natural capital at a catchment or landscape scale across local authority boundaries.

The Draft Local Plan does not address this. Many areas are not included in the various assessments contradicting the National Planning Policy framework. Bassetlaw District Council would, therefore, be responsible for promoting irreversible damage to natural environments, fauna and biodiversity and to historical assets through lack of clear policy and joined up analysis.

Lound Village is listed by Bassetlaw District Council as a **conservation area** and therefore as a non-designated asset. It has a number of listed buildings; it has areas registered as designated sites of **Special Scientific Interest** and is surrounded by Nature Reserves. **Yet all this has not been identified within Bassetlaw's Green Gap Report or within the New Settlement Study Methodology.** The village cannot support a 20% housing growth uplift without serious impact on the aesthetics of the village, its wildlife or without the loss of Greenspace/Greenbelt, agricultural land or natural environment. Imposing such an increase will be disastrous.

Based on The National Planning Policy framework (NPPF) Habitats and biodiversity statement:
All areas of conservation or SSSI should be exempt specifically from housing development and planning permission refused.
Special exception should only be made where it is supported by the community and/or deemed as beneficial by impartial adjudication.

The National Planning Policy framework (NPPF) Paragraph 174.

To protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity, plans should:

a) identify, map and safeguard components of local wildlife-rich habitats and wider ecological networks, including the hierarchy of international, national and locally designated sites of importance for biodiversity⁵⁶; wildlife corridors and stepping stones that connect them; and areas identified by national and local partnerships for habitat management, enhancement, restoration or creation⁵⁷; and

b) promote the conservation, restoration and enhancement of priority habitats, ecological networks and the protection and recovery of priority species; and identify and pursue opportunities for securing measurable net gains for biodiversity.

175. When determining planning applications, local planning authorities should apply the following principles:

a) if significant harm to biodiversity resulting from a development cannot be avoided (through locating on an alternative site with less harmful impacts), adequately mitigated, or, as a last resort, compensated for, then planning permission should be refused;

Lound clearly falls under this section of the NPPF, as will a number of other small rural villages and areas that have not been identified. We recommend that this is further investigated, and all areas listed as conservation areas, with heritage assets, SSSI or within proximity to nature reserves be fully assessed for environmental impact or listed as protected or out of scope for development.

Bassetlaw District Council, in line with NPPF, should also clearly identify within their policy, Greenbelt or similar areas by definition that should be protected, and development restricted.

Many villages have spent several years developing and producing Neighbourhood Plans, at no little cost to the local authority and taxpayer. Where these plans have been assessed and approved by the local authority and are supported by the local community through a referendum, they should be given the same importance as Neighbourhood Plans for Large Rural Settlements, and their influence should be reinforced in the process of the determining of planning outcomes.

This should be identified clearly within the report for Small Rural Developments and when in conflict with the Local Plan, every effort should be made to ensure a mutually agreed alignment and resolution based upon individual plan assessment.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Claire Challener - Lound Parish Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer.