



## **Lound Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting.**

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish held on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall

Chairman's Welcome

Apologies  
Cllr H O'Donaghue

Chairmans report:  
Lound Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting 2023  
Chairperson's Annual Report – Cllr. Pauline Sheehy

It was business as usual for most of the last year, overseeing maintenance of the village infrastructure; keeping grass verges tidy, tree and footpath monitoring, planning issues, emergency planning and health and safety issues etc.

The Parish Council began the 2022/23 year with a full complement of seven councillors but unfortunately for us two of our long standing members have decided to retire. Alan Jones and Andrew Perkins have decided its time to call it a day. On behalf of the remaining Councillors, I'd like to wish them all the very best but so they don't feel left out I'm certain we'll be calling on their undoubted knowledge and expertise in the future. Thank you both for your valued service to the village over the years. Meanwhile we need to recruit two new members to the PC to get us back up to strength. Contrary to popular opinion it can be very rewarding but not always without stress.

Application to Extract PFA from the Former Lagoons off Walter's Lane

This development raised its head without warning late last year. It proved to be a very a divisive issue with some residents for, some against and some not sure. Many residents, including the PC, were not sure of the actual impact this would have on the village so we maintained an impartial view until we saw the actual application, which we then advertised to residents on our website and the notice boards urging you all to send your views in to the planning authority at Nottinghamshire County Council. As a Statutory consultee, Lound PC listened to residents at several PC meetings and fully discussed the application at last month's meeting. We voted to object to the proposal.

On 28 April we, submitted a substantial response to the Planning Committee with material objections to the proposal on the grounds of health, safety, air quality, noise, traffic and wildlife. Individual Councillors have also submitted their individual views both as Councillors and Lound residents. You can read our full response on the NCC planning portal. We await the decision.

Neighbourhood Plan

The Lound Neighbourhood Plan was finally endorsed after a village referendum in February 22, was accepted by BDC and is now in place. The full final plan is available on the Lound Village website. Our thanks to Michael

Naylor and the other members of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee for all their hard work putting the plan together and communicating with the village at every stage.

#### Escaped Dog

Thanks to the efforts of villagers close to the offending property, by reporting every escape to the police, this issue is much improved; though not totally resolved. The number of dogs on the premises has been drastically reduced but I can only advise that whenever a resident sees escaped dogs to report it immediately to the police on 101 or the dog warden at Bassetlaw DC.

#### Motor Bikes and Quads on the Sand Dunes

The PC and residents have reported this last year and this year on many occasions to the police. The offenders were accessing the dunes from either Walter's gate on Chainbridge Lane or Neatholme Lane via the Idle Valley willow fields. A local farmer created barriers from his field on to the dunes but this did not stop the bikers. The police eventually contacted Tarmac, the owner of the dunes, who sent out JCBs to secure the willow field entrance. Sadly this has not had the desired effect as the bikers can still get in but not out on to Neatholme Lane.

#### Proposed Asbestos Picking Plant on Daneshill Road

In January 2020 when the FCC presented the PC their proposals which was pending a planning decision from BDC. The PC formally objected to the proposal at the consultation stage. The proposal went to the Planning Committee for a decision, where members of the PC and villagers expressed their concerns. The proposal was passed pending a decision by the Secretary State who then subsequently ruled that the proposal should be subject to a positive Environmental Impact Assessment. In 2021/2 FCC submitted an EIA which was not approved. We finally heard this year that the project will not go ahead.

#### Village Green Improvement

Many thanks to the Village Green Warden and a small team of village volunteers for taking on responsibility for the Village Green. It is looking beautiful. A scheme of new planting has begun to encourage wildlife and to make it a place for villagers to spend time in. Moss has been removed from the pathways without the use of chemicals and only natural organic substances are used on the planting areas. Three tables, made by Alan Marsh from slices of the recently felled old ash tree, have been installed so that visitors to the garden can make better use of the green. A tap has been installed to provide much needed water to thirsty plants and Brian has created a lovely water feature.

#### Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

Plans began early last year when Brian and his team planted six native ornamental trees in the playing field. A bench and a flowering tree have also been ordered to commemorate the Jubilee. The bench is now in place opposite the playing field beside the Lound sign and the tree will be planted in the autumn at the crossroads beside the village green. We await BDC action on that.

The Jubilee Street Party was held on 3rd June outside the Village Hall. Free refreshments and children's entertainments were available and the cake competition was a great success

The PC and the Village Hall Committee jointly held an event with refreshments for the King's Coronation on 7 May on the playing field.

You can follow what is happening in the village and the PC's work via the website [loundvillage.co.uk](http://loundvillage.co.uk) and the Crier. The PC will continue to work to maintain our beautiful village for the benefit of all residents. We currently have vacancies for two Parish Councillors and we really need to be at full strength to be effective, so please consider whether you might have some time to offer to serve. Thank you to everyone in the village for their support over the last year.

Pauline Sheehy

Chair of Lound Parish Council

Linghurst Lakes report:

Linghurst Lakes Annual Report for Lound Parish Council - 2022-2023

Jerry Kershaw 25th April 2023

Another year has passed and the Lakes are in good order, thanks to the efforts of the sub-committee members, with additional help from Brian Horne small tree maintenance and Jeannie Pepper litter picking and anyone else I have forgotten to mention. There has also been an improvement in dog fouling, although a continued reminder in The Cryer is always of help.

Maintenance Completed 2022-2023

By Contractors

1. Footpaths cut twice.
2. Grass cut around benches.
3. Neatholme Lane hedges cut.
4. Meadow areas cut.
5. Lake viewing areas opened up.

By Sub-Committee and Friends

1. Regular health and safety checks (benches, fallen trees, litter, fences, gates, stiles and life saving rings). A spare life saving ring is held by Jerry Kershaw).
2. Fallen trees cut and cleared.
3. Fences repaired in numerous locations.
4. New slats made and fitted to bench (near Sewage Treatment).
5. Two areas of gorse/overgrowth cleared at north end of South Lake.
6. Old bench from Village Sign area, relocated onto South Lake.

Maintenance Planned for 2022-2023 by Contractors

1. Footpaths to be cut as required.
2. Meadows to be cut.
3. Lake viewing areas to be cut.
4. Grass around benches to be kept tidy.

By Sub-Committee and Friends

1. Re-stain benches and seats.
2. Fencing repairs.
3. Replacing ropes on life ring.
4. Cleaning life rings.
5. Continue health and safety inspections.

Sub-Committee

This should be made up of 6 persons, two of whom must be serving Parish Councillors and currently consists of.

Finances

A full set of accounts are available from Alan Jones, which will be audited at the same time as the PC Accounts. In brief as at 10.04.2022, the current balances are:

Nat West Accounts - £8,774.60

Nationwide Accounts - £92,271.70

Whilst these seem healthy amounts, our reserves have remained reasonably stable this year and we are awaiting a VAT refund, it must be remembered that the only income we can generate is from bank interest, which we all know is very little. Our yearly maintenance costs this year have been £1,509.70.

I would ask therefore all villagers to help us maintain this unique and wonderful village amenity, not just for now but for all future generations of the Parish.

Please contact me or any committee member for further information.

THANK YOU.  
Jerry Kershaw

Open Forum for residents  
None.

Mrs Claire Challener – Proper Officer  
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