

**LOUND PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

Held at Lound Village Hall on Tuesday 26 May 2026 at 7.00pm

Present at the meeting:

Chair: P Sheehy, Cllrs A Jones, M Naylor, N Hallas, F Wilson MacCormack

District Councillor: D Pulk

Members of the Public

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed those present to the Annual Parish Meeting.

Apologies for absence were received from members unable to attend.

2. Chair's Annual Report

The Chair presented the following report, which was received and noted by those present:

Chairperson's Annual Report 2025/26 – Cllr. Pauline Sheehy

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It was business as usual for much of the last financial year as many of the complicated issues of the previous couple of years were brought to a resolution, though not always as we would have wished.

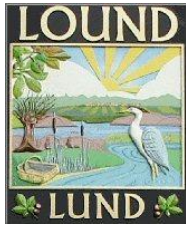
Instead, the PC has focussed on the maintenance and improvement of village amenities, ensuring communal areas and grass verges are kept clean and tidy, trees and footpaths are monitored, local planning issues responded to promptly and that emergency planning and health and safety procedures are up to date

Lound Playing Fields

The PC took steps to ensure that the Playing Fields are safe and secure and that they comply with Health and Safety obligations. Much of the equipment in both the village green and larger playing fields requires regular maintenance.

To comply with safety requirements around the fields, old fencing has been removed and new has been erected behind the existing hedges with gaps in the hedging filled in with replacements.

The PC has agreed a summer trial of Pickleball on the fields with the Village Hall Committee. This will inform a decision as to whether to take it forward.



Village Green

Many thanks to a resident and his small team of village volunteers for managing our wildlife friendly Village Green. It continues to look beautiful throughout the seasons

Linghurst Lakes

Thanks to the dedicated work of the Linghurst Lakes Committee, in particular Gerry Kershaw who has recently stood down as Chair after more than 20 years and the Friends of the Lakes, the lakes are now looking splendid. Over recent years, the Reserve had become very overgrown and difficult to navigate. From 2024/5 and since, the Committee has taken advice from the Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust whenever planning works to ensure the survival of our native species such as bats, otters, water voles and orchids. Areas around the lakes have been cleared and reseeded with native wild flowers and grass mixtures. They have also taken steps to tackle the problem of mink preying on native wild water birds. Regular maintenance continues with special regard to wildlife. Hedging and fencing have been replaced where necessary, including a new stile on to Neatholme Lane. Please note that Linghurst Lakes is not open to the general public. It is owned and maintained by the Parish Council as a nature reserve and for the quiet enjoyment of Lound inhabitants.

Dog Run on Little Top Lane

This business appeared almost overnight early in 2025 and appears to be still trading. Bassetlaw District Council has advised that any such businesses require planning permission which was not submitted. The matter has been referred to their Planning Enforcement Team.

Sunnyside Neatholme Lane

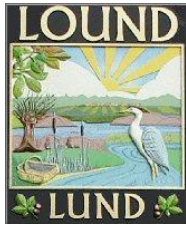
Thanks to Helen O'Donoghue's efforts and those of villagers close to the offending property reporting every escape to the police, this was no longer a constant problem. The resident appeared in court on several occasions and could face a prison sentence for none compliance with the court order. The number of dogs on the premises was drastically reduced and all was quiet for a time. Unfortunately further issues have arisen this Spring and Bassetlaw District Council is co-ordinating with the relevant authorities to resolve them.

Dog Fouling in the Village

The PC has received a number of complaints from residents about this and has placed several articles in the Crier. Please ensure you pick up after your dog.

Finally: The PC is looking to recruit a new member to get us back up to strength. The job can be very rewarding as well as challenging. If you feel that you could devote some of your spare time to this lovely village, please speak to the Clerk or any of the Councillors. You can follow what is happening in the village and the PC's work via the website at loundvillage.co.uk and the Crier. The PC will continue to work to maintain our beautiful village for the benefit of all residents. Thank you to everyone in the village for their support over the last year.

Pauline Sheehy - Chair



The report was received and noted.

3. Linghurst Lakes Annual Report

The Linghurst Lakes Committee Annual Report, prepared by the former Committee Chair, was presented and received by those present

Linghurst Lakes Annual Report for Lound Parish Council - 2025-2026

Another year has passed and the Lakes are in good order although due to the very wet weather a decision was taken to suspend the cutting of open areas, as the initial access areas were too wet. This work will now be carried out in September

My thanks go to the sub-committee members whose continuing support and “friends of the lakes”. There has also been a continued improvement in dog fouling, although a continued reminder in The Cryer is always of help.

Can I also request that Lound Bird Club be reminded that they should contact us before they carry out any visits or surveys.

General Maintenance Completed 2025-2026

By Contractors

1. Footpaths cut.
2. Grass cut around benches.
3. Meadow areas not done due to wet ground
4. Lake viewing areas not done due to wet ground

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. Opening on Neatholme Lane, reinstated as fence as instructed by PC
4. Litter picking.
5. Additional opening on Neatholme Lane boundary fenced off.

Major Works by Sub-Committee and Friends

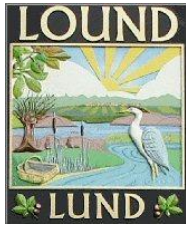
1. This area has been seeded with a turtle dove mixture, as suggested by Alex Morley from Notts Wildlife Trust, has only partially succeeded, however the remaining seed has now been spread over the area.

2. 500nr hedging whips and guards installed along the Neatholme hedge, to fill the gaps. Many thanks to all who helped, including Jeanie for the horse manure and Tim and Glenn for their input.

Maintenance Completed / Planned for 2025-2026

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.
5. Neatholme Lane hedges cut.

By Sub-Committee and Friends

1. Purchase and plant additional saplings along Neatholme Lane hedge to complete full length of hedge
2. Re-stain benches and seats.
3. General repairs as and when required.
4. Continue health and safety inspections.
5. Continue litter picking.
6. Continue removing tree guards.
7. Carry out tree thinning,
8. Clear alder from lake edges.
9. Clear remaining brambles between both lakes

Sub-Committee

This should be made up of 6 persons, two of whom have to be serving Parish Councillors and currently consists of:

Jerry Kershaw - Chairman. (Retiring)

Alan Jones – Treasurer.

Michael Naylor - Parish Councillor.

Martin Bingham.

Lawrence Sweeting. (New Chairman)

Pauline Sheehy

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 18.03.2026, the current balances are:

Nat West Accounts - £2,474.80

Nationwide Accounts - £99,503.95

Whilst these seem healthy amounts, our reserves have increased slightly this year due to slightly better interest rates. It must be remembered however that the only income we can generate is from bank interest, which will continue to fluctuate. Our yearly maintenance costs this year have been £2,550.90

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.

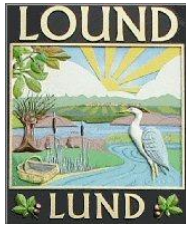
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Please contact me or any committee member for further information.

THANK YOU.

Jerry Kershaw

The report was received and noted.

4. Other Reports

No additional reports were received.

5. Open Forum for Parish Residents

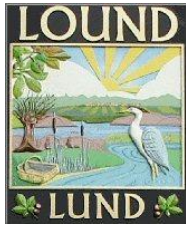
The Chair invited comments and questions from residents.

No members of the public were present and no matters were raised for discussion.

6. Close of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair thanked those present for their attendance and closed the Annual Parish Meeting.

The meeting closed at approximately 7.15pm.



Lound Parish Council Minutes

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 26th May 2026 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

01/APCM/0526 Welcome and Apologies for Absence

The Chair welcomed those present to the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr H O'Donoghue.

RESOLVED: To note the apologies received.

Vote: Unanimous.

Legal Power: Local Government Act 1972, Sch.12.

02/APCM/0526 Election of Chair

Motion: To elect the Chair of Lound Parish Council for the 2026/27 municipal year.

Cllr Pauline Sheehy indicated her willingness to continue in office.

RESOLVED: That Cllr Pauline Sheehy be elected Chair of Lound Parish Council for the ensuing year.

Vote: Unanimous.

Legal Power: Local Government Act 1972, Sch.12, para.15.

03/APCM/0526 Declaration of Acceptance of Office

The elected Chair signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

The declaration was duly witnessed by the Proper Officer.

04/APCM/0526 Election of Vice-Chair

Motion: To elect the Vice-Chair of Lound Parish Council for the 2026/27 municipal year.

Cllr Helen O'Donoghue was nominated.

RESOLVED: That Cllr Helen O'Donoghue be elected Vice-Chair of Lound Parish Council for the ensuing year.

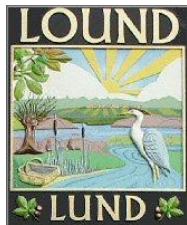
Vote: Unanimous.

Legal Power: Local Government Act 1972, Sch.12.

05/APCM/0526 Review of Delegation Arrangements and Committees

Motion: To review delegation arrangements and committee appointments.

Members reviewed the existing delegation arrangements and committee structure.



The Linghurst Lakes Committee membership was confirmed.

Members confirmed the appointment of Lawrence Sweeting as Chair of the Linghurst Lakes Committee.

RESOLVED: That existing delegation arrangements be confirmed and that Lawrence Sweeting be confirmed as Chair of the Linghurst Lakes Committee.

Vote: Unanimous.

Legal Power: Local Government Act 1972, ss.101 and 102.

06/APCM/0526 Appointment of Representatives to Village Committees and Working Groups

Motion: To appoint representatives to village committees and working groups.

The following appointments were confirmed:

Health & Safety Playground Inspections – Councillors collectively.

Emergency Plan – Cllr O'Donoghue.

Flood Warden – Cllr Hallas.

Snow Warden – Cllr Naylor.

Village Hall Representative – Cllr Wilson MacCormack

Central Bassetlaw Forum – Cllr Sheehy.

Tree Warden – Cllr Naylor.

Footpath Warden – Cllr Sheehy.

RESOLVED: That the appointments listed above be confirmed for the 2026/27 municipal year.

Vote: Unanimous.

Legal Power: Local Government Act 1972, s.101.

07/APCM/0526 Review and Readoption of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

Motion: To review and readopt Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.

Members reviewed the Council's Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.

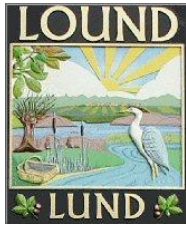
RESOLVED: That the existing Standing Orders and Financial Regulations be readopted without amendment.

Vote: Unanimous.

Legal Power: Local Government Act 1972, s.111.

08/APCM/0526 Insurance Arrangements

Motion: To review insurance arrangements.



Members reviewed the Council's insurance cover and were satisfied that adequate arrangements remained in place.

RESOLVED: That the Council's insurance arrangements be confirmed as adequate.

Vote: Unanimous.

Legal Power: Local Government Act 1972, s.111.

09/APCM/0526 Review of Policies and Procedures

Motion: To review Council policies and procedures.

Members reviewed the Council's policies and procedures as published on the Council website.

RESOLVED: That the Council's policies and procedures be approved and readopted.

Vote: Unanimous.

Legal Power: Local Government Act 1972, s.111.

10/APCM/0526 Time and Place of Ordinary Meetings

Motion: To determine the time and place of ordinary meetings up to and including the next Annual Meeting of the Council.

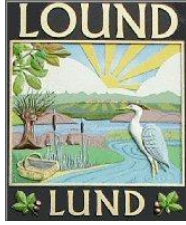
Members considered the schedule of meetings for the forthcoming year.

RESOLVED: That ordinary meetings of Lound Parish Council continue to be held at 7.30pm on the fourth Tuesday of each month in Lound Village Hall, excluding August and December, until the next Annual Meeting of the Council.

Vote: Unanimous.

Legal Power: Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12, Paragraph 10.

There being no further business, the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council closed.



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District Councillor: D Pulk

Members of the Public

1/0526 Apologies for Absence

Motion: To receive and consider apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr H. O'Donoghue.

RESOLVED: To accept the apologies received.

Vote: Unanimous.

Legal Power: Local Government Act 1972, Sch.12.

02/0526 Declarations of Interest and Confidentiality

Motion: To receive declarations of interest and any requests for dispensation.

No declarations of interest or requests for dispensation were received.

RESOLVED: That the position be noted.

Vote: Unanimous.

Legal Power: Localism Act 2011.

03/0526 Public Discussion and Police Report

Motion: To receive comments from the public and note the Police Report.

Members noted one reported crime within the parish during March 2026 relating to the theft of a motor vehicle on Town Street.

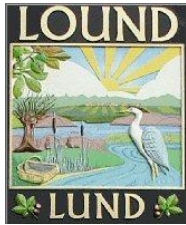
No members of the public were present.

RESOLVED: That the Police Report be received and noted.

Vote: Unanimous.

Legal Power: Local Government Act 1972, s.101.

04/0526 Reports from County and District Councillors



Motion: To receive reports from County and District Councillors.

District Councillor Pulk provided an update regarding ongoing waste collection issues across the District, including delays to brown bin collections caused by vehicle failures, driver shortages and service disruption following the fire at Claylands. Members were advised that efforts were continuing to recruit additional qualified drivers and restore service levels.

RESOLVED: That the report be received and noted.

Vote: Unanimous.

Legal Power: Local Government Act 1972, s.101.

05/0526 Approval of Previous Minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting.

Members considered the minutes previously circulated.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting be approved as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair.

Vote: Unanimous.

Legal Power: Local Government Act 1972, Sch.12, Para.41.

06/0526 Matters Arising

Motion: To receive updates on previously agreed motions and actions.

Members noted progress regarding the proposed Conservation Area extension and correspondence previously submitted on behalf of the Parish Council.

RESOLVED: That the update be received and noted.

Vote: Unanimous.

Legal Power: Local Government Act 1972, s.111.

07/0526 Planning Applications and Determinations

Motion: To consider planning applications and determinations received.

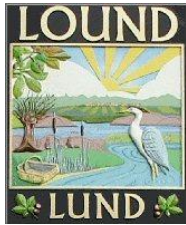
Members considered application:

26/00486/LBA – Internal Alterations to the Coach House to Provide Bathroom, Highfield House, Mattersey Road, Lound.

Members raised no objections.

RESOLVED: That no objection be submitted to application 26/00486/LBA.

Vote: Unanimous.



Legal Power: Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

08/0526 Health and Safety Review

Motion: To receive the monthly Health and Safety inspection report and appoint a councillor for the next inspection.

Members received the inspection report.

Issues noted included minor litter within the recreation area and ongoing mole activity within the playing field.

RESOLVED:

- a) That the report be received and noted.
- b) That Cllr A. Jones undertake the next Health and Safety inspection.

Vote: Unanimous.

Legal Power: Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974; Occupiers' Liability Act 1957.

09/0526 Finance Update and Statutory Requirements

Motion: To receive the financial report, bank reconciliation and approve payments.

Members considered the financial report.

Receipts

Precept – £10,000.50

National Grid Wayleave – £18.23

Payments

A. Jones (reimbursement) – £184.78

NALC Subs – £175.89

Strimmer – £117.30

RESOLVED:

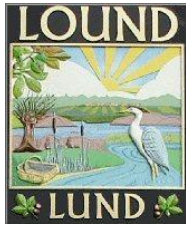
- a) That the bank reconciliation be approved.
- b) That the payments listed be approved.
- c) That the financial position be noted.

Vote: Unanimous.

Legal Power: Local Government Act 1972, s.151.

Linghurst Lakes Financial Update

Members noted that the Linghurst Lakes account balance stood at £105,164.04.



The Committee reported expenditure relating to replacement fencing and a new stile and confirmed that the reserve position remained healthy.

RESOLVED: That the Linghurst Lakes financial report be received and noted.

Vote: Unanimous.

Legal Power

Local Government Act 1972, s.111.

10/0526 Tree Warden and Footpath Warden Reports

Motion: To receive Tree Warden and Footpath Warden reports.

Members noted that no significant issues had been identified since the previous meeting.

Discussion took place regarding works being undertaken on properties adjacent to the Conservation Area and future implications of the proposed Conservation Area extension.

RESOLVED: That the reports be received and noted.

Vote: Unanimous.

Legal Power: Local Government Act 1972, s.111.

11/0526 Councillor Items and Reports

Motion 1 – Temporary Short Tennis Court Markings and Community Event in Principle

Members considered a resident request to permit temporary short tennis court markings on the tarmac recreation area together with a request for approval in principle for a village picnic and community event to be held on Sunday 6 September 2026.

Members discussed the temporary nature of the proposed markings and agreed that a different colour should be used to distinguish them from existing pickleball markings. Members also discussed the proposed community event and noted the need for appropriate insurance, risk assessments and any required permissions.

RESOLVED:

a) That temporary short tennis court markings be permitted on a trial basis using a colour distinct from the existing pickleball court markings.

b) That approval in principle be granted for a village picnic and community event to be held on 6 September 2026, subject to submission of a detailed event plan, risk assessment, appropriate insurance and any required permissions.

Vote: Unanimous.

Legal Powers: Public Health Act 1875, s.164

Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, s.19

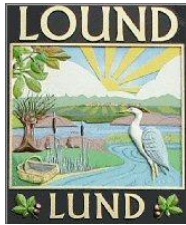
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Local Government Act 1972, s.137

Local Government Act 1972, s.111

12/0526 Correspondence

Motion: To receive correspondence.

Members noted:

Resident correspondence regarding temporary short tennis court markings.

NALC Newsletter.

Various other literature circulated by email.

RESOLVED: That the correspondence be received and noted.

Vote: Unanimous.

Legal Power: Local Government Act 1972, s.101.

13/0526 Reports from Other Committees

Motion: To receive reports from other committees.

Members received a verbal update regarding proposals for a low-key community gathering on the recreation ground during the summer.

Members also discussed a request from a local bird monitoring group and agreed that existing annual monitoring activity could continue, however no permission would be granted for organised group visits or events at Linghurst Lakes without prior approval from the Parish Council.

RESOLVED: That the reports be received and noted and that any organised access requests relating to Linghurst Lakes be referred to the Parish Council for consideration.

Vote: Unanimous.

Legal Power: Local Government Act 1972, s.111.

14/0526 Matters for the Next Meeting

Motion: To identify matters for inclusion on the next agenda.

No additional items were raised.

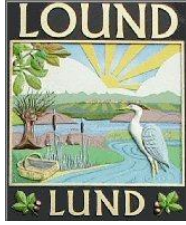
RESOLVED: That the position be noted.

Vote: Unanimous.

Legal Power: Local Government Act 1972, s.101.

15/0526 Date of Next Meeting

Motion: To note the date of the next meeting.



RESOLVED: That the next meeting of Lound Parish Council be held on Tuesday 23 June 2026 at 7.30pm in Lound Village Hall.

Vote: Unanimous.

Legal Power: Local Government Act 1972, Sch.12.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.