

Lound Parish Council Minutes

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 23rd June 2026 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Present at the meeting:

Chair: Cllr H O'Donoghue, Cllrs M Naylor, N Hallas and F Wilson MacCormack

District Councillor: D Pulk

Proper Officer: C Challener

No members of the public were present.

01/0626 Apologies for Absence

Motion: To receive and consider apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr P Sheehy, who was away, and Cllr A Jones for health reasons.

RESOLVED: To accept the apologies received.

Vote: Unanimous.

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

02/0626 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.

03/0626 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 April 2026, relating to anti-social behaviour on Town Street.

No members of the public were present and no matters were raised during the public participation session.

RESOLVED: That the Police Report be received and noted.

Vote: Unanimous.

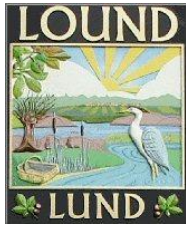
Legal Power: Local Government Act 1972, s.101.

04/0626 Reports from County and District Councillors

Motion: To receive reports from County and District Councillors.

District Councillor Pulk reported that the District Council waste collection service had returned to its normal schedule following the earlier disruption. Additional collection rounds had been used to clear the backlog in brown bin collections.

Members were advised that, during the period of exceptionally hot weather, some waste collection rounds would begin at 5.30am in order to protect staff welfare and maintain the service.



The District Councillor also provided advice regarding dogs being taken onto the Playing Field. The District Council may issue fixed penalty notices where offenders can be identified and persistent patterns of use are evidenced. Residents should report incidents and provide dates, times, vehicle details or photographs where it is safe and lawful to do so, rather than directly confronting individuals.

RESOLVED: That the report and advice be received and noted.

Vote: Unanimous.

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

05/0626 Approval of Previous Minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 26th May 2026.

Members considered the minutes previously circulated.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 26th May 2026 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.

06/0626 Matters Arising

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

No further matters arising were reported.

RESOLVED: That the position be noted.

Vote: Unanimous.

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

07/0626 Planning Applications and Determinations

Motion: To consider planning applications and determinations received.

No planning applications, determinations or other planning matters had been received for consideration.

RESOLVED: That the position be noted.

Vote: Unanimous.

Legal Power: Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

08/0626 Health and Safety Review

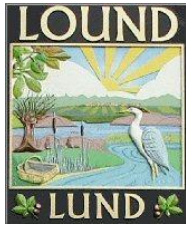
Motion: To receive the monthly Health and Safety inspection report and confirm arrangements for the next inspection.

The monthly inspection had been completed. The bins were not full and no immediate hazards requiring closure of the recreation facilities were identified.

Members noted that parts of the play equipment, including the rope elements, were showing signs of deterioration and should be kept under review. Vegetation and weeds around the tarmac recreation area also required attention as part of routine grounds maintenance.

RESOLVED:

a) That the inspection report be received and noted.



b) That the condition of the rope play equipment be monitored and specialist advice obtained if further deterioration is identified.

c) That the next inspection be completed in accordance with the agreed councillor rota.

Vote: Unanimous.

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

09/0626 Finance Update and Statutory Requirements

Motion: To approve the Annual Governance and Accountability Return, receive the financial report and bank reconciliation, and approve payments.

Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2025/26

Members considered each assertion within Section 1, the Annual Governance Statement, and reviewed Section 2, the Accounting Statements, together with the supporting financial records.

RESOLVED:

a) That Section 1 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2025/26, the Annual Governance Statement, be approved and signed by the Chair and Proper Officer.

b) That Section 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2025/26, the Accounting Statements, be approved and signed by the Chair.

Vote: Unanimous.

Legal Power: Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014; Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015.

Parish Council Account

Payments:

Insurance - £1,450.49

Grass cutting - £1,079.44

Clerk administration - £23.99

RESOLVED:

a) That the bank reconciliation be approved.

b) That the payments listed above be approved.

c) That the financial position be noted.

Vote: Unanimous.

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

Linghurst Lakes Financial Update

Receipts: £4.01

Expenditure - post and rail repair: £70.00

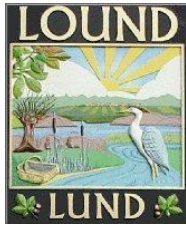
Members discussed the need to ensure that more than one authorised signatory had practical access to each Linghurst Lakes account, particularly while the current signatory was recuperating. It was agreed that arrangements should be reviewed sensitively with the Committee.

RESOLVED:

a) That the Linghurst Lakes financial report be received and noted.

b) That the authorised signatory arrangements for the Linghurst Lakes accounts be reviewed to provide appropriate continuity and resilience.

Vote: Unanimous.



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

10/0626 Tree Warden and Footpath Warden Reports

Motion: To receive Tree Warden and Footpath Warden reports.

Members raised concerns regarding overgrown vegetation and brambles affecting the footway towards Mattersey Road and visibility at the village approaches. It was noted that responsibility for highway verges and sightlines may rest with Nottinghamshire County Council or adjoining landowners.

RESOLVED:

- a) That the reports be received and noted.
- b) That the relevant overgrown areas and visibility concerns be reported to the appropriate authority or landowner, and routine trimming arranged where the Parish Council is responsible.

Vote: Unanimous.

Legal Power: Highways Act 1980, s.130; Local Government Act 1972, s.111.

11/0626 Councillor Items and Reports

Motion 1 - Barbecue and Fire Signage at the Playing Field

Members considered the risk posed by disposable barbecues, open fires and similar activities at the Playing Field, particularly during dry weather and due to the proximity of neighbouring land.

It was agreed that clear signage should state that disposable barbecues and open fires are prohibited unless prior written permission has been granted by the Parish Council. Any organised event approved by the Council would remain subject to an appropriate risk assessment, insurance and fire safety measures.

RESOLVED:

- a) That signage prohibiting disposable barbecues and open fires, except with the Parish Council's prior written permission, be installed at suitable locations within the Playing Field.
- b) That authority be delegated to the Clerk to obtain and arrange suitable signage within the Council's existing budget.

Vote: Unanimous.

Legal Power: Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, s.19; Local Government Act 1972, s.111.

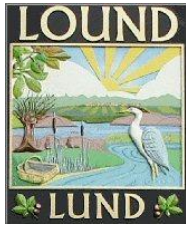
Motion 2 - Playing Field Boundary Security and Dogs

Members considered the suggestion that wire mesh be fitted to the lower section of the Playing Field gate. The recent incidents discussed related principally to owners deliberately taking dogs onto the Playing Field rather than stray dogs entering beneath the gate.

Members therefore considered that wire mesh would not address the principal issue and could be visually intrusive or create an additional trip or snagging hazard. More prominent signage and improved reporting were considered more proportionate.

RESOLVED:

- a) That wire mesh not be fitted to the Playing Field gate at this time.
- b) That larger and more prominent signs be installed at the entrance and at an additional suitable location, stating that the Playing Field is Parish Council land and dogs are not permitted.



c) That the Clerk publish a notice in the Lound Crier asking residents to report incidents to the Parish Council, including dates, times and photographic or vehicle evidence where safely obtained, and advising residents not to place themselves at risk by confronting offenders.

d) That options for a self-closing mechanism to the main gate be investigated and reported to a future meeting.

Vote: Unanimous.

Legal Power: Public Health Act 1875, s.164; Local Government Act 1972, s.111.

Councillor Reports

Members received a report following a visit by parish representatives to Sutton Grange Farm. The visit included an overview of the farm businesses and anaerobic digestion operation. Members agreed that a letter of thanks should be sent to the hosts for the informative visit.

RESOLVED: That the report be received and the Clerk send a letter of thanks on behalf of the Parish Council.

Vote: Unanimous.

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

12/0626 Correspondence

Motion: To receive correspondence.

Members noted the NALC newsletter, training opportunities and other literature circulated by email.

RESOLVED: That the correspondence be received and noted.

Vote: Unanimous.

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

13/0626 Reports from Other Committees

Motion: To receive reports from other committees.

No additional committee reports were received.

RESOLVED: That the position be noted.

Vote: Unanimous.

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

14/0626 Matters for the Next Meeting

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

The following matter was identified for a future agenda:

Playing Field gate - consideration of a suitable self-closing mechanism.

RESOLVED: That the item be included on a future agenda.

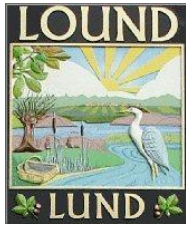
Vote: Unanimous.

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

15/0626 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 28th July 2026 at 7.30pm in Lound Village Hall.



Vote: Unanimous.

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

There being no further business, the Chair thanked those present and closed the meeting.

The meeting closed at approximately 8.25pm.