Lound Parish Council Minutes

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 27th October 2026 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Present at the meeting:
Chair: Cllr P Sheehy, Cllrs H O'Donoghue, M Naylor, F Wilson-Maccormack, A Jones, N Hallas
District Councillor: D Pulk
County Councillor: M Robertson
Proper Officer: C Challener
Members of Public x1
One member of the public attended and addressed the Council regarding the village garden.

01/1026 Apologies for Absence
Motion: To receive and consider apologies for absence.
Apologies were reported for Cllr F Wilson-Maccormack.
RESOLVED: Apologies noted.
Vote: unanimous
Legal Power: Local Government Act 1972, Sch.12.

02/1026 Declarations of Interest
Motion: To receive declarations of interest.
No declarations were made.
RESOLVED: Noted.
Vote: unanimous
Legal Power: Localism Act 2011.

03/1026 Public Discussion and Police Report
Motion: To receive public comments and the Police Report.

A representative of the village garden reported on planting, drought-related losses and the poor condition of the garden Christmas tree. Replacement of a rowan tree on the playing field (£95), protection against rabbit damage and approximately £50 for plants and maintenance materials were discussed. Members expressed support for expenditure of £150 in total; The representative will provide ordering details.
Members noted three crimes reported for August 2026: two antisocial behaviour incidents and one violence incident on Chainbridge Road.
RESOLVED: Garden update and Police Report received; £150 support towards the planting scheme.
Vote: unanimous

Legal Power: Local Government Act 1972, s.111 (subject to proper agenda authority).

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04/1026 Reports from County and District Councillors
Motion: To receive reports.
The County Councillor reported on summer road resurfacing, difficulties with traffic management, winter highway maintenance and outstanding road inspections. Concerns about the condition of roads in Lound and remaining temporary signs were raised for follow-up with highways officers. Members received updates on local government reorganisation and the anticipated May 2027 elections. District matters included waste disposal and fly-tipping, and the importance of reporting dog-related licensing concerns directly to the relevant authority.

RESOLVED: Reports noted; highways concerns to be followed up.
Legal Power: Local Government Act 1972, s.111.

05/1026 Approval of Previous Minutes
Motion: To approve the September minutes.
Members confirmed that the previous minutes were an accurate record.
RESOLVED: September minutes approved and signed.
Vote: unanimous
Legal Power: Local Government Act 1972, Sch.12.

06/1026 Matters Arising
Motion: To receive updates.
Matters arising were covered under subsequent agenda items.
RESOLVED: Noted.
Vote: unanimous
Legal Power: Local Government Act 1972, s.111.

07/1026 Planning
Motion: To consider planning applications and determinations.
26/01227/VOC – Alpha House, 73 Town Street: Members discussed the proposed change of access and removal of a tree, the building's ancillary relationship to the main property, and concerns that a separate access could facilitate independent residential use. Objection was expressed in the discussion; the Clerk to submit the Council's response.
Street naming: the land adjacent to the Bluebell Inn was reported as numbered 71a Town Street.
No refused determinations were reported.
RESOLVED: Objection to 26/01227/VOC to be submitted, focusing on the proposed access and ancillary use.
Vote: unanimous
Legal Power: Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

08/1026 Health and Safety

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Motion: To receive the monthly inspection and consider actions.
Members reported repeated removal of warning tape and signage from play equipment awaiting repair. The basket swing repairs were expected shortly. Fraying to the carousel ropes was raised and the contractor attending the swing repair is to be asked to inspect and advise on remedial works. The next monthly safety inspection was discussed; the assigned councillor should be confirmed.
RESOLVED: Warning arrangements to be maintained pending repair; contractor to assess carousel ropes.
Vote: unanimous
Legal Power: Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974.

09/1026 Finance
Motion: To approve finance and receive the Linghurst Lakes update.
The Clerk presented the bank reconciliation and payment schedule.
The following amounts were signed off and agreed.

Receipts	
Precepts	£10,000.50
Expenditure	
Stationery	£(13.49)
Land Registry	£(14.00)
Playground Tape	£(19.62)
PKF Littlejohn External Audit	£(252.00)
Grass Cut - Holmes Groundcare	£(539.71)
Playground Repairs - Sovereign 1/3	£(750.18)
Playground Repairs - Sovereign 2/3	£(562.63)
Lound Village Hall - Drawers Donations	£(60.00)
Microsoft License	£(104.99)

Linghurst Lakes: £103,951.30 was reported across accounts, with limited immediately available cash following tree works. An £8,000 transfer from a Nationwide notice account had been initiated but funds would not be available until December. An invoice for earlier maintenance remained outstanding. Members discussed the need to update bank signatories and electronic banking arrangements, with the matter to return on a future agenda.
RESOLVED: Financial papers received and signed. Linghurst Lakes bank signatories to be considered at a future meeting.
Vote: unanimous
Legal Power: Local Government Act 1972, s.151.

10/1026 Tree and Footpath Reports

Motion: To receive reports.
Members discussed tree debris near the ski-lake access and continued concerns about roots affecting Poplar Walk. No new formal action was agreed.
RESOLVED: Reports noted.
Vote: unanimous
Legal Power: Highways Act 1980, s.130 (where applicable).

11/1026 Councillor Items
Motion: To receive councillor items and consider the mobile coverage motion.
Dogs: Members referred to ongoing concerns and the need for direct reports to Bassetlaw licensing and relevant authorities.
Mobile phone coverage: Members considered the request relating particularly to reception for the visiting Post Office van. They noted that network provision and commercial connectivity are matters for the operator and service provider, and expressed no support for pursuing a mobile mast or further Council action.
RESOLVED: No further Council action on mobile phone coverage; the requester to be advised. Dog-related concerns to continue through the relevant authorities.
Vote: unanimous
Legal Power: Local Government Act 1972, s.111.

12/1026 Correspondence
Motion: To receive correspondence.
Correspondence included the request regarding mobile coverage and routine consultations and circulars, previously circulated.
RESOLVED: Noted.
Vote: unanimous
Legal Power: Local Government Act 1972, s.111.

13/1026 Reports from Other Committees
Motion: To receive reports.
No committee attendance reports were given. Members noted a new salt bin and discussed arrangements for the Remembrance event on 8 November, including road sweeping and assistance with installing poppies on lamp posts.
RESOLVED: Noted; councillors to assist with poppies.
Vote: unanimous
Legal Power: Local Government Act 1972, s.111.

14/1026 Matters for Next Meeting
Motion: To identify items for the next agenda.

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Members requested a further item on bank signatories and banking arrangements. Community resilience and the potential use of the village hall as a community support facility during an emergency were raised for future consideration.
RESOLVED: Items to be placed on a future agenda.
Vote: unanimous
Legal Power: Local Government Act 1972, s.111.

15/1026 Date of Next Meeting
Motion: To confirm the next meeting date.
The next ordinary meeting was announced for Tuesday 24th November 2026 at 7.30pm in Lound Village Hall.
RESOLVED: Date noted.
Vote: unanimous
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Meeting closed: 9pm

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