

LUND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Council Meeting held on 7 December 2023, Methodist Chapel at 8 pm

Present: Cllrs K Calvert (Chair), G Ward (Vice Chair), A Prescott, C Lamb, I Snowden, S Burns, A Watts, Cllr J Wilcock (Ward Councillor) and G Cottrell (Parish Clerk)

1. Apologies: Cllr C Wright

2. Public Participation – None

3. ERYC matters and correspondence

- i. Rough Sleepers – The Clerk informed the meeting that he had made a nil return for the survey.
- ii. ERYC Councillor's business – Cllr Wilcock told the meeting that he had chased provision of the traffic notice for Queensmead, had received no response from his enquiries about localised flooding, understood that gulley cleaning had taken place, and would continue to monitor the issue of reducing the speed limit on the B1248. He also explained the Devolution process, which would begin with an eight-week consultation. He left the meeting at 8.30pm.

4. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 October 2023 were read and approved on a proposal by Cllr Prescott seconded by Cllr Lamb.

5. Matters Arising from the minutes

None

6. Members declarations of interest and Register of Interests

Councillors Lamb, Watts and Ward declared an interest in item 8 (Village Hall Matters), Councillors Lamb, Watts and Ward a non-pecuniary interest in item 8 (Village Hall Matters).

7. Dates of Meetings for 2024; A list of suggested dates was circulated; Cllr Burns proposed and Cllr Watts seconded the meeting's approval.

8. Village Hall Matters: None

9. Updates

- i. The Forge – Cllr Calvert reported on a meeting she and the Clerk had had with the Churchwarden and Treasurer of the PCC and warned that progress might be slow.
- ii. The Pond – The meetings planned for late November had been put back to early January.
- iii. CPR Volunteers – Using the Church as a venue was suggested for the proposed annual CPR session.
- iv. Website – Cllr Calvert regretted that, again, no news had been received and she would ask Cllr Wilcock to take up the matter

10. Planning

- i. 23/03319/TCA 35, North Road – Tree Works had been approved by ERYC.
- ii. 23/03156/PLF Dunelm Cottage, 9, North Road - After discussion Cllr Lamb proposed and Cllr Prescott seconded that approval should be given provided the materials used were in keeping with the existing building.

11. Barclays Bank Accounts

- i. Statement and Reconciliation were circulated and approved on a proposal by Cllr Burns seconded by Cllr Watts

12. Precept for 2024: After distribution of the document for the current year as a guide and brief discussion, Councillors agreed to consider the matter over Christmas and make a firm decision at the next meeting on 11 January. The deadline for returning the Precept Demand Form was 18 January.

13. Finance and Payments

- i. Payments made since last meeting – £585.00 – HMRC & Clerk.
- ii. Payments received - Nil
- iii. Payments for approval - £1299.02, ERYC – Street Lighting, £30.00, Methodist Church – rent, proposed by Cllr Prescott, seconded by Cllr Lamb.

14. Any Other Business

- i. Cllr Prescott was thanked for his part in providing the Christmas tree on the green.
- ii. It was noted that the decking by the pond became very slippery in rainy weather.

15. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting would be held on **Thursday 11 January 2024 at 8pm** in the **Methodist Chapel**.

The meeting closed at 9.28pm.