

LUND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Council Meeting held on 11January 2024, Methodist Chapel at 8 pm

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

1. Apologies: Cllr S Burns

2. Public Participation – None

3. ERYC matters and correspondence

- i. ERYC Councillor's business – Cllr Wilcock spoke about the main issues being addressed by ERYC at the time: the budget for 2024/25 was unlikely to change much due to lack of funding from central government, devolution had entered the consultation stage, and there was concern over the needless proliferation of telegraph poles in some areas.
- ii. Questions were put to the Councillor on the cost of a Mayor, the result of the recent Governance Review and the possibility of Lund PC paying ERYC to carry out repairs to damaged verges. He agreed to find answers to all three for the next meeting and left the meeting at 8.37pm.

4. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 December 2023 were read and approved on a proposal by Cllr Watts seconded by Cllr Wright.

5. Matters Arising from the minutes

None

6. Members declarations of interest and Register of Interests

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

7. Village Hall Matters: None other than an exhortation to attend the events planned for the New Year.

8. Updates

- i. The Forge – In view of the legal expense that would be incurred in pursuing the current course of action, this would be re-appraised in the near future.
- ii. The Pond – The meeting was expected to take place later in January.
- iii. Website – There was still no progress and if this situation continued for a further two months the PC would go it alone.
- iv. Phone Box – With funds now available this would be dealt with in the better weather.

9. Planning

- i. 23/03156/PLF Dunelm Cottage, 9, North Road – Councillors' comments had been put on the ERYC website.

10. Barclays Bank Accounts

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

11. Precept for 2024: The meeting considered a report from the Clerk on the hours involved in the role and its current hourly remuneration. Cllr Prescott proposed that from February the rate should be £12 per hour and be reviewed annually. Cllr Wright seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. After discussion of several other items of annual expenditure Cllr Lamb proposed that

the Precept should remain at the same level as last year, namely £8314. Cllr Prescott seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

12. Finance and Payments

- i. Payments made since last meeting – £1299.02, ERYC – Street Lighting, £30.00 – Rent to Methodist Church.
- ii. Payments received - £15.83 – Bank Interest
- iii. Payments for approval – Computer Service - £40.00, Clerk's quarterly salary and HMRC, proposed by Cllr Prescott, seconded by Cllr Ward.

13. Any Other Business

- i. Cllr Lamb suggested laying a flagstone to improve access to the dog bin in current rainy conditions.

14. Date of the next meeting

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

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.