

LUND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Council Meeting held on 10 April 2025, Village Hall at 7.30pm

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

1. Apologies: Cllrs K Calvert and R Hughes

2. Public Participation – PC Jason Scotter, Lund's Neighbourhood Beat Officer, introduced himself, explained his role in the community and asked for unusual occurrences and disturbances to be brought to the attention of the Police, which provoked discussion of recent early morning and unusual events in the village. He left the meeting at 7.49pm.

3. ERYC Matters

- i. The Traffic Management Team's visit would concentrate on the need for a 20-mph limit in the village, even though those present agreed that it was impossible to drive any faster under current conditions. Cllr Snowden had a large-scale plan which would help the discussion.
- ii. Cllr Wilcock had reported the traffic sign on Lockington Road that had been uprooted, explained that the majority of ERYC activity at present was internal because of the forthcoming elections, and took note of water escaping on North Road and effluent in Eastgate. He promised feedback from planning on agricultural buildings and left the meeting at 8.06pm.

4. Minutes of meeting held on 20th March

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 March 2025 were read and approved on a proposal by Cllr Wright, seconded by Cllr Prescott.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes not on this Agenda

- i. Cllr Wright had spoken to Simon Maddox and the holly trees in the churchyard would be trimmed in due course by the usual gardeners.

6. Members declarations of interest on items included in the agenda

Councillors Lamb, Wright, Walker and Watts declared an interest in item 7 v. (Village Hall)

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7. Village Matters

- i. The response to the publication of the Council's plans for the Rose bed on The Green was discussed. Within the last week it had been tidied and weeded by a nearby resident, unsolicited, and the bed on North Road had been cleared by Cllr Walker and Mr Wright, aided by Cllr Snowden with an application of horse manure. Similar treatment was planned for the roses in Queens Mead and Cllr Snowden agreed to apply manure to those on The Green as well. Given this unexpected activity, it was agreed that the matter should be reviewed in the autumn.
- ii. The Pond was very much the project of Cllr Calvert and discussion would be held until the next meeting.
- iii. A D Day bonfire would be held on 8th May at Clematis Farm. Further details would be published later.
- iv. Defibrillator Training on 30th June was proceeding.
- v. The Village Hall had no activity to report.

8. Planning

- i. 25/00453/PLF 4, Cherry Garth had been passed.

9. Report and Year End Accounts 2024/25

- i. Bank Reconciliation for 27th March, Year End Accounts and Cash Book for the Financial Year 2024/25 were circulated and discussed. Their approval was proposed by Cllr Watts, seconded by Cllr Burns and agreed by all present. The documents were signed by Cllr Lamb as Chairman.
- ii. It was agreed that the Internal Audit should now go ahead and that Gareth Botterill should be asked to conduct it.
- iii. The Annual Governance Statement (Page 5 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return) was circulated and was signed by Cllr Lamb as Chairman and by Graham Cottrell, Parish Clerk. This would be published on the Website and in the Forge
- iv. The Accounting Statements (Page 6 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return) were circulated and signed by Cllr Lamb as Chairman and by Graham Cottrell as Responsible Financial Officer. They would be published on the Website and in the Forge, together with the analysis of variances.

- v. The Certificate of Exemption (Page 3 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return) was circulated and was signed by Cllr Lamb as Chairman and by Graham Cottrell as Responsible Financial Officer. This would be published on the Website and in the Forge.
- vi. Public Rights and Publication: notice of the period for the exercise of public rights and other information required by law would be published on the website and in The Forge. The announcement would be published on Tuesday 27th May and public rights would apply between 3rd June and 14th July.

Approval of all the above documents and actions (Items 9.iii. – 9.vi.) was proposed by Cllr Prescott and seconded by Cllr Burns. All present were in favour.

10. Finance and Payments

- i. Payments of £160 to the Village Hall for the calendar year's rent and to IJT for printer ink were approved on a proposal by Cllr Walker seconded by Cllr Prescott. The meeting was reminded that purchase of a new set of defibrillator pads had been approved at the previous meeting.

11. Any Other Business

- i. An email from the Agent of the Hotham Trust about the abuse by dog walkers of the conditions of using the Permissive path and requesting some action on the Parish Council's part was discussed in some detail. There was a strong and united opinion that dogs should be kept on a lead and that notices to that effect signed both by the Hotham Estate and the Parish Council should be displayed at either end of the path. Cllr Lamb agreed to convey this sentiment to the Agent.
- ii. A potentially dangerous Ash tree in West End had been reported by a resident. The Clerk would bring this to ERYC's notice and ask for the Tree Officer to inspect it.

12. Date and Venue of next Meeting – Thursday 15th May 2025 at 7.45pm in the Village Hall, preceded by the AGM at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.