

LUND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Council Meeting held on 29 January 2026, Village Hall at 7.30pm

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

- 1. Apologies:** Cllrs J Walker, A Watts, R Hughes
- 2. Public Participation** – Two members of the public attended. Mr M McKechnie had noticed that no gritting had taken place in North Road during recent freezing weather despite use of the road as a bus route. He asked for the matter to be raised with ERYC and Cllr Wilcock took note.
- 3. ERYC Matters**
 - i.** Fibre Optic works in the village, initially in North Road, had caused concern to residents who had expressed concern over the standard of work. Correspondence with ERYC had received a positive response and elicited a helpful letter giving contact details for concerned residents; these would be published at the Forge and on the website. Vigilance would be ongoing.
 - ii.** Cllr Calvert had discovered that residents affected had had difficulty pursuing requests for disabled parking bays with the ERYC Housing team; Cllr Wilcock would endeavour to find a contact name.
 - iii.** Cllr Wilcock explained the positive and non-political attempts being made by ERYC to compensate for the reduction in revenue that would be experienced over the coming three years because of the Government's fair funding policies. When asked how a speedier response from ERYC could be achieved in such matters as repairing potholes and collecting plastic waste from hedgerows, he stressed the need for himself always to be informed since Councillors would get more action than members of the public. He left the meeting at 7.58pm.
- 4. Minutes of meeting held on 10th December** - The minutes of the meeting held on 10th December 2025 had been circulated, were approved by all present, and were signed by the Chairman.
- 5. Matters Arising from the Minutes not on this Agenda**
 - i.** The speed strips on the B1248 mentioned in item 9.i. disappeared a couple of days later.
 - ii.** Cllr Calvert had ascertained that Lund PC was eligible for a 50% grant towards the cost of an ANPR camera (£1000) but had not yet received full details. She would keep a watching brief.
 - iii.** Cllr Wright mentioned village gates recently installed in North Dalton and was asked to find out details, even though the cost was thought likely to be prohibitive.
- 6. Members declarations of interest**

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- 7. Village Matters**
 - i.** The Historic sign had been screwed together.
 - ii.** An email had been sent on the Permissive Path but there had as yet been no response.
 - iii.** Cllr Calvert had received outline approval for a grant for work on the pond, but this would require ownership to be established and the usual three quotes for the work to be undertaken. She would persevere.
 - iv.** The Village Hall had held a very good Party on New Year's Eve.
- 8. Planning**
 - i.** 25/00095/REFUSE. The Chairman pointed out that neither this reference, nor the one it led to on the ERYC website, was correct and did not refer to the property in Lund on which the applicant had appealed. He asked for this to be recorded in the minutes. No result of the appeal had yet been received.
 - ii.** 25/03233/PLF – Parish Councillors had raised no objection to this in emails to the Clerk and this had been recorded. No decision had yet been made by ERYC.
- 9. Financial Matters**

- i. Bank Reconciliation documents for 28th January were circulated and approved by all present. The documents were signed by the Chairman.
- ii. No payment had been received since the last meeting.
- iii. In addition to standing orders to Hugo Fox and the payment of quarterly salary and tax of the Clerk, £1538.05 had been paid to Glasdon UK for the new bench and £52.50 to Microsoft for Windows 365.
- iv. There were no payments for approval.

10. Any Other Business

- i. The Chairman thanked Cllr Lamb for tidying up the Christmas tree.
- ii. Cllr Snowden said he would once again manure the rose beds during the summer months.
- iii. Given that the Great British Spring Clean was scheduled to take place between March 13th and 29th, and in view of the poor state of the Village's verges thanks to the attentions of delivery drivers, buses, waste lorries and Fibre Optic installers, it was thought a good idea to have a "clean-up" day and invite villagers to take part. March 21st was suggested as a possible date, and Cllr Watts would be asked to circulate a suitable flier.

11. Date and Venue of next Meeting – Thursday 26th March 2026 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Cllr Calvert tendered her apologies in advance.

The meeting closed at 8.38pm.