LUND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Council Meeting held on 30 July 2026, Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs J Walker (Chair), K Calvert, C Lamb, I Snowden, C Wright, R Hughes, J Wilcock (Ward Councillor), and G Cottrell (Parish Clerk)

1. **Apologies:** Cllrs A Prescott, S Burns, A Watts

2. **Public Participation** – There were no new topics raised by the dozen or so members of the public present.

3. **Wellington request** - The Chair established that members of the public were not present to comment, as comments had been received at the previous meeting, but to observe, and explained her dual role as Chair and Parish Councillor. Parish Councillors were volunteers at the outset but, once elected or co-opted, became public officials who were accountable and bound by legislation and standing orders. They did what they could to maintain the village and support the church, chapel and village hall and recognised and valued all the local businesses that could bring a welcome dimension to the village; these clearly included the pub but also the working farms, smallholding and the children's nursery.

   Historically Lund PC had applied to register the green in 1968 pursuant to the Commons Registration Act of 1965 and been confirmed as the owners in 1979. Registered greens were protected by the Enclosure Act 1857 (Section 12) and the Commons Act 1876 (Section 29) and later also by the Commons Act 2006. This legislation was summarised by the Chair: it provided for both criminal and civil proceedings to be brought against the Parish Council as landowners. To clarify the situation an enquiry was submitted to Defra and the Chair read out their response, as a result of which yet further enquiries had been submitted to the legal team at ERYC and to the planning authority. The consensus that independent legal advice was required led to the consideration of whether Lund PC had the financial means to seek it and whether it was appropriate to use public monies for such a purpose.

   Parish Councillors had raised the issue of health and safety, and enquiries had been made of the Parish Council's insurers, whose response had stressed the need for detailed risk assessments to be made and the inevitability of premiums increasing in the event of successful claims. Was this an acceptable risk for the council to take? A third issue was the comments made both at the previous council meeting and by email expressing concern about changes to the character of the village centre, the quality of life of residents, particularly those living in proximity to the green, and their loss of privacy and noise pollution.

   There had also been some voices raised in support of the proposal, the parish councillors had had a number of weeks to consider all aspects of the issue, and it was now time for a decision. The Chair would now don her parish councillor's hat and put a proposal before the meeting.

   Cllr Walker proposed that Lund Parish Council turn down the request by the Wellington Inn to place tables on the green for three reasons, firstly the strong legislation protecting the Green which could render the PC subject to legal challenge, secondly the public liability risk which the PC should not take in current litigious times lest it be sued in the future, and thirdly the quality of life of parishioners which the PC should prioritise over any commercial enterprise. Cllr Lamb seconded the motion, the other councillors present all signified their support, and the motion was passed unanimously.

   The Chair thanked the parish councillors for the time and attention they had given the challenge of this contentious issue. Lund was a delightful place to live with a supportive, cohesive and welcoming culture and she hoped that people would pull together to keep it that way.

4. **ERYC Matters**
   i. Cllr Wilcock congratulated the Chair on the thorough and dispassionate way she had managed the whole issue of Tables on the Green and the Councillors on their objectivity and clear-sightedness.
   ii. The requested Pink bags and gloves had been obtained by the Chair and would be stored for use in the autumn clear-up.
   iii. The recent serious accident on the B 1248 had alerted the Police to the issue of speeding but was unlikely to result in any change to the speed limit.
   iv. ERYC was now in recess. The Chair thanked Cllr Wilcock, and he left the meeting at 8.18pm.

5. **Minutes of meeting held on 9th July** - The minutes of the meeting had been circulated, were approved by all present, and were signed by the Chair.

6. **Matters Arising from the Minutes not on this Agenda**
   i. There were no Matters Arising.

7. **Members declarations of interest**
   Councillors Lamb, Walker and Wright declared an interest in item 8 ii (Village Hall)
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8. **Village Matters**
   i. Cllr Snowden discussed suitable sites for the roses, but no decision was made.
   ii. The Village Hall had nothing to report.
   iii. Yorkshire Water were holding a drop-in at Lund Village Hall on Thursday 6th August from 3.00pm to 6.00pm in order to inform residents how they would be affected by the water mains renewal programme due to start in August and to be in Lund from 1st September until mid-March 2027. The Chair signified her intention to attend, as did the Clerk, and it was agreed that YW appeared to be doing their best to keep people informed. There was also mention of the possibility of money being available to support local projects.
   iv. The Permissive Path Agreement had been circulated, was discussed, and was approved on a proposal by Cllr Calvert seconded by Cllr Walker. Cllr Lamb would now go ahead and sign it.

9. **Planning**
   i. The Application from 7, Cherry Garth for tree work raised no objection.

10. **Financial Matters**
   i. Bank Reconciliation documents for 27th July were circulated, discussed, approved and signed.
   ii. No payments had been received.
   iii. Payments of the monthly Direct Debit of £11.99 to Go Cardless, £1,000 to the Parish Church, £1055 to Glasdon for Village Hall benches, and the Clerk's salary and tax had been made.
   iv. There were no payments for approval but the annual direct debit of £47 for Data Protection would be taken on August 8th.

11. **Any Other Business**.
   i. Over the past week or so the Clerk had received requests for the Council to consult or answer questionnaires on Digital Inclusion, Sports facilities, Village Shows and the East Riding Local Plan. The chair asked for these to be forwarded to her.
   ii. The Clerk informed Councillors that a Digital Portal for AGAR submissions would be introduced next year on a voluntary basis with a view to digital submissions becoming mandatory in 2029.

iii. An email had been received that afternoon from the office of the Mayor of Hull and East Yorkshire offering a grant of up to £500 for Councils wishing to arrange an inclusive and deliverable event during the Tour of Britain Stage which would pass close to the village on September 4th. The closing date for applications was 11th August, and the unanimous feeling of the meeting was that the notice given was too little for anything to be arranged.

iv. A vote of thanks to the Chair for her hard work and deft handling of the "Tables on the Green" issue was expressed by all.

12. Date of next meeting – Thursday 24th September 2026 in the Village Hall 7.30pm was agreed.

The meeting closed at 9.02pm.