

LUND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Council Meeting held on 30 March 2023, Methodist Chapel at 8 pm

Present: Cllrs A Prescott (Chair) I Snowden, G Ward, S Burns, C Wright,
D Stewart (Ward Councillor) and G Cottrell (Parish Clerk)

1. Apologies: K Calvert (Vice Chair), J Astbury, A Watts, C Lamb

2. Public Participation

Mr & Mrs I Holland, Mrs A Kerr, and Mr J Watkins were present and Mrs Holland spoke about item 10 v. on the Agenda. It had been a contentious issue and she thanked the PC for the support it had been able to give to her and her husband so far. She pointed out that the most recently submitted drawings, the subject of item 10 v., were still inaccurate and therefore deceptive for those unfamiliar with the site. She questioned how a fair decision could be made making use of them alone, and wondered whether the application was therefore still valid. She regretted the unwarranted verbal and other abuse she and her husband had suffered, but declined the opportunity offered by the Chairman to remain and listen to the Council's discussion of this item. She and Mr Holland left the meeting at 8.10.

3. ERYC Councillors

Cllr Stewart said that she was well aware of the plight of Mr & Mrs Holland and deplored the treatment they had received. She would continue to fight in their cause.

Cllr Prescott thanked Cllr Stewart warmly for the work she had done in shedding light on the true situation of the Street lighting in Lund, and in eliciting a promise from ERYC to update the current provision by installing LED lamps from April. This would reduce current costs enormously. Cllr Calvert was also thanked for her contribution.

Cllr Stewart had also raised with the council administration the need for a reduced speed limit at the junction of North Road with the B1248, and both she and the members of the PC were amazed that further evidence of fatal accidents would be required to provoke any action.

Cllr Stewart presented Jeremy Wilcock to the meeting as a Liberal Candidate at the forthcoming Local Elections and he introduced himself briefly.

Richard Warren presented himself as a Conservative Candidate at the same Elections and also spoke briefly.

Cllr Stewart, Mr Wilcock and Mr Warren left the meeting at 8.20 pm.

4. Members declarations of interest and Register of Interests

Councillors Wright and Ward declared an interest in item 8 vi. (Village Hall).

Councillors Wright and Ward a non-pecuniary interest in item 8 vi. (Village Hall).

5. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 February 2023 were read and approved.

6. Matters Arising from the minutes

None

7. ERYC matters and correspondence

- i.** Street Lighting – already discussed in item 3.
- ii.** B1248/North Road Junction – also discussed in item 3.
- iii.** King's Coronation – there would be no need for street closures.
- iv.** Neighbourhood Police Officer - PC60 Ben Seed had introduced himself by email and Cllr Burns suggested he should be told of the concerns about the B1248 and speeding traffic.
- v.** Notice of Elections – these had been posted and would take place on May 4th.

8. Updates

- i. Jubilee Bench – no progress
- ii. Telephone Box – its condition was deteriorating, but commercial refurbishment prohibitively expensive. A suitable shade of Hammerite paint could be sought and help requested in the next Lund Link. Councillors should look for themselves before the next meeting.
- iii. Website – no progress yet as servers being updated.
- iv. The Forge – no progress.
- v. Millennium Permissive Path – no progress.
- vi. Village Hall - Cllr Watts was congratulated in his absence for securing a grant of £500 from ERYC.

9. Contingency Plan Revision

The Clerk would undertake this and circulate it for approval. He would consult ERYC over where it should be lodged.

10. Planning

- i. 23/00457/PLF Hunsley House, 3 Lockington Road – Consultation – there had been no objections.
- ii. 22/01990/STPLFE National Grid – Decision – hope was expressed that there might be grants available and that this might assist work on the pond
- iii. 23/00389/TCA 13 North Road – Decision – Successful, but permission not required for fruit trees.
- iv. 23/00871/TCA All Saints Church – Consultation – No objections.
- v. 22/01926/PLF Benelux House – Amended Plans, Additional Information – Cllr Astbury had written at some length about the continued inaccuracy of the “amended” plans and their failure to recognise the existence of a dwelling adjacent to much of the proposed development. All present agreed that they would not like to live next door to such a development and felt that the following comment would be appropriate, “A more informed decision could be made if the adjoining property were shown clearly on the plan.” This was proposed by Cllr Wright, seconded by Cllr Burns, and passed unanimously.

11. Finance and Payments

- i. Report and Accounts – this was a reminder to the Chairman and the Clerk to prepare them in good time. Payment of SLCC membership and Methodist Church Hall hire would be delayed until April to facilitate the Clerk’s task.
- ii. External Audit – the paperwork for this had been downloaded.
- iii. Banking arrangements – the meeting agreed unanimously to the Clerk’s request to open an online bank account to facilitate his management of the Council’s finances and bring them up to date.

12. Any Other Business

None.

13. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting would be held on **Thursday 11 May 2023** at **8pm** in the **Methodist Chapel, preceded by the AGM at 7.45pm.**

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.