

## **Lake Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting**

**The Annual Parish Meeting for Lake will be held on Wednesday 14 April 2021 starting at 7.15 pm via Zoom.**

All are welcome to attend using the following:

Invite

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Meeting ID **962 7798 4249**

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### **The Agenda is as follows:**

1. Apologies for absence
2. Report from the Chairman
3. To discuss any matters that may properly arise at this meeting

The meeting will be followed by the regular meeting of the Parish Council

**Susan Horton  
Chairman**

Clerk to Lake Parish Council  
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### **Lake Parish Council Annual Report 2020-2021**

I have been privileged to be a Lake Parish Councillor for the last fifteen years, and its Chairman for nine of those years. In all that time last year has been the most extraordinary and difficult. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions we were unable to hold meetings, including the Annual Meeting, in May and June. July and September's meetings were then held following social distancing guidelines and were kept to a minimum length of time. Since October meetings have been held remotely using Zoom technology, which has presented its own problems. Tablets were purchased by the Parish Council to be loaned to those Councillors who did not have their own devices. Following guidelines my term of office as Chairman was extended to May 2021.

Thanks go to our Clerk, Mike Taplin, for his ongoing efficiency and support to Lake's Councillors, and to Cllr. Bob Blizzard for his support as Vice Chairman. He also represents IWALC (Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils) on the National Association of Local Councils' Assembly and sits on their Management Board and Smaller Councils Committee. Cllr. Susan Hardy is the IWALC Treasurer. With elections taking place in May I would like to take this opportunity to thank all Lake's Councillors for their past service to Lake.

Our thanks also go to NHS workers, and everyone who has been required to carry on working at jobs which would not usually be hazardous to them. Local businesses will need everyone's support when they are able to reopen. We offer our condolences to anyone who has lost loved ones during this difficult time.

Lake Ripples was not able to be published in May 2020 and January 2021 because of lockdown. We welcome contributions from local residents; articles should be approximately 350 words in length. We are very grateful to the excellent team of residents who deliver the magazine to every household and business in Lake.

Even in these extraordinary times the public toilets, which Lake unlike other councils decided to keep open, are still being vandalised and repairs are a continual drain on the Council's finances. Plans are in hand for the New Road toilet block to be developed to include new toilets and a community hall. A public consultation will be held on these plans when possible.

The owner of the land behind Premier Inn and KFC has still failed to comply with the Enforcement actions on the site. The IW Council's position remains robustly unchanged and Enforcement actions will move to the next level which would be legal proceedings if non-compliance continues. Activity by youths on motorbikes on the land has been dealt with by the police.

The project to paint a new mural at the railway tunnel had to be put on hold by Men in Sheds, they will complete it as soon as they are able. Grants were made to various local organisations, including the Free Food shop in Sandown Road which I was asked to officially open in November. A donation was also made to the Bay scheme for hamper distribution to vulnerable families at Christmas. The footbridge at Skew Bridge is currently being refurbished by Island Roads and we look forward to it reopening. Two additional dog waste bins have been purchased. It was decided at our March meeting to purchase ten decorative lights to be attached to lampposts in Sandown Road. The Parish Council's precept for 2021-22 has remained unchanged.

We had the planting at the War Memorial carried out by Brighstone Landscaping as usual and provided planted baskets from Busy Bee along Sandown Road for the summer. Six "Remembrance" rose bushes were purchased by the Parish Council and with the Co op Funeral Care's permission Lake resident Jenny Hicks and Cllr. Whittaker planted them alongside the "Silent Soldier", our thanks to them.

I placed a wreath at the War Memorial on May 8<sup>th</sup> to commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day. On 15<sup>th</sup> August, the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VJ Day, Councillors and I met the Island's High Sheriff and Lord Lieutenant there. A very short service was held and wreaths were laid. Lake's Remembrance Sunday service was held on 8<sup>th</sup> November, with strictly limited numbers permitted. Wreaths were laid throughout the day on behalf of the Parish Council and various local organisations. The "Light up a Life" carol service unfortunately had to be cancelled but a donation was made to the Hospice.

We retain the services of PCSO Jacqueline May. If anyone has information about any crimes please report it.

Lake Parish Council meets at 7:15pm, usually on the second Wednesday of every month, except August (but do watch for any changes to dates). The public are welcome to attend these meetings. Minutes are posted on the website and Parish notice board, together with the Lake Events Diary. Lake's residents can be assured that their Councillors have continued to work throughout the year to achieve as many benefits for Lake as possible.

**Susan Horton, Chairman.**