



LAKE PARISH COUNCIL – AGENDA Thursday, 5 February 2026

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of Lake Parish Council to be held on **Thursday, 5 February 2026 at 7.00 pm** at **Gathering Place**, Sandown Rd, Lake, to consider the matters set out in the following agenda.

Members of the public are invited to attend the meeting. There will be a 10-minute public forum before and after the public meeting for questions.

1. Apologies for absence
2. To receive any declarations of interest in agenda items
3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 8 January 2026 (Paper A)
4. Matters arising from the minutes not requiring a resolution.
5. Updates from Safer Neighbourhoods Policing Team
6. Finances
 1. To approve the Payments and Receipts lists as presented for January 2026 (Paper B)
 2. To receive and note the verified bank reconciliations for January 2026 (Paper D)
 3. To receive and note the expenditure against budget through January 2026 (Paper E)
 4. To approve 2026/2027 Budget (Paper F)
 5. To set 2026/2027 Precept
 6. To consider grant application from UKSA Test the Water Project
 7. Contribution towards Lake Warm Space/Foodbank
 8. School Literacy Projects
 9. Manor Road/Lea Road Playground Project Update
7. New Road, Lake Cliff Gardens & Lake Slipway Toilets – update
8. Bay Place Plan – update

9. Planning applications: to resolve comments on applications received.
10. Ripples
11. The Clerk's Report
12. Chairman's Report
13. Councillors' reports
14. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

10 minutes are available for members of the public to speak on any matters relating to parish business. Any written questions received and not considered in the earlier session will be prioritised

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Smith', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Clerk



Item 3 - Paper A

LAKE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES Thursday 8 January 2026

Minutes of the Meeting of Lake Parish Council held on
THURSDAY, 8 JANUARY 2026 at Lake Gathering Place at 19.00

PRESENT: Cllrs Paul Brading (Chair), Julie Byford, Tim Clapp, Naomi Goodall, Mike Hailston, Tony Hartley, and Adrian Whittaker.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Richard Priest

From the floor There was 1 member of the public present.

Public Question Time

The Chairman, welcomed members, and wished them a happy New Year.

93/25-26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Clapp, Hardy & Morris, as well as Raine Ellis.

94/25-26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chair and members confirmed that there were no items on the Agenda requiring further declaration.

95/25-26 TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF MEETING OF 11 December 2025

Cllr Byford proposed and Cllr Whittaker seconded, and members unanimously agreed, that the minutes of the meeting held on 11 December 2025 be signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

96/25-26 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES NOT REQUIRING RESOLUTION

Cllr Brading noted Cllr Clapp's concerns regarding pre-school parking at Lea Road, and had followed up with Broadlea school, and they would circulate a reminder about considerate parking to parents.

97/25-26 UPDATES FROM SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS POLICING TEAM

PCSO May had submitted a written report, which was circulated to all members, with members remaining concerned about parking outside of Premier Stores, with danger to pedestrians and other road users.

98/25-26 IWALC UPDATE

The Clerk had circulated recent emails from IWALC, including request for feedback on proposed Information, Advice & Guidance Service, with members unanimously agreeing the need for IW Council to commission the service, but not having enough information to comment on any proposed provider.

99/25-26 FINANCES

To approve the Payments and Receipts lists as presented for December 2025

Members noted and unanimously approved the list for December 2025 with Chair signing accordingly.

To receive and note the verified bank reconciliations for December 2025

Members unanimously noted the verified bank reconciliation for December 2025 and noted the tight turn around time for papers to be produced.

To receive and note the Expenditure against Budget for December 2025

Members noted the positive position of the Parish Council with 3 months of the financial year left, with the utilities issue highlighted, and members noting continued action taken by the Clerk and broker to clarify situation, and resolve as soon as possible.

Update on Website Project

The Clerk thanked Raine for work on the project, and members noted transitional arrangements, causing issue with on-line publication of Agenda, with final payment to previous provider actioned. Members asked for training session before February or March meeting, prior to going live, with Clerk to contact provider.

Revetment, New Road & Lake Cliff Gardens Toilets

Members thanked the Clerk for regular updates on actions taken following criminal damage, and the issues raised regarding the Slipway Toilets, with members appreciating actions taken by contractors.

Budget Briefing

The Clerk updated members on the indicative increase in order of 5%, with IW Council due to notify Parish Councils of the Tax Base for 2026/27. Members also confirmed decision to proceed with £100,000 deposit in CCLA, to mitigate risk with all funds with current Banking Provider, members discussed the circulated papers and opportunity to discuss with CCLA or other Island Councils using CCLA. Cllr Whittaker noted objection to depositing any funds with CCLA, and members confirmed the proposed way forward provided improved return for the Parish, spread risk, and was an informed decision. The clerk would work with the Back Office and circulate draft Budget as soon as possible.

100/25-26 CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS DEBRIEF

Cllr Brading outlined the background to arrangements for Christmas events in Lake in December 2025, and thanked members for involvement with services at Lake Co-Op and Good Shepherd, as well as Christmas competition with Broadlea Pupils.

Cllr Brading thanked Cllr Whittaker for raising health & safety questions regarding Thearles Green and noted the Parish Council were awaiting a response from Island Roads to help inform plans for 2026; members also discussed the Christmas Tree on the New Road site, and agreed that a future provider of the tree would need to attend a site visit with the Parish Council, confirm location of the proposed tree and maintenance arrangements, in writing and once confirmed members would be able to commission an electric supply with appropriate provider.

Members also noted proposal for flagpole and other projects for the site, once the Tree situation was resolved, and ongoing anti-social behaviour issues at the site addressed to mitigate health and safety risks.

101/25-26 BAY PLACE PLAN

Cllr Brading noted the next meeting was planned for 14 January 2026, and efforts to meet with respective mayors and clerks of Shanklin and Sandown were not successful, and would discuss at Bay Place Plan meeting, and also funding towards projects and regeneration was included in the draft budget.

102/25-26 PLANNING APPLICATIONS: RESOLVE COMMENTS ON APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

There were no planning matters, but a TPO was noted in the Parish.

103/25-26 RIPPLES

The Chair thanked Dave Lupton, in his absence, for producing Ripples before Christmas, noting the distribution issues were resolved and would be reviewed in 2026.

104/25-26 CLERK'S REPORT

- (I) The Clerk thanked members for ongoing support given challenging issues, including potential fatality, ongoing criminal damage at New Road Toilets, the issues raised regarding Slipway Toilets, including inaccurate allegation of flytipping and health & safety concerns during inclement weather.
- (II) The clerk updated members of the Play in the Bay project, with interviews with individual sports groups in the Bay with pupils from Bay Secondary School; further emails to address dog bin issue at Churchill Close; emails regarding the playground project; budgeted contribution of £1,000 to warm spaces/foodbank in Lake; and updates from youth projects in the Parish.

105/25-26 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cllr Brading updated members on community engagement with school council pupils at Broadlea, with positive media coverage; an issue regarding a damaged bin along the Fairway; correspondence to initiate work at McDonalds; the success of the Copse Mead project, and plans for Spring 2026 onwards; and thanked Cllr Hartley for work as Tree Warden, and securing trees for the Parish.

Cllr Brading also outlined the progress with IWC to produce a road traffic plan for the Fairway/Tesco Junction, and hoped this would be able to circulated once confirmed, with the need for the IWC to prioritise funding once a plan was agreed.

106/25-26 PARISH COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Cllrs noted that items would be covered in confidential session.

107/25-26 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Cllr Brading proposed, and members unanimously agreed, to bring this item forward and no members of the Public had a questions.

108/25-26 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

Cllr Brading proposed and all members agreed to exclude the Press & Public under Section 100 (A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, on the grounds that the business to be discussed involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A to the Act (as amended) and that pursuant to paragraph 10 of Part 2 of the said Schedule 12A the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

109/25-26 CONFIDENTIAL ITEM – DISCUSSION OF 2026/27 BUDGET

Members discussed the draft 2026/2027 budget and noted:

- i) Members supported the current Lake Parish Council Clerking and Back Office support structure, making funding provision, to continue the arrangement, in the proposed budget, and the Clerk would re-circulate details of the arrangement;
- ii) That current arrangements were within budget, with NALC adjustments to be implemented in due, remaining within budget; and
- iii) Members noted the cost of utilities for Toilet provision at locations in the Parish, and the actions proposed by the Clerk to clarify the situation as part of the budget process.

108/25-26 NEXT MEETINGS

The Future Meetings were confirmed as:

Thursday 5 February 2026, Thursday 12 March 2026

Thursday 23 April 2026, Thursday 14 May 2026, Thursday 11 June 2026

Thursday 9 July 2026, Thursday 10 September 2026, Thursday 8 October 2026,
November Budget Briefing , and Thursday 10 December 2026

Meeting closed 21.30

Item 6(1) - Paper B

Cashed	#	Date	Recipient	Details	Value	NET	VAT	CHQ NO.	Code	Invoice Number	Invoice Date	%	Pod
January	131	07/01/2026	Danfo	Toilets cleaning and Maintenance	3033.72	2528.10	505.62	N/A	053	493	05/01/2026	20%	S
January	132	13/01/2026	Community Action	Payroll Processing Fee	12.50	12.50	0.00	N/A	048	13486	09/01/2026	0%	O
January	133	13/01/2026	Community Action	Net Payroll	1051.97	1051.97	0.00	N/A	048	13486	09/01/2026	0%	O
January	134	13/01/2026	Community Action	HMRC PAYE	451.44	451.44	0.00	N/A	047	13486	09/01/2026	0%	O
January	135	13/01/2026	Community Action	NEST Pension DD	142.36	142.36	0.00	N/A	049	13486	09/01/2026	0%	O
January	136	07/01/2026	PC Consultants	Website Hosting	40.80	34.00	6.80	N/A	003	66304	31/12/2025	20%	S
January	137	07/01/2026	PC Consultants	Microsoft 365 Standard Subscription	13.31	11.09	2.22	N/A	003	66433	31/12/2025	20%	S
January	138	13/01/2026	Business Stream	Sandown Road	300.51	240.40	60.11	N/A	061	9587167	07/01/2026	20%	S
January	139	09/01/2026	Wight Computers	Website Hosting	168.00	140.00	28.00	N/A	003	20	01/11/2025	20%	S
January	140	22/01/2026	Total Energies	Electricity - Slipway	370.82	282.20	61.80	N/A	060	401556666/26	08/01/2026	20%	S
January	141	20/01/2026	Lloyds Bank	Service Charge	11.62	11.62	0.00	N/A	00Z	474179469	10/12/2026	0%	O
January	143	21/01/2026	Isle of Wight Council	Christmas Tree Lights	203.14	169.28	33.86	N/A	025	18000001	16/01/2026	20%	S
January	144	21/01/2026	Isle of Wight Council	Grounds Maintenance	6665.09	6665.09	0.00	N/A	043	9805487/3	20/01/2026	0%	O
January	145	21/01/2026	Isle of Wight Council	Environment Officer	2367.04	2367.04	0.00	N/A	044	9805487/3	20/01/2026	0%	O
January	146	21/01/2026	Bay CE School	Play In The Bay Grant	2000.00	2000.00	0.00	N/A	029	17	14/01/2026	0%	O
January	147	28/01/2026	Wight Solutions	Play In The Bay	750.00	750.00	0.00	N/A	029	WS-0092343	27/01/2026	0%	O
January	148	28/01/2026	Biltmore Printers	Lake Ripple Printing	1185.00	1185.00	0.00	N/A	018	SI-61620	05/12/2025	0%	O
January	149	02/01/2026	IOW Sports Association	Membership Fee	5.00	5.00	0.00	N/A	044		02/01/2026	0%	O
January	149	02/01/2026	IOW Sports Association	Membership fee - Returned	-5.00	-5.00	0.00	N/A	044		02/01/2026	0%	O

Cashed	Paying in slip	#	Date	Details	Value	NET	VAT
January		500213 046	28/01/2026	Toilets Cliff Gardens	16.40	16.40	-
January		500213 047	05/01/2026	New Road Toilet Income (Cash)	92.15	92.15	-
January		500212 048	07/01/2026	Toilets New Road	35.70	35.70	-
January	AD20/LR/2026 - 40	049	29/01/2026	Biltmore	108.00	108.00	-
January		050	09/01/2026	Interest (Deposit)	184.20	184.20	-

Item 6(2) - Paper B

		Opening Balance	April	May	June	Quarter 1	July	August	Sept	Quarter 2	Oct	Nov	Dec	Quarter 3	Jan	Feb	Mar	Quarter 4	Totals
		Transfer	Current Save	38,817.71	50,000.00	250.00	50,000.00	50,000.00											
Code	Expenditure																		
001	Administration - Audit	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,008.00	0.00	0.00	1,008.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,258.00	
002	Administration - ICT Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,672.80	0.00	0.00	1,672.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,672.80	
003	Administration - ICT Licences	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	54.11	13.31	54.11	54.11	121.53	222.11	0.00	0.00	397.75	
004	Administration - Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,471.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,471.41	
005	Administration - Loan (PwLB - Fairway Football Field)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,173.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,173.14	
006	Administration - Loan (PwLB - NewRoad)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,829.43	12,829.43	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,829.43	
007	Administration - Phone	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	230.00	230.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	230.00	
008	Administration - Professional Fees - Payroll	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
009	Administration - Professional Services - Misc In Legal Advice	2,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,500.00	
010	Administration - Professional Services - SLA	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
011	Administration - Accounting Software	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
012	Administration - Stationery and Photocopying	40.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	40.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	40.00	
013	Administration - Subscriptions - IWALC & SLC	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	202.00	0.00	-345.61	-143.61	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-143.61	
014	Administration - ICT - Email	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
015	Adverts and Publicity - Adverts	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
016	Adverts and Publicity - ICO	0.00	47.00	0.00	0.00	47.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	47.00	
017	Adverts and Publicity - Newsletter - Distribution	178.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	178.00	0.00	178.00	0.00	178.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	178.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	534.00	
018	Adverts and Publicity - Newsletter - Printing	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,185.00	0.00	0.00	1,185.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,185.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,565.00	
019	Adverts and Publicity - Newsletter - Replies Honorarium	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
020	Adverts and Publicity - Website - Word Press	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
021	Adverts and Publicity - Website - Domain Name	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.													

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Item 6(3) - Paper E

Code	Cost Centre and Code	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Budgeted	Balance	Committed
001	Administration - Audit	250.00	0.00	1,008.00	0.00	1,258.00	1,555.30	297.30	297.30
002	Administration - ICT Equipment	0.00	1672.80	0.00	0.00	1,672.80	1,000.00	-672.80	0.00
003	Administration - ICT Licences	0.00	54.11	121.53	222.11	397.75	1,000.00	602.25	602.25
004	Administration - Insurance	1471.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,471.41	1,748.36	276.95	276.95
005	Administration - Loan (PWL B - Fairway Football Field)	0.00	1173.14	0.00	0.00	1,173.14	2,346.28	1,173.14	1,173.14
006	Administration - Loan (PWL B - NewRoad)	0.00	12829.43	0.00	0.00	12,829.43	25,212.60	12,383.17	12,383.17
007	Administration - Phone	0.00	230.00	0.00	0.00	230.00	456.00	226.00	226.00
008	Administration - Professional Fees - Payroll	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	214.00	214.00	214.00
009	Administration - Professional Services - Misc in Legal Advice	2500.00	2500.00	2,500.00	0.00	7,500.00	10,000.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
010	Administration - Professional Services - SLA	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
011	Administration - Accounting Software	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,139.00	1,139.00	1,139.00
012	Administration - Stationary and Photocopying	40.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	40.00	300.00	260.00	260.00
013	Administration - Subscriptions - IWALC & SLC	0.00	-143.61	0.00	0.00	-143.61	968.00	1,111.61	1,111.61
014	Administration - ICT - Email	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	214.14	214.14	214.14
015	Adverts and Publicity - Adverts	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
016	Adverts and Publicity - ICO	47.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	47.00	45.00	-2.00	0.00
017	Adverts and Publicity - Newsletter - Distribution	356.00	178.00	356.00	0.00	890.00	1,068.00	178.00	178.00
018	Adverts and Publicity - Newsletter - Printing	0.00	1285.00	1,185.00	1,185.00	3,655.00	5,112.66	1,457.66	1,457.66
019	Adverts and Publicity - Newsletter - Ripples Honorarium	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	128.75	128.75	128.75
020	Adverts and Publicity - Website - Word Press	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	160.68	160.68	160.68
021	Adverts and Publicity - Website - Domain Name	0.00	40.80	40.80	0.00	81.60	27.04	-54.56	0.00
022	Adverts and Publicity - Website - Improvements	0.00	1751.40	0.00	0.00	1,751.40	3,000.00	1,248.60	1,248.60
023	Civic - Remembrance	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00	250.00	150.00	150.00
024	Community and Grants - Christmas	0.00	0.00	342.00	0.00	342.00	300.00	-42.00	0.00
025	Community and Grants - Christmas - Lights Replacement	0.00	0.00	0.00	203.14	203.14	300.00	0.00	0.00
026	Community and Grants - Events - Civic	1876.90	150.00	0.00	0.00	2,026.90	200.00	-1,826.90	0.00
027	Community and Grants - Grants S137	0.00	0.00	250.00	0.00	250.00	1,000.00	750.00	750.00
028	Community and Grants - Warm Spaces	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
029	Community and Grants - Youth Offer	10000.00	0.00	5,000.00	2,750.00	17,750.00	10,000.00	-7,750.00	0.00
030	Council and Councillors - Chair Allowance	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00	1,000.00	900.00	900.00
031	Council and Councillors - Clir training	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
032	Council and Councillors - Election	0.00	72.00	0.00	0.00	72.00	2,000.00	1,928.00	1,928.00
033	Council and Councillors - Hall Hire	273.75	0.00	135.00	0.00	408.75	363.83	-44.93	0.00
034	Provisions - Beach	3359.78	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,359.78	3,361.25	1.47	1.47
035	Provisions - Dog Bins	0.00	1570.80	0.00	0.00	1,570.80	3,870.69	2,299.89	2,299.89
036	Provisions - Fairway Park - Tree work	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,760.00	1,760.00	1,760.00
037	Provisions - Fairway Park - Grass Cutting	439.45	878.90	585.93	0.00	1,904.28	1,941.98	37.70	37.70
038	Provisions - Hanging Baskets - Planting	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
039	Provisions - Hanging Baskets - Watering	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
040	Provisions - War Memorial Planters - Watering	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,800.00
041	Provisions - Place Plan/Parish Improvement	250.00	0.00	3,088.56	0.00	3,338.56	25,000.00	0.00	25,000.00
042	Provisions - Isle of Wight Council's Area Place Manager for the E	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00
043	Provisions - IWC Grounds Maintenance Contributions	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,665.09	6,665.09	6,332.00	-333.09	0.00

044	Provisions - IWC Environment Officer -	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,367.04	2,367.04	2,367.04	500.66	500.66
045	Provisions - Playgrounds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,500.00	0.00	0.00
046	Provisions - Planning	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
047	Staffing - HMRC	0.00	1820.16	1,354.52	451.44	3,626.12	4,378.00	751.88	751.88
048	Staffing - Salary	0.00	4414.66	3,193.21	1,064.47	8,672.34	37,938.00	29,265.66	29,265.66
049	Staffing - Salary (pension)	0.00	427.08	427.08	142.36	996.52	8,915.00	7,918.48	7,918.48
050	Staffing - Training	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
051	Staffing - Professional Subscriptions	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	255.00	255.00	255.00
052	Toilets - Capital Provision x3	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	60,000.00	0.00	0.00
053	Toilets - Clean	6067.44	12134.88	6,067.44	3,033.72	27,303.48	32,109.74	4,806.26	4,806.26
054	Toilets - Rebuild - Lake Cliff	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
055	Toilets - Rebuild - New Road	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
056	Toilets - Landscaping - New Road	3378.01	66.00	0.00	0.00	3,444.01	15,000.00	11,555.99	11,555.99
057	Toilets - Repair and Maintenance - General	133.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	133.76	2,000.00	1,866.24	1,866.24
058	Toilets - Repair and Maintenance - Slipway	0.00	525.62	369.67	0.00	895.29	9946.38	9,051.09	9,051.09
059	Toilets - Service and Testing	1305.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,305.00	1200	-105.00	0.00
060	Toilets - Utilities - Electric	1162.39	1301.83	12,454.64	370.82	15,289.68	9671.688	-5,617.99	0.00
061	Toilets - Utilities - Water	1309.54	958.44	347.17	300.51	2,915.66	8804.692	5,889.03	5,889.03
062	Toilets - CCTV - Installation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1500	0.00	0.00
063	Toilets - CCTV - Maintenance and Running Costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	415	415.00	415.00
00Z	Unbudgeted	32.84	31.46	30.54	11.62	106.46	0	-106.46	0.00
		34253.27	45922.90	39057.09	18767.32	138000.58	344676.75	118917.87	160473.60

		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Budgeted	Balance	Committed
001	Precept/IWC Grant	289,582.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	289,582.00	0.0	0.00	0.00
002	VAT	0.00	51,362.73	0.00	0.00	51,362.73	0.0	-51,362.73	0.00
003	Grants	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.0	-10,000.00	0.00
004	Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.00
005	Interest	379.80	466.51	540.09	184.20	1,570.60	2761.8	1,191.21	0.00
006	Adverts	369.00	272.00	453.00	108.00	1,202.00	1480.0	278.00	0.00
007	Toilet Income	95.35	246.55	159.11	144.25	645.26	82.5	-562.76	0.00
		354711.28	125734.11	85636.85	37748.98	603831.22	4324.31	-60456.28	0.00

Bank Balances	
Current Acc	133,874.19
Deposit Acc	310,011.74
Gratuity	0.00
Unpresented cheques	
TOTAL	443,885.93
General (Minimum)	105156.98
Earmarked	148,900.00
Budgeted spend remaining	160,473.60
Balance	29,355.35



Item 6(4) - Paper F

2026/2027 Budget

Date 5 February 2026
Prepared by Clerk and RFO

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1. The council must set a budget by 1 March each year and this has to be approved by Full Council.
- 1.2. The 2026/2027 budget is for the period 1 April 2026 until 31 March 2027.
- 1.3. This is the final stage of setting the budget. The proposed draft budget attached at Appendix A reflects council's previous considerations.
- 1.4. No alternative budgets have been received or motions to amend the budget proposed in advance of the meeting.

2. CONSULTATION

- 2.1. Due to the poor response rate consultation results were not considered indicative of resident's views and are not reflected in the draft budget.

3. INCOME

- 3.1. The council's main income is from the **Precept**.
- 3.2. 100% of the income from the Ripples **Advertising** has been budgeted as any loss of income would be reflected in a reduction in production costs.
- 3.3. 25% of the forecasted **income from the toilets** has been budgeted. The rationale for the reduction to the income budgeted is as follows:
 - 3.3.1. The contactless system has not yet paid for itself, and the monies owed for the set-up at New Road will increase the negative balance.
 - 3.3.2. The income does not cover the costs of running the toilets and during the winter months it is unlikely that it will cover the contactless running costs.
- 3.4. **Interest** payments are subject to the interest rates available on credit balances and the monies held by the council. Therefore, interest cannot be accurately budgeted. Based on the current market and international unrest, 1.1% on the end of year reserves have been budgeted.

Other Income

- 3.5. Other income sources include
 - 3.5.1. Budget expenditure does not include any **VAT**. The refund is based on VAT paid and received and therefore should not be budgeted as income.

- 3.5.2. **Grants** are not a guaranteed source of income. While officers make every effort to obtain grant funding for the council, it is dependent on what grants are available, if the projects meet the criteria of the grants and officer capacity to work on submissions. Therefore, grant monies cannot be accurately budgeted.
- 3.5.3. Monies from **insurance** claims are reparations for damage or loss and therefore used to offset loss by the council and should not be budgeted.

4. COMMENTARY ON THE DRAFT BUDGET

- 4.1. On items which have been forecast from previous years expenditure, a 4.1% **inflation** rate has been applied. This reflects changes the rate of inflation at the time the budget was set as the predicted reductions to the rate of inflation for the last two years have not been achieved.
- 4.2. While **Energy and Fuel** prices have stabilised in comparison to previous years, it is rare to see a reduction to costs or charges which generally increase year on year. Therefore, costs are budgeted with inflation.

5. CAPITAL MONIES (ALLOCATED OR EARMARKED RESERVES)

- 5.1. Monies were allocated for the following capital items:
 - 5.1.1. ICT Equipment for the Clerk.
 - 5.1.2. Upgrading the website
 - 5.1.3. Supporting the reprovision of Isle of Wight Council playgrounds
 - 5.1.4. Replacement of all three sets of toilets at end of life.
 - 5.1.5. CCTV at all three toilet sites.

6. RESERVES

- 6.1. The Practitioners' Guide indicates “ In practice, any authority with income and expenditure in excess of £200,000 should plan towards three to 12 months equivalent general reserve”.
- 6.2. Lake Parish Councils income and expenditure is now in excess of £200,000.
- 6.3. In previous years there have been no allocated reserves and the council has drawn on its general reserves for capital projects and unbudgeted funds leading to them needing to be replenished.
- 6.4. In the 2022/2023 years budget meeting Council agreed to work towards the 6-month provision, increasing it by 1 month each year. On that basis 6 months is suggested for this budget.

7. SPECIFIC PROJECTS

- 7.1. The **Youth Offer** monies have been increased to £15,000.
- 7.2. Monies have been budgeted to fund Lake's **Warm Space** (£6,000) now funding from central government has been removed. Similarly, monies have been allocated to support **Breakfast at**

the Bay School (£4,000) which has demonstrated improved behaviour and outcomes for Bay children.

- 7.3. The **Parish Improvement/Place Plan budget** remains at to £25,000 to help deliver the Bay Place plan.
- 7.4. An additional £12,000 has been budgeted as a contribution to the **Isle of Wight Council's regeneration staffing** to support projects in the Bay (this is 1/3rd of the cost, which will be shared by the three Bay Council's).
- 7.5. The budget continues to provide for a contribution to the Isle of Wight Council's **Grounds Maintenance** and for an increased Environmental Officer provision.

8. STAFFING BUDGET

- 8.1. The staffing budget has been including provision for a part-time clerk basis uses the officer benchmarked figure of LC24-28 with increases in line with the expected national pay award.

9. APPENDICES

Appendix A – Draft Budget for consideration.

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Row Labels	Sum of 2026 - 2027 Budget
Administration	45709.81
Accounting Software	0.00
Audit	1134.69
Bank Charges	133.87
ICT	551.65
ICT Equipment	450.00
ICT Licences	138.54
Insurance	1531.74
Loan (PWLb - Fairway Football Field)	2346.28
Loan (PWLb - NewRoad)	25658.86
Phone	456.00
Professional Fees	150.00
Professional Services	12000.00
Stationary and Photocopying	300.00
Subscriptions	858.19
Adverts and Publicity	8401.16
Adverts	500.00
ICO	48.93
Newsletter	6905.28
Website	946.96
Civic, Community and Grants	27550.00
Christmas	300.00
Events	1000.00
Grants S137	1000.00
Remembrance	250.00
Warm Spaces	6000.00
Youth Offer	15000.00
Breakfast at the Bay School	4000.00
Council and Councillors	1547.50
Chair Allowance	1000.00
Clr training	0.00
Election	0.00
Hall Hire	547.50
Provisions	58179.33
Beach	3499.06
Dog Bins	4029.39
Fairway Park	3701.98
Hanging Baskets	0.00
Isle of Wight Council's Area Place Manager for the Bay	12000.00
IWC Environment Officer	2867.70
IWC Grounds Maintenance Contributions	6581.20
Place Plan/Parish Improvement	25000.00
Planning	0.00
Playgrounds	0.00
War Memorial Planters	500.00
Staffing	54547.55
HMRC	4596.90
Professional Subscriptions	255.00
Salary	39834.90
Salary (pension)	9360.75
Training	500.00
Toilets	107875.15
Capital Provision x3	40000.00
CCTV	1015.00
Clean	33426.23
Landscaping	1000.00
Rebuild	0.00
Repair and Maintenance	12000.00
Service and Testing	1200.00
Utilities	19233.91
Grand Total	303810.50

Row Labels	Sum of 2026 - 2027 Budget
Adverts	1282
Grants	0
Interest	2676
Precept/IWC Grant	0
Recharges	0
Toilet Income	342
VAT	0
Grand Total	4300

Row Labels	Sum of 2026 - 2027 Budget
CAP	106550
Grand Total	106550

Balances	30/09/2025
Treasurers	162319.17
Deposit	309287.45
Total	471607

Committed	257785
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2026-2027 Budget	303811
Expenditure	303811
Budgeted Income excluding precept	4300
From Allocated Reserves	0
PWLB Income	0
From General Reserves	-5635
Required Precept Income	305146
Tax Base (Estimated based on 2025/2026)	1739

Precept c/d 2023-24	99
Precept c/d 2024-25	163
Precept c/d 2025-26	166

Required Precept Income	305146
Requires/Tax base = New Precept	175.44
Precept Increase	9.63

Allocated Reserves (inc 2025/26 capital budgets)	
Equipment	327
Toilets	120000
Xmas Lights	500
Slipway Repairs (update when setting 2027/28)	
Playgrounds	4500
Total Allocated	120827

General Reserves	
Projected general resevres	92995
Six months	98630
Variance	-5635

Annual increase	9.63
Increase per week	0.19
Increase per month	0.80
%	5.8%