



MINUTES

Meeting of Lake Parish Council held on Wednesday 13 September 2017 at Broadlea School, Newport Rd, Lake, commencing at 19.30

Present

Chairman Mrs S. Horton

Councillors Mr B. Blezzard, Mrs S. Hardy, Mr A. Whittaker, Mr H. Price, Mr D. Stephens,
Miss V. Theobald, Mrs B. Young

In attendance Mr M. R. Taplin, Clerk; Cllrs Brading and Outlaw (IW Council)
PCSO J. May, 11 members of the public

From the floor Mr Marshall raised the issue of the Spithead earthworks; this would be dealt with under Planning. It was suggested a Lake Parish Council sticker be added to the mural on the Revetment toilets – the Clerk was trying to source these. The sink in the disabled toilet at Lake Cliff Gardens was leaking water.

44/17 Apologies for absence

Cllr N. Goodall

45/17 To receive any declarations of interest in agenda items

Cllr Whittaker declared his interest in toilet cleaning

46/17 To resolve approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 12 July 2017

It was **resolved** to confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 12 July, and these were signed by the Chairman.

47/17 Update from Safer Neighbourhoods Policing Team

PCSO May said there had been 24 incidents in the last month, including 10 assaults, 6 vehicle crime, 4 criminal damage, 1 bike theft and 1 drug-related. She confirmed that two Neighbourhood Watch schemes were still operating in the area.

48/17 To resolve response to Planning Applications

P00194/17 Spithead Business Park Earthworks for 25 additional parking spaces

The Clerk circulated details of the responses he had made to the Planning Department after the July meeting and advised that the application was to be heard by the Planning Committee in early October. It was **resolved** that Cllr Blezzard should attend the committee and be authorised to speak on behalf of the Parish Council.

49/17 To resolve any policy on drone flying on public land

It was noted that IW Council had put up a sign in Los Altos Park with the rules for safe flying of drones. After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council did not need to take any action in respect of Fairway Park.

50/17 To resolve Christmas arrangements

The Clerk advised that Island Roads had advised a cost of around £200 for providing a socket in Thearles Green connected to the street lighting circuit, and it was agreed to proceed. A tree would need to be planted there, and the Chairman and Clerk were asked to select an appropriate size and arrange for its placement. Cllr Stephens said a newly planted tree would need regular watering at first. It was agreed that the Lights of Love service should be on Saturday 16 December at 12.30 – it was noted The Stag would still be available for refreshments. Clerk to confirm with Father David and with the band. Notice to go in the next Ripples.

51/17 Remembrance Sunday

This would be on 12 November, with a service at the War Memorial at 14.30, and the Clerk had already made sure it was in Father David's diary. He would attempt to contact the bugler. The Chairman would sort out the wreath and crosses. Mr Marshall asked if his dogs could attend to represent the animals remembered on the trough, and this was agreed. Notice to go in the next Ripples.

52/17 Toilet cleaning

Cllr Whittaker said Top Mops were making a poor job of toilet cleaning, particularly at Lake Cliff Gardens, and should be removed from the contract. The Chairman said she and the clerk had inspected the toilets with directors of Top Mops, and there had been independent inspections, and there was no evidence that the company were not fulfilling the terms of the contract. The Clerk had established contact with the new IW Council Environment Officer, Neil Perry, who was carrying out inspections. The Clerk had commissioned Top Mops to clear out the storeroom in the ladies toilet at Lake Cliff Gardens, which was full of rubbish going back several years. Cllr Blezzard moved that the Council had full confidence in the Chair and Clerk to deal with the matter and discussion should be ended. This was agreed.

53/17 To request Island Line/Network Rail to consult before overnight track work

The Clerk had written to the Operations Manager of Island Line, but had received no response. He had therefore raised a formal complaint with the new franchisee, South Western Railway, and this had been acknowledged.

54/17 Sandown Bay Academy update

AET had agreed to give up the site and work was proceeding with the Regional Commissioner to find a new operator to ensure the retention of secondary education in the Bay. Cllr Brading did not think an alternative Academy operator would be found, so the through school solution being promoted by the Bay Primary School and supported by IW Council would hopefully be agreed by the end of October, so that parents had certainty for the 2018/19 academic year. He did not think it likely that AET would asset strip the Bay site.

55/17 To resolve engraving of the Chairman's chain of office

The chain needed updating to reflect the tenure of David Hardy and Gerry White. It was **resolved** that the Chairman be authorised to have the necessary engraving carried out.

56/17 Finances; to resolve payments as per report

It was **resolved** to make the following payments:

001845	£	216.00	J. Reilly	Grass cutting Fairway Park
001846	£	23.04	P.Botwright	Watering June
001847	£	288.00	J. Reilly	Grass Cutting Fairway Park
001848	£	50.00	IWALC	Training Fee Cllr Whittaker
001849	£	2261.45	Top Mops Ltd	Toilet cleaning/repair
001850	£	92.16	P. Botwright	Watering July/August
001851	£	571.00	Delmar Print	Printing Ripples 30
001852	£	180.00	P. Wood	Distribution Ripples 30
001853	£	53.20	J. Taplin	Honorarium Expenses R30
001854	£	186.12	Island Roads	Waste Bin Emptying
001855	£	100.08	SSE Southern Electric	Power supply toilets
001856	£	8 981.60	Isle of Wight Council	Environment Officer/Grounds Maintenance
Transfer	£	123.80	HMRC	PAYE
	£	495.49	M R Taplin	Clerk's salary July
Transfer	£	124.00	HMRC	PAYE
	£	495.29	M R Taplin	Clerk's salary August

Cllr Blezzard asked for an item on the next agenda that Councillors who failed to attend booked training, or make an apology, should be responsible for meeting the cost of £50 imposed by IWALC, and this was agreed.

57/17 Report from the Clerk

The Clerk read correspondence received. He was asked to circulate the IW Council request regarding the meeting on 20 November so that a suitable response could be formulated. It was asked that a Council response to consultation on the fixed link be on the agenda for the November meeting. The Clerk was also asked By Cllr Young to put an item on Youth Development on the November agenda. The Clerk reported that the results of the external audit for 2016/17 had been received, and the accounts qualified in three respects: split between precept and grant, approval of accounts before approval of governance statement (incorrect), maintenance of an gratuity account (although the powers to pay a gratuity were repealed in 2012, the Clerk has a contract of employment dating from 2007 that includes provision for a gratuity).

58/17 Reports from Isle of Wight Councillors

Cllr Brading presented his report (Clerk to circulate) covering Spithead planning, Sandown Bay Academy, public toilets, Porter Club parking, Merrie Gardens fencing, educational attainments, the Cowes floating bridge and CECAMM opening.

Cllr Outlaw said he was pleased that his work to secure a solution to the Cliff Path saga had borne fruit, with work likely to start on 25 September. He referred to the report of the Transport Infrastructure Task Force and its potential beneficial effect on Island Line. He said IW Council were setting up a Task and Finish Group to address affordable social housing.

59/17 Councillors' reports

Cllr Blezzard reported on IWALC and the Island Roads Asset Management meeting. Clerk to circulate written reports.

Cllr Whittaker said he had found a suitable site for an additional dog waste bin at Whitecross Lane/Sandy Lane. Item for next agenda. He reported on the Health & Wellbeing partnership meeting, and the apparent declining interest amongst Parish representatives.

Cllr Horton said bunting for Isle of Wight Day had not arrived. Clerk to chase. The Chairman said the barriers along the pavement in Sandown Rd were an eyesore. The Clerk had tackled Island Roads and been told that the work necessary to facilitate their removal would be carried out 'soon'.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 21.02

From the floor Nil.

Chairman **Date**

NEXT MEETING: 11 October 2017, Lake Broadlea School, 19.30.