

MINUTES

Meeting of Lake Parish Council held on Wednesday 12 February 2020 at Broadlea School, Newport Rd, Lake, commencing at 19.15

Present

Chairman Mrs S. Horton

Councillors Mr B. Blezzard, Mrs S. Hardy, Mr J. Marshall, Mr H. Price, Mr D. Stephens, Mr T. Outlaw, Mr A. Whittaker, Mrs N. Goodall, Mrs B. Young

In attendance Mr M. R. Taplin (Clerk), Cllr P. Brading (IWC), seven members of public
Cllr Marshall announced he would be recording the meeting.

From the floor There were comments about speeding cars past Broadlea School (can Child signs used elsewhere be considered?), and cars using the Mall as a rat run to avoid queuing traffic on Lake Hill.

Cllr Outlaw raised a point of order that the wording of agenda item 8 should be in accordance with the request put forward by Cllr Marshall in January, and that item 8 should be considered before item 5 (Planning). The Chairman said this matter would be dealt with at item 8 on the agenda.

Cllr Marshall announced his resignation as a councillor and handed a letter of resignation to the Chairman. Cllr Whittaker said he would try to ensure there was a by-election rather than co-option. Cllr Blezzard said this would have financial implications for the Council.

88/19-20 **Apologies for absence** PCSO J. May

89/19-20 **To receive any declarations of interest in agenda items**
none

90/19-20 **To confirm the minutes of the meetings held on 8 January 2020**
It was **resolved** to confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 8 January as a true record and these were signed by the Chairman.

91/19-20 **Update from Safer Neighbourhoods Policing Team**
None

92/19-20 **To resolve comments on Planning Applications received**

20/00015	3 Percy Rd	Proposed single-storey side extension
Resolved	No Objection:	
20/00114	New Rd toilets	Alterations and extension
The Parish Council was the applicant, so it was not appropriate to comment		
20/00201	25 Cliff Path	Alteration to consent to allow brick+render
Resolved	No objection	

93/19-20 **To resolve any decision on recording of meetings**
Cllr Whittaker said the Council should acquire a recording device and this would enable a transcript to be posted on the website. Live streaming was also mentioned. It was agreed to discuss further at the March meeting.

94/19-20

Special motion in accordance with Standing Order 7a
To rescind resolution 41/19-20 (provision of Member ID cards)

It was **resolved** to rescind resolution 41/19-20 and reconsider after the 2021 election.

95/19-20

To report on the results of consultation on New Road toilets and resolve any requirement for further action

The Clerk read the responses received in response to the consultation agreed at the September meeting, most of which had been submitted in response to the article in Ripples. The majority were in favour of the proposals.

Cllr Outlaw distributed the wording of the agenda item proposed by former Cllr Marshall 'To discuss and agree the requirement for, and the wording of, a 'Formal Consultation' on the plans for New Road toilets'. This was proposed by Cllr Outlaw and seconded by Cllr Goodall. Cllr Outlaw said there was a lack of information in the published article, particularly on costs and how these would be met. The Clerk advised that costs would be verified once a response to a tender was available, which in turn needed the certainty of an approved plan in order to make a valid bid. The Chairman said that the consultation carried out on the noticeboard, website and in Ripples as agreed at the September meeting was a preliminary consultation. Cllr Blezzard read out the extracts of Minutes going back two years that dealt with the project and said the endless delays were most regrettable. Cllr Whittaker said the head count of toilet users made it unlikely that income from 20p door entry would cover costs. The existing building should be demolished and replaced by prefabricated purpose-built toilet cubicles. Cllr Outlaw drew attention to the size of the proposed community room and said that Council meetings could be held there only in cramped conditions. Cllr Blezzard reminded Members that the primary purpose of the community room was to facilitate the Youth Project. Cllr Outlaw said it was not right to be running forward with an inadequate plan and proposed that the planning application should be withdrawn. A named vote was called for:

In favour – Cllrs Stephens, Price, Outlaw, Hardy, Goodall, Whittaker and Young
Against – Cllrs Horton and Blezzard.

Resolved – that the planning application be withdrawn. A special meeting of the Council would be arranged to discuss the matter further.

96/19-20

To resolve any action in respect of decorative lighting

The Clerk had been in touch with a company that supplied solar-powered LED Christmas Trees that fitted into hanging basket holders. They would be rented rather than purchased. A definite price was not available while the company considered if they could undertake business on the Isle of Wight. Cllr Whittaker said the supplier of the Shanklin lights should be approached. He would give the Clerk contact details. To be considered further at a future meeting.

97/19-20

To request IWALC to amend their constitution by deleting the sentence 'The Hon treasurer shall be a serving councillor with a member council'

Cllr Blezzard explained the background to the motion. It was so **resolved**

98/19-20 **Lake Ripples**

The Chairman said the March issue was ready apart from the Clerk's report from today's meeting.

99/19-20 **Finances**

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

2063	£	772.50	Biltmore Printers	Printing Ripples 43
Transfer	£	10.00	Mrs S. Horton	Editorial Ripples 42
2064	£	877.23	IWALC	Subscription 2020-21
2065	£	567.68	Business Stream	Toilets water supply
2066	£	67.20	Bright Brown	Payroll administration
2067	£	2220.79	Top Mops Ltd	Toilet cleaning/repair
2068	£	194.95	Southern Electric	Electricity toilets
2069	£	40.00	M R Taplin	Clerk's Petty Cash
Transfer	£	131.40	HMRC	PAYE
	£	525.97	M R Taplin	Clerk's salary January

100/19-20 **Reports**

The Clerk

The Clerk read the correspondence received.

County Councillors

Cllr Brading had submitted a written report, which had been circulated. He agreed with Cllr Blezzard that the toilets project had taken far too long. Cllr Outlaw said he was hopeful that a way forward had been found to remedy the defective road surface in Cliff Path, estimated to cost £9000. He reminded Members that he was no longer an Isle of Wight Council cabinet member.

Councillors

Cllr Stephens reported briefly on the site meeting held with Southern Vectis to discuss bus stopping arrangements. They were not in favour of using the lay-by by the old Co-op.

Cllr Price said the IWC noticeboard in New Rd car park was collapsing. Clerk to report to the Environment Officer.

Cllr Whittaker said Members were very welcome to visit the Food Bank warehouse in Cowes to see how the project worked.

Cllr Blezzard spoke to his IWALC report.

Cllr Horton said she had received a request to decorate the Christmas tree for Valentine's Day. Agreed not to proceed with this.

From the floor A member of the public spoke about New Rd toilets and was pleased that the special meeting would be open to the public.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 21.08

Chairman _____ **Date** _____

Next meeting: 11 March 2020, Lake Broadlea School, 19.15

