

MINUTES

Virtual meeting of Lake Parish Council held on Wednesday 11 November 2020 using Zoom software, commencing at 19.15

Present

Chairman Mrs S. Horton

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

In attendance Mr M. R. Taplin (Clerk), Cllr P. Brading (IWC). Four members of the public.

From the floor Mr J. Marshall spoke to give the views of himself and his neighbours on planning application 20/01822. He asked for a zebra crossing across the Aldi access road.

32/20-21 **Apologies for absence** None

33/20-21 **To receive any declarations of interest in agenda items**

Cllr Whittaker declared an interest in planning application 20/01908 and any discussion of land behind KFC. The Chairman declared her editorial interest in Ripples.

34/20-21 **To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 14 October**

It was **resolved** to confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 14 October as a true record.

35/20-21 **To resolve comments on planning applications received**

20/01822 Land between Whitecross House and Aldi Development of 8 dwellings plus access

Resolved to recommend that the application be refused. The material considerations are the failure to comply with DM2, as articulated by Island Roads. Also the proposal to build four-bedroom homes is against the spirit of DM4 and AAP3 that identify a need for more smaller homes suitable for occupation by first-time buyers and those in need of affordable housing.

20/01863 Rear of 64 The Fairway Proposed detached bungalow+access

Resolved No objection

Cllr Whittaker left the meeting

20/01908 Land between Premier Inn and School Field off Newport Rd Proposed detached bungalow

Resolved to recommend refusal. The material considerations are the access arrangements (relying on the sale of land by IW Council), the proximity to the playing field of a school (safeguarding concerns), the destruction of a historical asset site and the lack of an environmental assessment (habitat for wildlife, possibly including badgers).

Cllr Whittaker returned to the meeting

36/20-21 **To resolve dates of meetings for 2021**

The Clerk had circulated draft dates. Cllr Blezzard suggested that the Annual Parish Meeting be moved to May and this was agreed. It was **resolved** that the dates as amended be approved.

37/20-21

Arrangements for Christmas

The tree lights would be connected up on 2 December. It was agreed that it would not be possible to hold a carol service this year due to the coronavirus pandemic. It was decided to make donations to the band (already booked) and Mountbatten Hospice.

38/20-21

Lake Ripples

Issue 47 had been delivered later than planned but a superb effort by the distributors meant that most were delivered before Remembrance Sunday. Tracey and others were thanked for their efforts.

39/20-21

To resolve any action in respect of free school meals in holidays

It was noted that the government had now shifted its position and was funding these during the Christmas holidays. Cllr Brading said IW Council also intended to cover the February half-term holidays.

40/20-21

To authorise payments as per report

The Clerk had circulated details of payments made by BACS in March-June.

Cheque	Amount	VAT	Payee	Item
Transfer	£ 228.00	38.00	John O'Connor	Fairway Park grass cuts
Transfer	£ 313.26	46.61	Top Mops Ltd	Toilet repairs
Transfer	£ 157.00		HMRC	PAYE
	£ 560.91		M R Taplin	Clerk's salary October
Transfer	£ 151.42	11.20	Business Stream	Water Supply New Rd
Transfer	£ 67.20	11.20	Bright Brown	Payroll administration
Transfer	£ 96.06		Mistry Medical	Defibrillator pads
Transfer	£ 178.00		Tracy Forbes	Distribution Ripples
Transfer	£ 110.00		Mrs S. Horton	Wreaths & Ripples
Transfer	£ 1 169.18	194.86	Top Mops Ltd	Toilet cleaning
Transfer	£ 114.00	19.00	John O'Connor	Fairway park grass cut
Transfer	£ 146.14	24.36	Ringway Island Roads	Tree light connection

Resolved – that the payments be authorised.

41/20-21

Report from the Clerk

The Clerk referred to correspondence received, particularly regarding coronavirus and its effects on island residents. He reported that the final report of the 2019/20 audit had been received from the external auditors, with all conditions met. They had pointed out that the time allowed for public comment was three days short, though in practice the necessary notices had been on display beyond the dates given.

Councillors reports

IW Councillors

Cllr Brading brought Members up to date with the planning saga for land behind KFC and said the applicant might have to be taken to Crown Court for non-compliance. He said that he had also objected to planning application 20/01908. He was dissatisfied with the way Wightfibre were behaving as they worked locally. He was trying to get a warning sign erected at the junction of Green Lane and Cemetery Rd. The IW Council were deploying some Leisure Centre staff as COVID Support Officers during the lockdown. Much of his time was taken up with the circumstances of COVID in schools. Cllr Brading asked questions about the forthcoming merger of Hampshire and Isle of Wight fire brigades, and the identified need to refurbish fare stations; these were answered by Cllr Outlaw.

Parish Councillors

Cllr Blezzard said the Remembrance Day service had gone off well, despite restrictions. He had also attended the War Memorial at 11.00 on Armistice Day.

Cllr Whittaker said that he was extremely dissatisfied with the standard of toilet cleaning and highlighted the state of the Revetment and Lake Cliff Gardens toilets. He and Cllr Brading would inspect again and provide a report. The Chairman said she regularly met users of Lake Cliff Gardens, who were satisfied with the standard of the toilets. There was some discussion about the Free Food shop, which had moved to Lake with financial support from the Parish Council.

Cllr Stephens said there was a dangerous situation in Lamorbey Rd, where parking on both sides left vehicles susceptible to damage from passing traffic. An additional section of double yellow lines was needed.

Cllr Young said dog waste bins in Newport Rd (opposite the Stag) and Fairway Park were missing their lids.

The Chairman said she had opened the Sandown Free Food premises in Lake, which had been supported by the Parish Council. There was some discussion about ancillary activity taking place to raise funds. Cllr Brading said that Isle of Wight Council COVID Support Wardens would be checking retail premises and offering advice on lockdown regulations.

42/20-21

To resolve the future of New Road toilets

The Clerk reminded Members that plans to rebuild the toilets within the existing footprint had been rejected in February and Cllr Blezzard rehearsed the long history of efforts to get the site improved to the required scale and provide a meeting room. Cllr Whittaker said the site should be demolished and a modular three-cubicle toilet installed. This would leave the remainder of the site available as a memorial garden for relocation of the war memorial, which would in turn enable the junction of Lake Hill, Fairway and the Tesco Express entrance to be improved. He was supported by Cllr Outlaw, subject to appropriate consultation with local people. The Chairman reminded members of the opposition the last time the War Memorial was moved. Other Members were keen to see the existing building rebuilt in a squared-off manner to provide a larger meeting room than was available within the existing footprint. It was agreed that the Clerk should obtain a quote from Dean Parkman Architects for the latter and from Danfo for the former.

From the floor

Two members of the public offered their support for the proposals above in respect of New Road public toilets.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 21.10

Chairman _____ **Date** _____

Next meeting: 9 December 2020, 19.15 via Zoom