

MINUTES

Virtual meeting of Lake Parish Council held on Wednesday 10 February 2021 using Zoom software, commencing at 19.15

Present

Chairman Mrs S. Horton

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

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

From the floor A member of the public said that item 5 (70/20-21) was not possible under existing Standing Orders. He further questioned the limit of one question per member of the public. Cllr Brading said it could be seen as trying to gag the public. Another member of the public said that with elections coming, those who might be planning to stand should be able to have their voices heard.

66/20-21 **Apologies for absence** None

67/20-21 **To receive any declarations of interest in agenda items**
The Chairman declared her editorial interest in Ripples, and her interest in Girl Guiding and Townswomens in relation to grants. Cllr Blezzard declared his interest in Broadlea School in relation to grants. Cllr Whittaker declared a personal interest in relation to any discussion concerning the land behind KFC.

68/20-21 **To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 13 January**
It was **resolved** to confirm the minutes of the meeting held as a true record.

69/20-21 **To resolve comments on planning applications received**
21/00123 Beech Grove Surgery Alterations and change of use to dwelling
5 Sandown Road
Resolved No objection, but to seek a condition ensuring adequate drainage at rear.

70/20-21 **To resolve to amend Standing Orders to formalise the holding of remote meetings**
The Chairman clarified this amendment would continue in effect only while remote meetings were held, and outlined the difficulties she encountered in managing public questions using Zoom.
A named vote was requested on whether this resolution should be discussed:
for discussion Cllrs Blezzard, Horton, Price, Young, Hardy;
against discussion Cllrs Outlaw, Goodall, Whittaker;
abstention Cllr Stephens
After discussion it was **resolved** to defer this item to the next agenda and give consideration to the definition of limits on public questions.

71/20-21 **Lake Ripples**
Work on issue 48 was still on hold due to the lockdown and its effect on distributors. A decision on how to make progress would be made towards the end of February.

72/20-21**To authorise payments as per report**

The Clerk had circulated details of payments made by BACS in January.

| Cheque | Amount | VAT | Payee | Item |
|----------|------------|--------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Transfer | £ 1 169.18 | 194.86 | Top Mops Ltd | Toilet cleaning |
| Transfer | £ 150.00 | | Mountbatten Hospice | Grant |
| Transfer | £ 67.20 | 11.20 | Bright Brown | Payroll admin |
| Transfer | £ 489.60 | 81.60 | Academy Glass | Toilet window repair |
| Transfer | £ 560.91 | | M R Taplin | Clerks salary January |
| Transfer | £ 140.20 | | HMRC | PAYE |
| Transfer | £ 77.28 | 12.88 | Value products | Vinyl signs |
| Transfer | £ 453.97 | 44.77 | Top Mops Ltd | Toilet repairs |
| Transfer | £ 30.00 | | Gratuity Fund | |
| Transfer | £ 691.42 | 51.62 | Business Stream | Water supply toilets |
| Transfer | £ 689.76 | | IWALC | Subscription 2021/22 |
| Transfer | £ 1 173.14 | | PWLB | Loan repayment |
| Transfer | £ 375.06 | 62.51 | Top Mops Ltd | Toilet repairs |
| Transfer | £ 500.00 | | Sandown Town Council | School hampers |

Resolved – that the payments be authorised.

73/20-21**To resolve grants to volunteer groups benefiting Lake**

After discussion it was **resolved** that the following grants should be made in 2020-21

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| Sandown Free Food | £320 |
| Lake Brownies | £200 |
| Suicide Prevention | £100 |
| Townswomens | £ 50 |
| Broadlea School Defibrillator | £100 |

74/20-21**To request Island Roads to replace the no-cycling sign on Berry Hill to Newport Road footpath**

Cllr Whittaker explained that the narrow width was causing clashes between cyclists and pedestrians. It was agreed to ask Island Roads to put up a No Cycling sign.

75/20-21**Report from the Clerk**

The Clerk gave details of correspondence received. It was agreed to seek the support of the manager of Tesco Express for replacement of the Zebra crossing by a Pelican. It was agreed that the proposed merger of the Sandown & Lake Youth Football Club and the Sandown Men's Club should be supported. Cllr Brading said he hoped this might mean the return of senior football to Fairway Park.

65/20-21**Councillors reports****IW Councillors**

Cllr Outlaw said that it had been an absolute pleasure for him to represent Lake North and praised the help he had received from Council officers. He also paid tribute to Fire Chief Steve Apter, who was retiring.

Cllr Brading's written report had been circulated. Cllr Blezzard said he regretted the IW Council decision not to circulate postal voting forms with Council Tax bills.

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Cllr Goodall thanked Cllr Blezzard for helping her obtain a postal vote.

Cllr Blezzard spoke to his IWALC report. He said IWALC was pursuing the issue of IW Council ceasing to post planning notices adjacent to a property the subject of an application. He drew attention to the failure of IW Council to pass on government grant intended for parish councils.

Cllr Hardy asked if a bid for a grant had been received from the Football Club. No.

Cllr Young complained about potholes in Denness Road.
Cllr Whittaker said the Environment Officer needed to chase up dog fouling in the Heath Gardens area.
Cllr Horton had been in touch with the provider of decorative lights and was hoping to get an up-to-date catalogue and prices.

From the floor

A member of the public asked for an interpretation of Standing Order 3e. Clerk to provide. Another member of the public asked about an outdoor gym in Lake Cliff Gardens; she was advised this land was in the ownership of Isle of Wight Council, who should be approached for permission. A further member of the public said he would support a limit of three minutes for a public question. He also referred to changes in the rates of coronavirus infections, but was informed that this was not a matter dealt with by Lake Parish Council.

66/20-21

To resolve that the public meeting be adjourned to permit discussion of staffing matters in the absence of the press and public

So resolved

67/20-21

Clerk's appraisal; to resolve consequential matters
Clerk's Appraisal

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 20.40

Chairman _____ **Date** _____

Next meeting: 10 March 2021, 19.15 via Zoom