



DRAFT MINUTES

**Virtual meeting of Lake Parish Council held on Wednesday 10 March 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). Two members of the public.

From the floor A member of the public sought a formal reply to three questions:

1- In respect of Agenda item No5, can you state where in the listed "LA and PC Regulations 2020", does it mention anything about questions from the public?

The purpose of the regulations you show is to permit Councils to hold remote meetings during the Lockdown. How those meetings are handled, including contributions from members of the public, is for individual councils to decide - in our case by amending standing orders.

2 - Please can you explain under whose authority is it deemed necessary to limit the public from verbally participating.

The authority is the Parish Council meeting to consider and vote on a resolution.

3 - As motion No5 proposes no restriction on the Public speaking at the end, Will the members of the public still be able to ask 3 mins of questions prior to the end of each subsequent meeting.

Yes

Councillor Brading said he was disappointed to see item 5 on the agenda again, particularly as remote meetings would be ending in a couple of months.

Another member of the public sought an update on the land behind KFC, particularly in the light of slurry decanting on to footpath SS24. This was believed to be the result of a chemical reaction on decomposing plant matter. The whole site was in the hands of the Isle of Wight Council legal department.

Councillor Whittaker raised a point of order. He said that e-mails circulated to the whole Council were being replied to by Cllr Blezzard with his name deleted. Cllr Blezzard said it was up to him who he sent e-mails to. He accused Cllr Whittaker of being childish. Cllr Whittaker moved Cllr Blezzard should be removed from the meeting for name calling., but this did not find a seconder. He was going to seek access to the last four years Parish Council e-mails in order to determine the scale of the problem. The Chairman reminded all councillors that they should be polite to one another.

79/20-21 **Apologies for absence** None

80/20-21 **To receive any declarations of interest in agenda items**
The Chairman declared her editorial interest in Ripples and Spithead laundry. Cllr Whittaker declared a personal interest in the planning application for the Spithead Laundry.

81/20-21

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 10 February

It was **resolved** to confirm the minutes of the meeting held as a true record, subject to amendment of minute 75 to show that the manager of Tesco Express was not supporting a Pelican crossing.

82/20-21

To resolve comments on planning applications received

21/00237 Lake Laundry To extend hours of operation Easter-October
C2 Spithead 06.00-22.00 Monday-Sunday

Resolved No objection, but to request that public access continue to be limited to 08.00-18.00 Monday-Saturday

21/00390 11 Churchill Close Extension and alteration of garage to bedroom

Resolved No objection, but to support the comments made by Island Roads

83/20-21

To resolve to amend Standing Orders to formalise the holding of remote meetings

The Chairman said the purpose of this amendment was to make Zoom meetings easier to manage from her point of view and Cllr Blezzard said it had been drawn up in line with the relevant section of the Isle of Wight Council constitution. Cllr Outlaw spoke against the motion and said in reality only one meeting, April would be affected. Cllr Blezzard suggested cancelling the April meeting, but this was not put to the vote. Cllr Whittaker suggested postponing any decision until May, when the new Council would have been elected. This was agreed.

84/20-21

Lake Ripples

Issue 48 had been sent to the printers and would be received around 18 March.

85/20-21

To authorise payments as per report

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

Cheque	Amount	VAT	Payee	Item
Transfer	£ 117.91		SSE	Water supply toilets
Transfer	£1 169.18	194.86	Top Mops Ltd	Toilet cleaning
Transfer	£ 100.00		Broadlea School	Grant
Transfer	£ 100.00		Suicide Foundation	Grant
Transfer	£ 320.00		Free Food Sandown	Grant
Transfer	£ 50.00		Lake Townswomen	Grant
Transfer	£ 200.00		4 th Shanklin Brownies	Grant
Transfer	£ 180.00	30.00	Top Mops Ltd	Virus treatment toilets
Transfer	£ 296.97		Business Stream	Water supply toilets
Transfer	£ 489.50	81.59	Top Mops Ltd	Toilet repairs
Transfer	£ 231.00	38.50	F W Marsh Ltd	Revetment pump repair
Transfer	£ 561.11		M. R. Taplin	Clerk's salary February
Transfer	£ 140.40		HMRC	PAYE
Transfer	£ 30.00		Gratuity Fund	
Transfer	£ 500.00		Sandown Town Council	School hampers

Resolved – that the payments be authorised.

86/20-21

To resolve to change the date of the May meeting

The Clerk explained that the regulations to permit remote meetings were due to expire on 7 March and it did not seem the government was minded to extend them. The Broadway Centre was reluctant to take bookings that clashed with their regular users who might return after 17 May if the roadmap was followed. He would try the Methodist hall. **Resolved** that the Clerk be authorised to make a booking after liaison with Members for a meeting in week commencing 17 May. This would be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council with Members as determined by the result of the election

on 6 May.

87/20-21

To resolve any purchase of decorative lights, and associated costs

The Chairman had been discussing options with Gala Lights, who were able to work with Island Roads and Street Lighting to place 1m lights on lighting standards and link them to the street light timers. It was **resolved** that the Chairman and Clerk be authorised to progress the placing of an appropriate order with Gala Lights.

88/20-21

To receive an update on New Road public toilets project

The Clerk had circulated sketches produced by the architect Dean Parkman and reminded Members that this option was being compared with demolition and installation of a three-cubicle DanFlo pre-assembled building. It would be necessary to have Building Regulation drawings produced in order to go out to tender to obtain a price for the extended option. He would obtain larger copies of the drawings. The 'Changing Room' facility had to be provided with the inside facility, but not for outside public access. It was proposed to go ahead to the next stage with the hope that after consultation a final decision and contract would be approved at the July meeting. A named vote was requested:

For – Cllrs Outlaw, Whittaker, Goodall, Blezzard, Young, Hardy, Horton, Stephens, Price. Against – none

89/20-21

Report from the Clerk

The Clerk gave details of correspondence received.

90/20-21

Councillors reports

IW Councillors

Cllr Brading's written report had been circulated. He thanked the Parish Council for its support over four years. He answered questions.

Cllr Outlaw referred to the 'purdah' period pre-election starting on 22 March.

Parish Councillors

Cllr Outlaw described a problem with protected European Eels that were threatened by Southern Water works. SS47 might have to be closed for six months.

Cllr Whittaker said problems were still occurring with the recycling container in New Road car park.

Cllr Hardy pointed out that under Standing Orders, answers to public questions did not have to be given at the meeting.

Cllr Stephens said it was regrettable that Lake WI was winding up after 93 years.

Cllr Horton had removed crosses and wreaths from the War Memorial, and de-decorated the Christmas Tree. She asked what progress was being made with provision of a dog waste bin near the Porter Club.

There was some discussion about the old bench removed by Island Roads on safety grounds – IW County Press had published a story before getting the Chairman's comments.

From the floor

A member of the public asked about parking for an extended community facility at New Rd. He referred to the need for a pleasant attitude at meetings and apologised if he had upset Cllr Blezzard (who had left the meeting). Cllr Whittaker said that Cllr Blezzard was guilty of intimidating behaviour.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 21.00

Chairman _____ Date _____

Next meeting: 14 April 2021, 19.15 via Zoom