

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of Lake Parish Council held on Thursday 20 May 2021 at the Methodist Church, Sandown Rd, Lake, commencing at 19.30

Present

Chairman Mrs S. Horton

Councillors Mr P. Brading, Mrs N. Goodall, Mr D. Hardy, Mrs S. Hardy, Mrs J. Hicks, Mr J. Marshall, Mr A. Outlaw, Mrs B. Young, Mr A. Whittaker (from 04/21-22)

In attendance Mr M. Taplin (Clerk), PCSO J. May, Three members of the public

There was a discussion on Conduct of Meetings. The Chairman reminded Members of the need to be polite to each other at all times. Cllr Marshall raised various concerns about the conduct of meetings in the past and the minuting thereof. It was agreed that the first meeting of the new Council gave an opportunity to draw a line under the past.

01/21-22 Election of Chairman

With eight votes in favour and one against, Mrs S. Horton was declared duly elected as Chairman of Lake Parish Council for 2021-2022.

02/21-22 To receive the Chairman's declaration of acceptance of office

The Chairman signed the declaration of acceptance of office and this was countersigned by the Clerk.

03/21-22 Election of Vice-Chairman

With five votes in favour and four against, Cllr A. Whittaker was declared duly elected as Vice-Chairman of Lake Parish Council for 2021-2022.

04/21-22 To receive Members' acceptances of office and registers of interests

Members signed their declarations of acceptance of office and these were countersigned by the Clerk. Members handed in their registers of interests.

05/21-22 Appointment of representatives to outside bodies

It was agreed that Cllr D. Hardy should be the Council's representative to IWALC, and that Cllr A. Whittaker should represent the Council on the Health & Wellbeing Partnership and the Revetment Working party.

06/21-22 Apologies for absence None

07/21-22 To receive any declarations of interest in agenda items None

08/21-22 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 14 April 2021

Cllr Whittaker drew attention to the last sentence of From the Floor and asserted this was not what he had said. After discussion it was agreed to amend the sentence to read 'Cllr Whittaker said we had to be mindful that a complaint could be made to the Monitoring Officer'. In 96/20-21 amend July to May.

09/21-22 Updates from Safer Neighbourhoods Policing Team

PCSO J. May gave Members an update on policing issues in the Bay. Extra patrols were laid on to address the spate of vandalism, particularly in toilets.

10/21-22 **Planning applications: to resolve comments on applications received**
21/00922 19 Fairview Crescent Single story side extension and porch
21/00971 4 New Road Side extension above garage
Resolved No objections

11/21-22 **To resolve if identity badges are necessary for Lake Parish Council members**
The majority of Members would accept these and Cllr Whittaker agreed to get up-to-date quotations.

12/21-22 **To receive the Internal Auditor’s report, approve the Accounts for 2020/21 and sign the Annual Governance and Accountability Return**
The Internal Auditor’s report and Annual Accounts had been tabled. It was **resolved** that the latter be approved. It was **resolved** that the Chairman be authorised to sign the Annual Governance and Accountability Return.

13/21-22 **Lake Ripples**
Cllr Horton said distribution of the May issue was almost complete and work was about to start on July. She referred to a newsletter distributed by a resident of the Fairway before the elections which made untrue allegations about the Council, some of its Members and Ripples.

14/21-22 **Finances – payments as per report**
It was **resolved** that the following payments be authorised:

	Amount	VAT	Payee	Item
Transfer	£1 289.18	224.86	Top Mops Ltd	Toilet cleaning
Transfer	£ 114.00	19.00	John O’Connor	Grass cut Fairway Park
Transfer	£ 120.00	20.00	Brighstone Landscaping	Planting War Memorial
Transfer	£ 343.67	57.28	Top Mops Ltd	Toilet repairs
Transfer	£ 140.20		HMRC	PAYE
Transfer	£ 575.70		M. R. Taplin	Clerk’s salary April
Transfer	£ 67.20	11.20	Bright Brown	Payroll administration
Transfer	£1413.64		Zurich Insurance	Premium 2021-22
Transfer	£ 57.25	9.54	Viking	Printer cartridges
Transfer	£ 30.00		Gratuity Fund	
Transfer	£ 179.00		T K Forbes	Ripples distribution

15/21-22 **Report from the Clerk**
The Clerk said he was circulating correspondence as it came in
IW Councillors
Cllr Brading said he was pleased the dog waste bin had been installed near the Porter Club. He said the problem of motorbikes on land behind KFC had been resolved with police assistance. The Planning Enforcement matter was progressing through the courts. Copse Mead was being transferred to a new Trust. He had been urging Island Roads to sort out the reasons for the traffic chaos from simultaneous Skew Bridge lights and Landguard Manor Rd closure.
Cllr Outlaw concurred with comments about poor traffic management. He said there had been a problem in Lea Rd where Southern Housing were carrying out refurbishment work, and the usual Wightfibre complaints.

16/21-22 Cllr Whittaker reported that the New Road toilets lights were still on through the Night. Clerk to investigate if the sensor could be changed. He initiated a discussion about meeting days/times and it was agreed that the Council should try to revert to

second Wednesday meetings from September. He asked about progress on the New Rd toilets; Clerk would chase the architect.

Cllr D. Hardy referred to issues Website. He did not yet know if wmv files of meeting recordings would work. Cllr Brading said the Council should have a Recordings Policy, and Cllr Hardy said he would check NALC for any template.

Cllr Horton said Men in Sheds were about to restart work to provide murals in the subway. There would be an 'open day' to attract more volunteers, with assistance from Cllr Hicks. She said a decision should be made on return of Tablets at the next meeting,

From the floor

A member of the public expressed an opinion about the move of control of Island services off-island. He asked Cllr Brading about action in respect of land behind KFC – the matter was sub-judice. He said he agreed with Cllr Whittaker regarding meeting dates.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 21.20

Next meeting

Thursday 17 June, 19.30, Lake Methodist Church