

LAKE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9 SEPTEMBER 2021 AT LAKE METHODIST CHURCH AT 19.15

PRESENT: Cllr P. Brading, Chairman
Cllr D. Hardy, Cllr S. Hardy, Cllr J. Hicks, Cllr J. Marshall, Cllr N. Goodall,
Cllr M. Abbott, Cllr T. Outlaw, Cllr A. Whittaker, Cllr B. Young

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr M. R. Taplin (Clerk), PCSO J. May, four members of the public

The Council heard a presentation from Julian Wadsworth, Resilience Co-ordinator for the Bay area for Community Action IW. He outlined his role and priorities. These included recruiting younger volunteers due to the effect of the pandemic on existing volunteers, and facilitating youth activities in Newchurch, Brading and the Bay area. This would involve putting together a Resilience Plan identifying gaps in services, following consultation and the gathering of ideas. The Council verbally supported the principles of what he was trying to do and await further updates.

FROM THE FLOOR Nil

52/21-22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE None

53/21-22 TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS
None

54/21-22 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15 JULY 2021
The minutes were confirmed as a true record, and were signed by the Chairman.

55/21-22 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Resilience Co-ordinator	Clerk	Invite to September meeting
Ripples advert	Clerk	Draft for website
Wight Water project	Clerk	Contact Sandown Town Council
War Memorial Jcn	Clerk	Chase Cllr Jordan if no response from staff
Sandown Free Food	Clerk	Check further with Amanda Gregory
Public toilets	Clerk	Agenda item September meeting.

All the above had been completed. There would be no Wight Water project this year. Planning and Licensing were happy with café activity at Free Food.

56/21-22 UPDATE FROM SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS POLICING TEAM
PCSO May apologised for having no statistics available. Her investigations following toilet vandalism were ongoing. She commented on the arrival of Beryl powered scooters in the Bay area and was trying to clarify their use on The Revetment. Cllr Brading said trial bike riding behind KFC was still an Intermittent problem.

57/21-22 PLANNING APPLICATIONS: TO RESOLVE COMMENTS

21/01657	Red Lodge, Whitecross Lane	Single storey rear extension
21/01692	31 Fir Tree Close	Proposed porch
Resolved	no objections	

58/21-22 GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY GROUPS SERVING LAKE RESIDENTS

It was agreed to invite bids for grants to voluntary groups providing services to Lake residents, and consider the allocation of such grants at the next meeting.

59/21-22 TO RESOLVE THE FUTURE OF PUBLIC TOILETS IN LAKE

After a discussion informed by a background paper prepared by the Clerk, it was **resolved** to proceed on the following basis (subject to consultation with local residents in respect of New Road and Lake Cliff Gardens):

New Road toilets: replace with pay-on-entry facilities in a rebuilt building incorporating a community hall and a Changing Places toilet (grant bid submitted); or demolish existing structure and replace with prefabricated pay-on-entry block; or do nothing.

Lake Cliff Gardens toilets: demolish and replace with prefabricated pay-on-entry Block, or do nothing.

Revetment toilets: repaint and repair existing facility before next season.

In order to obtain a definitive cost for the larger New Rd scheme it was agreed to appoint a Quantity Surveyor to prepare a schedule of work and carry out a tendering exercise at a cost of £1800. Competitive tenders should also be sought for the prefabricated unit options to inform the consultation.

60/21-22 LITTER PICKING IN LAKE (Green Towns Initiative - GTI)

Some concern was expressed at Shanklin GTI arranging a litter pick in Lake with no pre-consultation. Cllr Hicks would try to find out more of the background to this. Clerk to contact Sandown Town Council to see if a formal link with the Sandown GTI was appropriate.

61/21-22 LAKE RIPPLES

The Chairman said a volunteer, Mrs Kaye Marshall, had come forward to act as Editor, and after an interview with the Clerk and the Chairman had been Appointed with the expectation that issue 50 would appear in October. Mrs Marshall had already met with Biltmore Printers. It was agreed that an honorarium of £25 could be paid for each issue.

62/21-22 WAR MEMORIAL JUNCTION AND TRAFFIC CONFLICTS

After two letters from the Clerk, Island Roads had responded that whilst they recognised the layout was less than ideal, there were no resources available to carry out major changes. The Chairman had pointed out that there were many minor things such as signage and markings that could make the junction safer, and Island Roads had agreed to a site meeting on 21 September.

63/21-22 FINANCES – PAYMENTS PER REPORT

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

Cheque	Amount	VAT	Payee	Item
Transfer	£ 143.80		HMRC	PAYE
Transfer	£ 575.50		M. R. Taplin	Clerk's salary July
Transfer	£ 67.20	11.20	Bright Brown	payroll admin
Transfer	£ 75.00		Prettyr Ltd	Name badges
Transfer	£ 6.00		P. J. Brading	Engraving chain
Transfer	£ 373.74	228.96	Top Mops Ltd	Toilet cleaning
Transfer	£ 228.00	38.00	John O'Connor	Grass cuts Fairway Park
Transfer	£ 48.00		Lake Methodist Church	Hall hire

Transfer	£ 393.25	180.28	Business Stream	Water supply toilets
Transfer	£ 503.99	5.28	Top Mops Ltd	Toilet repairs
Transfer	£2 750.00		Dean Parkman	Building regs drawings
Transfer	£ 30.00		Gratuity Fund	
D/D	£1 173.14		Public Works Loan Board	
Transfer	£6 182.95		Isle of Wight Council	Decorative lights fixing
Transfer	£1 373.14	228.96	Top Mops Ltd	Toilet cleaning
Transfer	£ 50.00		M. R. Taplin	Computer training
Transfer	£ 228.12	9.91	SSE	Electricity toilets
Transfer	£ 228.00	38.00	John O'Connor	Grass cuts Fairway Park
Transfer	£ 473.00		J W Autoshine	Watering hanging baskets
Transfer	£ 575.70		M. R. Taplin	Clerk's salary August
D/D	£ 144.00		HMRC	PAYE
Transfer	£ 28.57	2.75	Business Stream	Water supply toilets
Transfer	£ 266.71	44.44	Top Mops Ltd	Toilet repairs
Transfer	£ 30.00		Gratuity Fund	
Transfer	£ 180.00		S. Milford	Internal audit fee
Transfer	£ 13.32		Jennifer Hicks	Compost for roses
Transfer	£ 109.71	5.22	SSE	Electricity toilets
Transfer	£ 350.00		M. Jefferies	Painting revetment toilets

The bank balances and reconciliation were noted.

64/21-22

CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk reported correspondence received. It was agreed that the Council not become involved in the provision of on-street electric vehicle charging points. Response to the IW Council Island Plan Review should be carried out by individual councillors, but a notice should be put on the board advising the public of the opportunity to submit their comments.

65/21-22

ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLORS

Cllr Outlaw reported many problems with footpath maintenance and bin emptying. He said bridleway SS47 now had a temporary eel screen while planning permission was sought for the final solution.

Cllr Brading said poor drainage on the new Skew Bridge had been attended to, and the nearby railway foot crossing had been re-opened. The Copse Mead transfer was taking longer than it ought to complete due to delays in IW Council Legal department. He had met the manager of Sandown Airport (now the busiest facility of its type in England with 18 000 movements/year). He had emphasised to him that the local community should be kept informed of events so that local people did not feel they had to complain. Three helicopter events/year had been licensed, with two already completed and the third scheduled for the last weekend in October. The saga of the land behind KFC/Premier Inn had now been referred to the Crown Court with a hearing in May 2022! Strange (Pagan?) behaviour had been reported at the cemetery.

66/21-22

COUNCILLORS REPORTS – MATTERS NOT REQUIRING A RESOLUTION

Cllr Marshall said he had placed a VJ Tommy by the Silent Soldier outside Co-op Funeralcare. Cllr Hicks had placed top dressing on the rose bed.

Cllr Young had consulted a woodworker, who advised that it was virtually impossible to obtain wood for a flagpole at present.

Cllr S. Hardy asked about meeting days and venues into 2022. This had not been formally resolved, though it appeared that the Methodist Church on Thursdays was the option favoured by most Members. Formal item to be on October agenda. Mrs Hardy gave details of planned IWALC training.

Cllr Whittaker said the two members could be sent to the South Wight Health & Well-being Partnership meetings. It was agreed that Cllr D. Hardy should be the second attendee from Lake. It was hoped the Revetment Working Party would be revived shortly with Cllrs Abbot and Whittaker attending.

The Chairman referred to favourable comments from other Councils about the decorative lights. He also explained that the informal meeting held on 19 August had come up with a list of measures to enhance Lake that could be bid for, and the Clerk had submitted a bid accordingly. There was no feedback yet.

FROM THE FLOOR None.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21.13

NEXT MEETING Thursday 14 October, 19.15 at Lake Methodist Church, Sandown Road

ACTIONS

Public toilets	Clerk	Progress quotes to obtain definitive costs
Remembrance Sunday	Clerk	Agenda item for October
Christmas arrangements	Clerk	Agenda item for October
2022 Meetings	Clerk	Agenda item for October
Grants	Clerk	Agenda item for October
War Memorial traffic	Chairman	Report back on site meeting
Litter picking	Clerk	To contact Sandown Town Council
IWALC/HALC	Clerk	Agenda item for December meeting
Outdoor Gym	Clerk	Agenda item when pandemic resolved