

LAKE PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr M. R. Taplin (Clerk), one member of the public

The Council held a short silence in memory of former Chairman, Barry Brinsden, who had passed away

101/21-22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr T. Outlaw

102/21-22 TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS
Cllr Brading declared an interest in item 107 as a governor of Broadlea Sch.
Cllr Hardy declared an interest in item 109 as Treasurer of IWALC

103/21-22 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11 NOVEMBER 2021
The minutes were confirmed as a true record, and were signed by the Chairman.

104/21-22 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Public toilets	Clerk	Agenda item below
Remembrance Sunday	Clerk	Agenda item below
Christmas arrangements	Clerk	Agenda item below
Grants	Clerk	Agenda item below
War Memorial Jcn	Clerk	No response to report
Potholed roads	Clerk	Meeting declined; must be dealt with further up Management chain. Formal request to be made for Ward Walk.
Welcome back bid	Clerk	No news yet
Merrie Gardens Dog Bins	Clerk	Order placed and bins installed
IWALC/HALC	Clerk	Agenda item below

105/21-22 UPDATE FROM SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS POLICING TEAM
PCSO was unable to attend. Some disappointment was expressed and hope that a focussed report could be presented next month.

106/21-22 PLANNING APPLICATIONS: TO RESOLVE COMMENTS

21/02323	Morrisons Supermarket	Pholovoltaic array on flat roof
Resolved	to support the application	
21/02085	Land adjacent 36 Lake Hill	Two semi-detached houses
Resolved	No comment	
21/02361	The Bay Secondary School	Modernisation of three blocks
Resolved	No comment	

107/21-22 TO RESOLVE ANY SECTION 137 GRANT FOR BROADLEA SCHOOL
The Clerk had tabled a bid letter received and the Chairman provided some factual background. It was **resolved** to make a grant of £720 for a library desk and chairs.

Agreed with eight votes in favour and one abstention.

108/21-22 TO REVIEW ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHRISTMAS (11 December)

The Clerk explained that all arrangements were in place. The Chairman said he would be unable to attend, but Cllr Whittaker would take his place. Cllr Marshall said he would bring sausage rolls for afterwards. The Chairman thanked Cllrs Whittaker and Young for making sure the lights went on the tree and were connected up. . It was agreed to spend up to £50 on new decorations for 2022 while they were in the sale and Cllr Marshall agreed to keep an eye on the supermarket shelves for this.

109/21-22 TO RENEW SUBSCRIPTION TO IWALC OR CONSIDER ALTERNATIVES

The Clerk explained that the renewal for 2022-23 would fall due in January, and although no invoice was available yet it was likely to be around £900. Cllr D. Hardy explained the benefits of membership. There was some debate about the amount of IWALC material circulated as there was a large quantity and the clerk exercised some discretion to avoid filling members' mail boxes. It was agreed that the IWALC subscription should be renewed.

110/21-22 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY DEBRIEF

The Chairman thanked all those who had helped with making the event a success. A letter of thanks should be sent to Co-op Funeralcare for the refreshments provided afterwards. Cllr Marshall had the crosses and was sanding down and varnishing them, affixing poppies and placing the names from the war memorial. The Chairman would remove the wreaths just before Christmas. Cllr Whittaker proposed a donation of £150 to the Royal British Legion in respect of the poppies that had been used. This was agreed.

111/21-22 LAKE RIPPLES

Mrs Marshall provided a written report. All advertisers had been contacted with most wishing to renew; some new advertisers had been obtained. Invoices would go out in December. The January issue would go to the printers on 15 December, so a photo of the carol service could be included.

112/21-22 TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON PUBLIC TOILET IMPROVEMENTS AND AWARD A CONTRACT FOR REVETMENT PAINTING AND DECORATING

The specification for painting and repairing the revetment toilets had been circulated to six Painter & Decorators with a price requested by the end of November. Only one quotation had been received, from M Jefferies. The prices for options were tabled and it was agreed to award the contract in the sum of £17 320, with work to be completed by the end of March. The Clerk read out the prices he had received from Danfo for demolishing existing facilities at New Rd and Lake Cliff Gardens and replacing them with self-contained pay to access units. These were £184 452 and £144 452 respectively. A decision would be made as part of discussion on the 2022/23 budget. Mainland enquiries about a quote for the squared off New Rd scheme including a community room had identified one interested contractor, but they were looking for £2500 to visit the island and prepare documentation. It was agreed this was not acceptable and making a

choice about New Rd might have to wait a year until the economic climate was different. The New Rd toilets were still lit through the night. The Clerk explained that the sensors controlling the system had been damaged beyond repair in the vandalism fire, and to install a new system did not seem good value for money in light of doubt about the buildings future. It was suggested that the Top Mops operative who locked and unlocked the facility should be asked to throw the master switch each evening, restoring power in the morning.

113/21-22 FINANCES – PAYMENTS PER REPORT

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

Cheque	Amount	VAT	Payee	Item
Transfer	£ 575.50		M. R. Taplin	Clerk's salary November
D/D	£ 143.80		HMRC	PAYE
Transfer	£ 255.86	12.18	SSE	Electricity Toilets
Transfer	£ 1 285.69		Isle of Wight Council	Election recharge
Transfer	£ 1 373.74	232.56	Top Mops Ltd	Toilet cleaning
Transfer	£ 285.14	36.33	Top Mops Ltd	Toilet repairs
Transfer	£ 1 937.44	146.27	Business Stream	Water supply Toilets
S/O	£ 30.00		Gratuity Fund	
Transfer	£ 114.00	19.00	John O'Connor	Grass cut Fairway Park
Transfer	£ 155.87	25.98	Ringway Island Roads	Xmas lights
Transfer	£ 4 680.00	780.00	Gala Lights Ltd	Decorative lights
Transfer	£ 664.97	110.83	Ringway Island Roads	New dog waste bins

The bank balances and reconciliation were noted.

114/21-22 TO RECEIVE A DRAFT BUDGET FOR 2022/23

The Clerk had circulated a draft budget and this was discussed. Members expressed a preference for not increasing the precept. This might involve going ahead with just the replacement of Lake Cliff Gardens toilets in 2022, postponing New Road to 2023. An alternative would be to secure funding through the Public Works Loan Board, as interest rates were currently very low. There was the option to move up to £30 000 from the deposit account to the current account. It was agreed to keep the youth budget at £10 000. Cllr training could be removed as this was free through IWALC. The Clerk would revise and circulate before the January meeting, when a decision would need to be made on the precept.

115/21-22 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk reported a letter from Business Stream (water supply to toilets) that drew attention to an unexpected increase in meter readings and consequent quarterly charges at the Revetment site. Top Mops had investigated and had found constant leakage from the cisterns into the pans. A quotation was being obtained for a modern water management system. He had chased William Emmett at IW Council regarding the Changing Places Fund but there was no news yet. It appeared the Welcome Back bid had been approved as the Clerk was getting various messages from IW Council concerning the items involved. There had been no response from Island Roads or IW Council concerning the War Memorial Junction.

116/21-22 ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLORS

Cllr Outlaw had submitted a written report and this had been circulated. Cllr Brading brought Members up to date on the situation at the car sales plot between Morrisons and Merrie Gardens.

117/21-22 COUNCILLORS REPORTS – MATTERS NOT REQUIRING A RESOLUTION

Cllr Hicks said she had spoken to the District Steward regarding dog fouling on New Road. She also said the cubicle doors were swollen in New Rd gents. Clerk to ask Top Mops to plane down.

The Chairman reported a further response from J. Wadsworth on Youth Funding; the venue for boxing for Lake would be the gym at the former Working Mens Club. There had been further vandalism at New Rd toilets that required a two-day closure until repairs could be effected. He and Cllr Whittaker had carried out the Clerk's appraisal earlier in the week.

FROM THE FLOOR Nil

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21.20

NEXT MEETING Thursday 13 January 2022, 19.15 at Lake Methodist Church, Sandown Road

ACTIONS

Budget	Clerk	Revise draft for January meeting
Christmas tree	Cllr Marshall	New decorations
Public toilets	Clerk	Place order for Revetment toilets
Grants	Clerk	Make transfer to Broadlea School
	Clerk	Make transfer to Royal British Legion
Remembrance Sunday	Clerk	Letter of thanks to Co-op Funeralcare
Toilets	Clerk	Request Top Mops repairs/light switching
		Investigate water management system for Revetment
War Memorial Jcn	Clerk	Chase Island Roads
Potholed roads	Clerk	Request a Ward Walk with District Steward
IWALC	Clerk	Renew subscription
Outdoor Gym	Clerk	Agenda item when pandemic resolved