

LAKE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10 MARCH 2022 AT LAKE METHODIST CHURCH AT 19.15

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

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

From the floor A member of the public raised issues caused by the Lake Hill closure, access to side streets. After some buck passing between Island Roads and Wightfibre, it appeared the District Steward had moved in to improve things. It appeared that Wightfibre had started this work before finishing Sandown High St due to a shortage of tarmac. Another member of the public said the whole situation was a nightmare and the Parish Council should send a letter seeking urgent improvements.

A resident of Richmond House, speaking on behalf of the tenants' association, said they were quite happy for a planter with flowers to be placed between the benches outside.

150/21-22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE D. Hardy, S. Hardy. J. Marshall

151/21-22 TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS None

152/21-22 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10 FEBRUARY 2022
The minutes were confirmed as a true record, and were signed by the Chairman.

153/21-22 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Welcome Back Fund	Clerk	IW Council officer on sick leave
Queen's Platinum Jubilee	Events	Working party delayed due to COVID
Toilets contract	Clerk	Three tenders opened
Revetment water management	Clerk	No contact until tender determined
Lake Ripples 52	All	52 now published
Railway crossing	Clerk	Reported to South Western Railway
Outdoor gym	Clerk	Agenda item when pandemic resolved

154/21-22 UPDATE FROM SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS POLICING TEAM

PCSO May was on the mainland but had submitted a report on crimes in Lake. Shoplifting was noted as a problem, but said to be being dealt with. Clerk to request explanation.

155/21-22 PLANNING APPLICATIONS: TO RESOLVE COMMENTS

21/00261	18 Westlake Avenue	Loft conversion
Resolved	No objection	
22/00326	64 The Fairway	Revised application with larger footprint
Resolved	No objection	

156/21-22 TO RESOLVE THE APPOINTMENT OF THE INTERNAL AUDITOR

It was **resolved** to appoint Mr S. Milford @ £180..

157/21-22 UPDATE FROM WELCOME BACK FUND

The Clerk reported that the IW Officer dealing with this was now on sick leave and had yet to provide an update. Chairman would try to spark some action. The benches had been delivered and were awaiting fitment by Island Roads.

158/21-22 EVENTS WORKING PARTY

The planned meeting had been postponed due to COVID . However Cllr Marshall had been working very hard to sort the arrangements for the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee and was thanked for his efforts, which had come out within £20 of the budget. It was confirmed that the event would be at Thearles Green at 11.00 on 2 June. The Minister was unable to attend. The bugler was away at that time but the Clerk was speaking to Shanklin Town Brass Band about a small ensemble playing the National Anthem. The Chairman showed councillors the kitbags for Broadlea, cake boxes and bunting.

159/21-22 TO RESOLVE THE AWARD OF THE LAKE TOILET CLEANING CONTRACT

The Clerk had circulated the results from tenders received and an evaluation of each of the three bidders. After discussion of the results and their capabilities, on a proposal by Cllr Whittaker, seconded by Cllr Abbott and agreed unanimously, it was **resolved** that the contract be awarded to Danfo Ltd from 1 April 2022. The award was based on the quality of the bid and the company’s ability to deliver an excellent service for those using Lake public toilets. The Clerk was thanked for his work bringing the process to a successful conclusion.

160/21-22 LAKE RIPPLES

The Editor had provided a report that was read by the Chairman. Issue 52 had been published and was being distributed. Some advertisers were having to be chased to pay their invoices. A distributor was still needed for Merrie Gardens. Issue 53 would focus on the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee and include Cllr Marshall’s biography.

161/21-22 FINANCES – PAYMENTS PER REPORT

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

Cheque	Amount	VAT	Payee	Item
Transfer	£ 428.28	71.38	4 Imprint	Jubilee bags
Transfer	£ 259.05	13.28	SSE	Electricity toilets
Transfer	£ 15.59	2.60	Wight Computers	website renewal
Transfer	£ 575.70		M. R. Taplin	Clerk’s salary February
D/D	£ 144.00		HMRC	PAYE
Transfer	£ 1373.74	228.96	Top Mops Ltd	Toilet cleaning
Transfer	£ 837.66	139.61	F W Marsh Ltd	Revetment toilet repairs
Transfer	£ 29.27	2.75	Business Stream	Water supply toilets
S/O	£ 30.00		Gratuity Fund	
002076	£53766.00	8961.00	Danfo Ltd	Deposit for new toilet unit
Transfer	£ 228.00		T. K. Forbes	Delivery Ripples 22

The bank balances and reconciliation were noted.

162/21-22 CHAIRMAN’S ALLOWANCE – DISPOSITION OF FUNDS

The Chairman had not made any claim against his allowance for 2021-22 and was it was therefore **resolved** that £500 should be made as a grant to Broadlea School to help with renovation of the library floor. Chairman decided right to seek approval as he is a school governor.

163/21-22 CLERK’S REPORT

The Clerk reported on the receipt of advise of price increases from SSE (electricity for toilets) and Island Roads for emptying litter and dog bins.

164/21-22 ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLORS

Cllr Outlaw referred to continuing difficulties resulting from Wighfibre’s activities. Cllr Brading said data was still awaited on the War Memorial Junction to permit Cllr Jordan to push things forward. There was considerable enforcement action in respect of the land between Merrie Gardens and Morrisons, though the tyres had started to be moved. The tree planting at Spithead was not in accordance with the agreement; one of the new trees had already disappeared.

165/21-22 COUNCILLORS REPORTS – MATTERS NOT REQUIRING A RESOLUTION

Cllr Young was concerned at Wightfibre’s traffic management techniques during their work on Sandown Rd.

Cllr Hicks would try to forward a link to the type of planter required outside Richmond House. She again raised the matter of the handrail at the bottom of the steps by the Revetment toilets. The Revetment Working Party had not been able to solve this – it was suggested Island Roads be asked to assist.

Cllr Abbott was trying to assist with getting overgrown foliage removed from the garden of the former vicarage. This was the responsibility of Portsmouth diocese.

Cllr Whittaker said vehicles had been vandalised on land next to Morrisons. He also referred to the strange arrangement of Wight Fibre waiting for tarmac from the mainland when there were supplies readily available at Island Building Services. He related his experience with finding a Cherry tree in the road by Spithead. It had now been transferred safely to Battery Gardens.

Cllr Brading said CCTV was now working at Fairway Park. Much progress had been made with the school library. He had been approached by Cycle Wight about a Bay cycle network. The representative seemed unaware of issues about restricting cycling on the Revetment to say 10.00-16.00 in the summer. Revetment safety would be a key to any plan.

FROM THE FLOOR A member of the public raised the issue of small parcels of land being sold off in Perowne Way, Green Lane and Wheeler Way. He also mentioned the dire traffic management around Tesco Express. He said the boundary fence behind Merrie Gardens had been breached by overspilling tyres. He said he might be able to help out with music on 2nd June if needed. All questions were answered verbally.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 20.58

NEXT MEETING Thursday 14 April 2022, 19.15 at Lake Methodist Church, Sandown Road

ACTIONS

Welcome Back Fund	Clerk	maintain liaison with IW Council
Queen’s Platinum Jubilee	Events Working party	to continue organisation
Toilets contract	Clerk	Award and supervise changeover
Planter for Sandown Rd	Clerk/Cllr Hicks	Identify and order
Outdoor gym	Clerk	Agenda item when pandemic resolved