

LAKE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19 MAY 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 J. Marshall,
Cllr T. Outlaw, Cllr S. Hardy, Cllr B. Young

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr M. R. Taplin (Clerk), 14 members of the public

From the floor Mr Graham Biss of Natural Enterprise gave a presentation on Copse Meadow, which was now managed by them through Gift for Nature under a 20-year contract from Isle of Wight Council. He sought the views of members of the public about how the area should develop from its current untended state, including the possible temporary introduction of sheep to graze the land.

001/22-23 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

On a proposal by Cllr Marshall, seconded by Cllr Goodall, Cllr Brading was unanimously elected as Chairman of Lake Parish Council for 2022-2023.

002/22-23 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.

003/22-23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr D. Hardy

004/22-23 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

On a proposal by Cllr Goodall, seconded by Cllr Brading, Cllr Whittaker was unanimously elected to serve as Vice-Chairman of Lake Parish Council for 2022-2023.

005/22-23 TO RECEIVE ANY CHANGE TO MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

006/22-23 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

IWALC Cllr Goodall proposed that Cllr Whittaker serve as the Council's representative to IWALC and this was seconded. Cllr S. Hardy proposed Cllr D. Hardy and this was seconded. On a show of hands Cllr D. Hardy received two votes and Cllr Whittaker five votes, with two abstentions. Cllr Whittaker to serve.

SWHWBP Cllr Marshall proposed that Cllr Whittaker serve as the Council's Representative and this was seconded. There were no other proposals. Cllr Whittaker to serve.

REVETEMENT WORKING PARTY. Cllrs Abbott and Hicks were nominated to serve. There were no other proposals. Cllrs Abbott and Hicks to serve.

007/22-23 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14 APRIL 2022

The minutes were confirmed as a true record, and were signed by the Chairman.

008/22-23 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Welcome Back Fund	Clerk	Concluded
Queen's Platinum Jubilee	Events Working party	finalised organisation
	Shanklin Town Brass band	would send 12 players
Toilets	Clerk	Review at July meeting

Planter for Sandown Rd	Clerk/Cllr Hicks	Now provided privately
Outdoor gym	Clerk	To be considered in next budget round
Copse Meadow	Clerk	Gift for Nature attended

009/22-23 UPDATE FROM SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS POLICING TEAM

PCSO May was unable to be present, but had forwarded the monthly statistics. Anti-social behaviour had become a big problem in the Bay with constant toilet vandalism one example. Cllr Brading would ask for more focussed attention on New Rd.

10/22-23 PLANNING APPLICATIONS: TO RESOLVE COMMENTS

22/00676	The Bay CE School	Prior approval for demolition of three blocks
Resolved	No objection	
22/00706	12A Sandown Rd	Change of use of first floor to a flat
Resolved	No objection	
2/00802	12 Merrie Gardens	Proposed roof extension to provide bedrooms/bathroom in loft space

Noted. Members to advise Clerk if they had any concerns.

11/22-23 TO RESOLVE APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

It was **resolved** to approve the annual governance statement and this was signed by the Chairman.

12/22-23 TO RECEIVE THE INTERNAL AUDITOR'S REPORT, RESOLVE ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS AND SIGN THE FINANCIAL CERTIFICATES FOR EXTERNAL AUDIT

The relevant documents had been circulated. It was noted that the Internal Auditor's report was satisfactory. It was **resolved** to adopt the annual accounts and sign the financial certificates for external audit.

13/22-23 UPDATE FROM EVENTS WORKING PARTY ON JUBILEE EVENT

The flagpole and additional bench had been installed at Thearles Green and the event promoted on the cover of the latest Ripples. At 11.00 on 2 June the Deputy Lord Lieutenant Caroline Peel would be present for the raising of the Union Flag for the first time, and putting the final screw into the plaque on the bench. Contingents from the school and youth football teams would be present. The neighbour at No. 26 was being very helpful in facilitating access and providing water and electricity. Photography by Chantelle. A gazebo was available to shelter the band in the event of rain. Background music from eras of the Queen's reign was available. Morrisons were providing cup cakes without charge. A donation to the band would be agreed at the next meeting.

14/22-23 TO CONSIDER MEN IN SHEDS OFFER OF A PLANTER AT THEARLES GREEN

A draft design had been circulated, but in view of the limited space at Thearles Green and the number expected to attend the 2 June event it was decided to regretfully decline the offer.

15/22-23 TOILET ISSUES

Despite vandalism by children on their way home from school, it was decided not to implement a temporary early closure at New Rd, but to urge the police to keep the site under surveillance during mid-afternoon on schooldays. F. W. Marsh were keeping the pump at the Revetment site under review due to intermittent

outages. Clerk to follow up.

16/22-23 LAKE RIPPLES

Issue 53 had been published and was being distributed, with some difficulty due to the absence of volunteers. The editor was thanked for her efforts..

17/22-23 FINANCES – PAYMENTS PER REPORT

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

Cheque	Amount	VAT	Payee	Item
Transfer	£1 373.74	228.96	Top Mops Ltd	Toilet cleaning
Transfer	£ 71.10	11.85	Bright Brown	Payroll admin
Transfer	£ 144.00		Lake Methodist Church	Hall hire
Transfer	£ 585.73		M. R. Taplin	Clerk's salary April
D/D	£ 173.80		HMRC	PAYE
Transfer	£ 8 900.00		M. Jefferies	Revetment toilets stage II
Transfer	£ 173.60		HMRC	PAYE
Transfer	£ 287.40	5.00	Focus Plumbing+Heating	Legionnaires Checks
Transfer	£ 525.00		Buds Electrical	Rewiring Revetment
Transfer	£ 60.46		Cllr J. Marshall	Jubilee expenditure
S/O	£ 30.00		Gratuity Account	
Transfer	£ 419.80	31.65	Business Stream	Water supply toilets
Transfer	£ 75.00		Buds Electrical	Rewiring Lake Cliff Gdns
Transfer	£ 178.00		Mrs K. Marshall	Ripples distribution
D/D	£ 35.00		Information Commissioner	Annual fee
Transfer	£2 928.30	488.05	Danfo Ltd	Toilet cleaning
Transfer	£ 25.00		Mrs K Marshall	Ripples Honorarium

The bank balances and reconciliation were noted.

18/22-23 COMMUNITY RESILIENCE – TO RESOLVE ANY FUNDING FOR 2022-2023

The Chairman said that the efforts to engage with local young people had been praised By the relevant agencies. They had requested £4-5000 in financial support this year. After discussion it was resolved to make a grant of £5000 from the Youth budget.

19/22-23 WIGHT WATER – TO RESOLVE ANY FUNDING FOR 2022

The Chairman said his attempts to secure any details of a potential bid for 2022 had received no response and he said the matter should be dropped. This was agreed.

20/22-23 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk reported an anonymous letter regarding seagull feeding. Price increases had been advised for water and electricity, also payroll administration.

21/22-23 ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLORS

Cllr Outlaw referred to ongoing dealings with Island Roads on various highway matters. He said many Lake residents were being hit badly by cost of living increases. Cllr Brading agreed and said the IW Council hardship fund had initially been undersubscribed but was now being flooded by requests for assistance. He said fallen trees at the County Ground were encouraging anti-social behaviour. He hoped IW Council would take action shortly. He also referred to stories about the future of TJ's Gym, but this was not a matter with which the Parish Council should be involved.

22/22-23 COUNCILLORS REPORTS – MATTERS NOT REQUIRING A RESOLUTION

Cllr Whittaker said he had spent considerable time at the toilets with an electrician and they all now had the appropriate certification.

Cllr S. Hardy asked if the Legionnaire's checks had been satisfactory – this was the case. She also asked about grants for charities – bids would be invited shortly.

Cllr Abbott asked who was responsible for the flower beds on Lake Cliff Gardens – IW Council through their contractor John O’Connor.

Cllr Hicks again raised the issue of the handrails at the bottom of the Revetment steps. IW Council were satisfied these met disability access requirements. To be referred to the Revetment Working party.

Cllr Marshall said Island Roads had a second new bench but no installation instructions. The Clerk would inform them this needed to go to Merrie Gardens to replace the broken bench.

Cllr Brading said the Sandown & Lake Youth Football Club were close to securing a 25-year lease on pitches at the former Sandham School site, which would enable them to apply for FA funding. The opening of the library at Broadlea School had been a happy event. He was to distribute the Jubilee bags to pupils on Friday.

FROM THE FLOOR A member of the public raised the problem of speeding in Green Lane. It was hoped the resurrection of the Island Roads policing Unit would enable more resources to be devoted to this sort of thing. The Chairman hoped to raise the issue, as well as the War Memorial junction (raised by another member of the public), in a forthcoming meeting with the Police & Crime Commissioner. A member of the public raised the issue of legal enforcement in respect of land behind KFC. This was stalled in the court system until early 2023.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 21.28

NEXT MEETING Thursday 9 June 2022, 19.15 at Lake Methodist Church, Sandown Road

ACTIONS

Vandalism	Chairman	Encourage police action
Debrief on 2 June	All	Donation to band
New bench	Clerk	Contact Island Roads
Toilets	Clerk	Review at July meeting
Outdoor gym	Clerk	Review during budget planning