

LAKE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8 SEPTEMBER 2022 AT LAKE METHODIST CHURCH AT 19.15

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

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

**The Council stood in silence to honour the memory of
Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II
whose death had just been announced**

From the floor A member of the public asked about the possibility of an outdoor gym in Flitcroft Gardens. It was explained that this was to be considered in December as part of the budget-making for 2023-2024 alongside consideration of where we could put it (Lake Cliff Gardens and Los Altos Park mentioned), but would need permission from Isle of Wight Council, which owned the land.

Another member of the public asked for an update on traffic management at the War Memorial triangle, and the land behind KFC. The Chairman said these would be provided as part of his report later in the agenda.

57/22-23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr P. Evans, Cllr T. Outlaw

58/22-23 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS
None

59/22-23 TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14 JULY 2022
The minutes were confirmed as a true record, and were signed by the Chairman.

60/22-23 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
In view of the hosepipe ban, the rose bed at Co-op Funeralcare was being watered by alternative means. The Clerk had distributed funding to voluntary groups. The Clerk had written to Danfo conveying the Council's concerns about the toilet-cleaning contract. He had also written to the police superintendent for the Island about the attendance at Council meetings and had received a positive response. The Chairman had been in contact with Cllr Jordan about the War Memorial junction. A quote had been received from Danfo for CCTV at New Road toilets. The issue of cycling on the Revetment had been raised with IW Council but a ban had been rejected,. Some signposting and revised barriers might be possible.

61/22-23 UPDATE FROM SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS POLICING TEAM
PCSO May had confirmed she was now able attend on a semi-regularly basis to keep Members apprised of policing issues (but not tonight). She had supplied the Clerk with some statistics, but these obviously included Sandown. Cllr Marshall said he was not so interested in statistics as a real-time commentary about current policing matters in the area, and the ability to put Council views to

the police. For instance bottle throwing from the cliff path needed a response. It was agreed we should be clear next month on what we needed to see and hear every month, not just statistics.

62/22-23 PLANNING APPLICATIONS: TO RESOLVE COMMENTS

22/01449 11 The Mall Single storey rear extension

Resolved No objection

63/22-23 TO RESOLVE A STRATEGY FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF NEW RD PUBLIC TOILETS

The Clerk reminded Members that as things stood there were three options

(i) Do nothing

(ii) Install a Danfo unit (demolition of existing building)

(iii) Square off the existing building to add a meeting room

and he explained ball-park figures for each. Getting a precise figure for (iii) would itself need a tendering exercise which would require a Quantity Surveyor to be retained at a cost of around £1k. If (i) and (iii) were not pursued, there would be no need for formal public consultation.

Cllr Whittaker said Danfo had just advised availability of a high-spec stand-alone unit intended for another customer for £115 000 (plus ground works and services). The Clerk was asked to obtain a total package price for this. After discussion it was **resolved** to proceed with the Danfo unit and demolish the existing toilets.

64/22-23 TO RESOLVE ANY INSTALLTION OF CCTV OUTSIDE NEW RD

A quote of £2380 had been received from Danfo using Guardian of Shanklin. The equipment could be transferred to the new unit in due course. It was **resolved** to proceed with this as soon as possible.

65/22-23 EVENTS COMMITTEE

This had met to review the arrangements for Remembrance Sunday (13 November). The Chairman had spoken with Revd John Izzard, who would attend. The Clerk would arrange the trumpeter and advise cadets. Cllr Marshall had redone the order of service and it was agreed to refund him £77.44 as expenses for this. He explained the plan to have survivors' relatives place named crosses. Chantelle of Prettyr would attend to take photos.

Cllr Marshall had flag arrangements in hand in accordance with Operation London Bridge. The total cost of the Jubilee arrangements had been £1504.30 on the budget of £1500.

It was agreed that the carol service at Thearle's Green should be at mid-day on Saturday 10 December. Cllr Marshall was concerned at the maintenance of Thearle's Green and felt this should not be left to IW Council. It was agreed to obtain quotes from Men in Sheds and Lee Jefferies.

66/22-23 FINANCES – PAYMENTS PER REPORT

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

| Cheque | Amount | Payee | Item |
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| Transfer | £ 2 721.77 | F W Marsh | Toilet repairs |
| Transfer | £ 500.00 | Breakfast In the Bay | Grant |

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| Transfer | £ 250.00 | Men in Sheds | Grant |
| Transfer | £ 650.00 | Youth Football Club | Grant |
| Transfer | £ 100.00 | 4 th Shanklin Brownies | Grant |
| Transfer | £ 585.53 | M. R. Taplin | Clerk's salary July |
| D/D | £ 146.40 | HMRC | PAYE |
| Transfer | £ 443.26 | Business Stream | Toilet water supply |
| Transfer | £ 42.00 | Cllr Hicks | Hose for Rose bed |
| S/O | £ 30.00 | Gratuity fund | |
| Transfer | £ 1 173.14 | Public Works Loan | Fairway Park |
| Transfer | £ 316.28 | Focus Plumbing | Toilet repairs |
| Transfer | £ 132.00 | Focus Plumbing | Toilet Repairs |
| Transfer | £ 120.16 | John O' Connor | Fairway Park grass cutting |
| Transfer | £ 2 928.30 | DANFO | Toilet cleaning |
| Transfer | £ 585.53 | M. R. Taplin | Clerk's salary August |
| Transfer | £ 146.60 | HMRC | PAYE |
| Transfer | £ 120.00 | S. Milford | Internal audit fee |
| Transfer | £ 48.00 | Methodist Church | Hall Hire |
| Transfer | £ 668.40 | Business Stream | Toilet water supply |
| Transfer | £ 36.00 | Isle of Wight Council | Election |
| Transfer | £ 2 408.00 | JW Autoshine | Watering |
| Transfer | £ 30.00 | Gratuity Fund | |
| Transfer | £ 237.06 | SSE | Toilet electricity supply |
| Transfer | £ 68.62 | Viking | Stationery |
| Transfer | £ 178.00 | T. Forbes | Ripples distribution |
| Transfer | £ 1 056.60 | Biltmore | Ripples 55 printing |
| Transfer | £ 480.00 | PK Littlejohn | External audit fee |
| Transfer | £ 25.00 | Mrs K. Marshall | Honorarium Ripples 55 |

The bank balances and reconciliation were noted.

67/22-23 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk reported correspondence received. It was agreed to invite Chris Ashman of IW Council to the next meeting to speak about the proposed Bay Place Plan.

68/22-23 ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLORS

Cllr Outlaw had advised that the resurfacing of Cliff Path had been completed, unfortunately using compacted hardcore which was liable to movement as traffic moved over it. Residents had met 90% of the cost.

Cllr Brading praised Island Roads for their prompt response to various highway items he had raised. Cemetery Rd had been resurfaced. No grazier could be found to provide sheep for Copse Mead so conventional grass cutting would gradually be carried out. The case involving land behind KFC was listed for hearing on Crown Court in May 2023. Julian Wadsworth had been making good progress with youth work, particularly Broadlea School, even though a venue in Lake had not been found. Shankllin Town Council have so far declined to engage with him.

69/22-23 COUNCILLORS REPORTS – MATTERS NOT REQUIRING A RESOLUTION

Cllr Abbott said some lights in the Revetment toilets were on 24/7. This was to do with the sensors, which were part of the fragile electrics.

Cllr Hardy referred to the forthcoming Tour of Britain cycle race (since cancelled).

Cllr Whittaker asked if the Cliff path bins had been returned to their correct Positions – to check with Cllr Outlaw.

Cllr Brading said a joint meeting between the Chairman of the Bay councils had finally been arranged, for 22 September. He had agreed a meeting with Cllr

Jordan to observe traffic at the War Memorial junction. Statistics were still awaited from the Police. The Youth Football Club now had their new lease which would enable them to discuss funding options with the Hants Football Assoc.

FROM THE FLOOR A member of the public endorsed the concept of the Bay Place Plan.

70/22-23 To consider passing a resolution that, under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business, namely Agenda item number 14, on the grounds that there is likely to be disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 and 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act and in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.
It was so **resolved**.

71/22-23 **Confidential Staffing Matter**
The Clerk had advised that he would retire on 31 December after 13 years' service. It was **resolved** to put recruitment adverts in the County Press and Echo, copied to the job centre, also on the noticeboard and website. The existing Scale Point 6 for pay would be retained, although Cllr Whittaker felt this would not attract good applicants. A closing date of 30 September would be used with interviews w/comm 3 October. A panel of four plus the clerk would carry out interviews. Cllrs Brading, Hardy, Marshall and Whittaker were chosen with Cllr Abbott in reserve in the event of conflict of interests.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 21.12

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

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| ACTIONS | Remembrance Sunday | Clerk | Arrange trumpeter/cadets |
| | Christmas carols | Clerk | Contact Minister |
| | Toilets (new unit and CCTV) | Clerk | write to Danfo |
| | Bay Place Plan | Clerk | Invite Chris Ashman |
| | Thearles Green | Clerk/ Cllr Whittaker | Quotes for maintenance |
| | War Memorial Jncn | Chairman | report back on meeting Cllr Jordan |
| | Outdoor Gym | Council | Consider during budget making |
| | Recruitment notice | Clerk | Draft and place |