

LAKE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13 OCTOBER 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 T. Outlaw, Cllr A. Whittaker

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr M. R. Taplin (Clerk), PCSO J. May, a representative of the Isle of Wight County Press, one member of the public

From the floor Nil

Mr C. Ashman, Director of Regeneration for the Isle of Wight Council, spoke about the proposed Bay Place Plan. Work on this had started before the pandemic in order to identify challenges and opportunities for regeneration. A population of more than 15 000 was needed for a valid plan, hence the three parish councils in the Bay were identified for consultation plus the local business community. Independent consultants were needed to carry out 3-5months work on the consultation, and if the three local councils and the IW Councils each contributed £5k this should meet the anticipated £20k cost. Mr Ashman agreed to circulate the link to the earlier on-line vision statement for the revetment.

72/22-23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr P. Evans, Cllr B. Young

73/22-23 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS
None

74/22-23 TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8 SEPTEMBER 2022
It was **resolved** to approve the minutes as a true record, and these were signed by the Chairman.

75/22-23 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
The Clerk had arranged for trumpeter and cadets to attend the Remembrance Sunday service, and for Revd Izzard and the Wight Diamonds band to attend the Lights of Love service. He had written to Danfo to make an expression of interest for the unit priced at £115 000. Cllr Whittaker, with the Chairman's approval, had arranged for Thearle's Green to be tidied up before the Memorial Service for Queen Elizabeth II. The Chairman was still awaiting a response from Cllr Jordan (IWC) regarding a meeting at the War Memorial junction. The advert for a new Clerk had been published in two media outlets.

76/22-23 UPDATE FROM SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS POLICING TEAM
PCSO May said there had been 16 incidents of anti-social behaviour (ASB) recorded in Lake. She had been working with the schools and Julian Wadsworth to try to reduce ASB during school in-muster and out-muster times. Police had also been monitoring the Cliff Path and derelict hotels. They had also been working to reduce hate crime, with the Bay now declared a First Party area. The Chairman spoke about the meeting of the three Bay Councils that had identified policing as the primary area of concern. As a result Police & Crime

Commissioner (PCC) Donna Jones had agreed to visit the Bay in late November. PCSO May explained her difficulty in keeping up her record of 17 years of attendance at Parish Council meeting. She was asked that if unable to attend could she submit a written report with not just statistics but commentary on current issues. Cllr Marshall said he would expect a police attendance at every meeting. The Chairman pointed out that Lake had been in a somewhat privileged position; neither Sandown nor Shanklin TCs had such attendance.

77/22-23

PLANNING APPLICATIONS: TO RESOLVE COMMENTS

22/01666 52 New Rd Demolition and replacement single-storey rear extension

Resolved To support

22/01552 102 Newport Rd Proposed rear extension

Resolved No objections

22/01778 Land rear of 64 Fairway Condition compliance for driveway on to Rose Way.
Noted

78/22-23

TO CONSIDER WHETHER TO RENEW IWALC MEMBERSHIP FOR 2023-2024

Cllr Hardy tabled a list of the benefits from IWALC membership. The Chairman explained that he was personally not comfortable with Lake PC remaining members of IWALC due to their representative having a casting vote on the IW Council Scrutiny Panel and the excessive political views of the person concerned. Cllr Outlaw expressed his view that IWALC is sadly a political organisation, so not as impartial as it should be. After a full discussion it was **resolved** that Lake Parish Council should not renew its IWALC membership for 2023/4.

VOTES 3 to renew, 4 against renewal, 1 abstention

79/22-23

TO RESOLVE ANY DECISION ON THE BAY PLACE PLAN, INCLUDING FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

After discussion it was **resolved** to make a contribution of £5000 to the IW Council in respect of the Bay Place Plan, subject to the Chairman having a seat on the panel appointed to recruit and manage the consultants.

VOTES 7 in favour, 1 against

80/22-23

TO RESOLVE A CONTRACT FOR GROUNDS MAINTENANCE AT THEARLE'S GREEN

The Chairman had approved a contract with Lee Jefferies to tidy up the area in advance of the memorial service for the late Queen Elizabeth II. It was **resolved** to award a further contract for £382 for replacement flowers and shrubs, and also to activate the call-off contract for tidying up (£105/month) on an ad-hoc basis for now related to planned events. To be discussed for a permanent arrangement at the budget meeting,

81/22-23

TO RESOLVE THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A DANFO TOILET UNIT TO REPLACE EXISTING TOILETS AT NEW ROAD AND CONSULT WITH LAKE RESIDENTS ON SAME, INCLUDING THE EFFECT ON THE PRECEPT.

The Clerk had identified a requirement for consultation in order to seek the

Secretary of State's approval for borrowing, that being that whilst not mandatory, it is a requirement if such borrowing would lead to an increase in the precept. Cllr Outlaw said the draft Ripples page for this was inadequate in several respects and offered to write a replacement inviting residents to go to the website where there would be a link to a more detailed consultation page that would have a reply facility. This should be returned by the end of November so that Members could consider the results at the December meeting. In the meantime a 'holding' communication would be sent to Danfo by the Chairman.

82/22-23 TO RESOLVE TO SEEK THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S APPROVAL FOR BORROWING

Deferred in light of minute 81.

83/22-23 TO CONSIDER AN AMENDMENT TO THE DATE OF THE DECEMBER MEETING

In light of various clashes, it was **resolved** that the date of the December meeting should be amended to 15 December.

84/22-23 EVENTS COMMITTEE

Cllr Marshall outlined arrangements for Remembrance Sunday (13 November) and the Lights of Love Carol service (10 December).

85/22-23 RIPPLES

The next issue (56) would go to the printer early in the following week so that distribution could take place at the beginning of November.

86/22-23 FINANCES – PAYMENTS PER REPORT

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

Cheque	Amount	Payee	Item
Transfer	£ 221.76	County Press	Advert for Clerk
Transfer	£ 585.53	M. R. Taplin	Clerk's salary Sept
D/D	£ 146.40	HMRC	PAYE
Transfer	£ 513.71	SSE	Toilet electricity supply
Transfer	£ 120.16	John O' Connor	Fairway Park grass cutting
Transfer	£ 108.00	IW Observer	Advert for Clerk
Transfer	£ 2 928.30	DANFO	Toilet cleaning
Transfer	£ 23.98	M. R. Taplin	Clerk's expenses (wreath)
Transfer	£ 168.36	Island Roads	Christmas lights
S/O	£ 30.00	Gratuity Fund	
Transfer	£ 237.06	SSE	Toilet electricity supply
Transfer	£ 68.62	Office Depot Int	Replaces Sept (returned)
Transfer	£ 74.70	Bright Brown	Payroll administration
Transfer	£ 120.16	John O'Connor	Fairway Park Grass cutting
Transfer	£ 109.10	Focus Plumbing	Toilet repairs
Transfer	£ 77.44	Mrs K. Marshall	Jubilee Expenses

The bank balances and reconciliation were noted.

87/22-23 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk reported correspondence received. It was agreed not to make any offer in respect of IW Council's decision to reduce funding to voluntary groups. It was agreed to make a donation of £60 to Lake Methodist Church to support

refreshments at the planned piano concert. Members declined to order a litter bin for Lake Green.

88/22-23 ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLORS

Cllr Brading said Sandown & lake Youth Football Club now had access to their second site and he was assisting them to apply for FA grants. Copse Mead was about to be radically cut back to remove years of uncontrolled growth. It would look unsightly to start with but should improve by next year.

89/22-23 COUNCILLORS REPORTS – MATTERS NOT REQUIRING A RESOLUTION

Cllr Marshall again raised the subject of police attendance and asked where the idea of quarterly attendance had come from. The Clerk explained that he had as instructed written to the island Superintendent and had tried to persuade him to request regular attendance by an officer. If monthly was not possible then a regular attendance at less frequent intervals would be appreciated.

Cllr Brading said Shanklin had now agreed to consider funding for Julian Wadsworth's youth activities. He had received four-year funding from the PCC. Cllr Brading reported on the first meeting of Bay chairmen – future ones would be held quarterly.

FROM THE FLOOR A member of the public asked if parish councillors felt under pressure to deal with things on tight timescales? Answer – No.

90/22-23

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 19, 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**.

91/22-23 To discuss a recommendation from the appointments panel regarding the recruitment of a new Clerk.

Confidential minute

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 21.36

NEXT MEETING Thursday 10 November 2022, 19.15 at Lake Methodist Church, Sandown Road

ACTIONS	Bay Place Plan	Clerk	Advise Chris Ashman of council's contribution
	Thearles Green	Cllr Whittaker	Advise Lee Jefferies of decision
	New Road Toilets	Cllrs Outlaw/Marshall	Arrange Ripples and Website
	War Memorial Jcn	Chairman	Continue to press Cllr Jordan for meeting
	Outdoor Gym	Council	Consider during budget making
	Clerk recruitment	Chairman	Offer post to Richard Priest and request draft of SLA.
	Concert in Methodist Church	Clerk	Arrange £60 donation