

LAKE PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr M. R. Taplin (Clerk)

From the floor A member of the public raised the state of the pavements after Wightfibre work and lack of follow up from Island Roads. Wightfibre were trying to avoid legal responsibility for damage they had caused. Another member of the public drew attention to the poor quality of tarmac used on re-instatement, with grass now coming through and damage caused by heavy rain. A concern was raised about the state of the road at Chelsfield Avenue. The Chairman offered to raise all issues with Island Roads.

92/22-23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr N Goodall, Cllr T. Outlaw, PCSO J. May

93/22-23 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS
None

94/22-23 UPDATE ON APPOINTMENT OF NEW CLERK
The Chairman advised that Mr Richard Priest had accepted the post of Clerk to Lake Parish Council. A Service Level Agreement was being proposed with Sandown Town Council, and a draft was given to Cllrs to review before formal discussion in December.

95/22-23 UPDATE ON NEW ROAD PUBLIC TOILETS PROCESS
The Chairman explained that it was necessary to resolve any conflict between the resolutions adopted in September and October, and he circulated a briefing note. It was requested that this be amended by deleting former Cllr Blezzard and substituting former Cllrs D. Hardy and White. It was **resolved**:

- (i) That subject to the results of public consultation, the toilets at New Rd be replaced with the reduced cost Danfo Unit;
- (ii) That Public Works Loan Board monies be secured to fund the project.
- (iii) A named vote was requested. In favour Cllrs Brading, Whittaker, Hardy, Evans, Young, Abbott, Hicks and Marshall, so passed unanimously.

96/22-23 TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13 OCTOBER 2022
It was **resolved** to approve the minutes as a true record, appended by the Paper covered in 95/22-23 and attached. No comments were made and these were signed by the Chairman.

- 97/22-23 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**
 IW Council (C. Ashman) had been advised that Lake Parish Council would take part in the Bay Place Plan (invoice awaited). Cllr Whittaker had arranged for Lee Jeffries to look after Thearle's Green. Ripples edition 56 carried the notice about consultation on New Rd toilets. The donation of £60 to Lake Methodist Church for concert refreshments had been completed.
- 98/22-23 UPDATE FROM SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS POLICING TEAM**
 PCSO May had submitted a report giving details of police work in Lake and this was welcomed by Members. Clerk to circulate to Members who did not recall seeing it. The Chairman advised Members of his contact with the new Sergeant responsible for the Bay. All agreed this was a step forward, and in future PCSO would attend one meeting/quarter, and report in this manner to all the others.
- 99/22-23 PLANNING APPLICATIONS: TO RESOLVE COMMENTS**
22/01742 2 Cliff path Realignment of tunnel leading to cliff face
Resolved To recommend in the strongest terms that the application be refused. The proposal will disturb an unstable cliff by tunnelling under a section of highway where cars have been banned for safety reasons. This is a holiday home and there is no reason for the proposed tunnel; the existing access to the cliff is secured behind a locked door.
22/01913 23 Sandown Rd Proposed ground floor extension
Resolved No objection
- 100/22-23 TO RESOLVE DATES OF MEETINGS IN 2023**
 The Clerk had circulated a list of dates and it was **resolved** this be agreed.
- 101/22-23 DISCUSSION ON CCTV FOR TOILETS FOLLOWING DECISION TO PURCHASE**
 It was **resolved** to protect the new Danfo unit in Lake Cliff Gardens as a first priority. Clerk to place the order for a 360° system and further check on transferability of equipment. Agreed unanimously.
- 102/22-23 TO NOTE THE GRATUITY TO BE PAID TO THE RETIRING CLERK IN ACCORDANCE WITH HMRC RULES, AND NOTE ANY PAY AWARD BACKDATED TO 1 APRIL 2022**
 The Clerk had circulated a paper showing the calculations which gave a retirement gratuity of £4529.36. This included the effect of the Local Government pay award backdated to 1 April 2022 which provided for an additional £1/hour.
- 103/22-23 TO RESOLVE THAT LLOYDS BANK LTD BE INSTRUCTED TO CLOSE THE GRATUITY ACCOUNT AND THAT THE FUNDS IT HOLDS BE TRANSFERRED TO THE TREASURER'S ACCOUNT TO ENABLE THE GRATUITY TO BE PAID TO THE RETIRING CLERK**
 So **resolved**.

104/22-23 TO RESOLVE ANY GRANT TO NATURAL ENTERPRISE IN RESPECT OF COPSE MEAD

The Chairman explained NE's plans to restore Copse Mead and it was **resolved** that the Chairman would give £500 from his allowance pot of £1000 to Gift to Nature to fund part of the work.

105/22-23 EVENTS COMMITTEE

Cllr Marshall confirmed arrangements for the Remembrance Sunday service (13 November). He would arrange for the Union flag to be flown from 11-13 November. He also confirmed details of the Lights of Love Carol service (12.00, 10 December) and was arranging refreshments for those attending. Cllr Whittaker would arrange for the Christmas tree lights to be positioned before Island Roads connected the power supply. Cllr Marshall drew attention to the Broadlea School lantern event on 13 December (15.00-18.00). He asked if the Council could give them £50 and attend the event this year. Council agreed to give £50 from the Youth budget, and Chairman was to confirm Councillors could attend the event and at what time.

106/22-23 RIPPLES

Issue 56 had been printed and distributed.

107/22-23 FINANCES – PAYMENTS PER REPORT

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

Cheque	Amount	Payee	Item
Transfer	£ 585.53	M. R. Taplin	Clerk's salary October
D/D	£ 146.40	HMRC	PAYE
Transfer	£ 231.06	Business Stream	Toilet water supply
Transfer	£ 60.00	Lake Methodist Church	Hall Hire
Transfer	£ 2 928.30	DANFO	Toilet cleaning Sept
Transfer	£ 273.06	Focus Plumbing	Toilet repairs
Transfer	£ 25.00	Mrs K Marshall	Ripples Honorarium
S/O	£ 30.00	Gratuity Fund	
Transfer	£ 178.00	T. Forbes	Ripples distribution
Transfer	£ 1 056.00	Biltmore Printers	Printing Ripples
Transfer	£ 156.00	Wight Computers	Domain name renewal
Transfer	£ 2 928.30	DANFO	Toilet cleaning Oct
Transfer	£ 120.16	John O'Connor	Grass cut Fairway Park
Transfer	£ 1 301.52	Ringway Island Roads	Dog Bin emptying

The bank balances and reconciliation were noted.

108/22-23 FINANCES – UPDATE ON YEAR TO DATE BUDGET POSITION

The Clerk circulated a budget report showing expenditure to date, and this was Noted.

109/22-23 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk reported correspondence received.

110/22-23 ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLORS

Nothing had been received from Cllr Outlaw.

Cllr Brading said that hedge cutting on the Cliff Path had not been completed properly and he was taking this up with the Isle of Wight Council. He had also reported dog bins not being emptied. He had also queried why Skew Bridge had

two-way traffic lights for 10 weeks to repair the wall, when very little appeared to be happening.

111/22-23 COUNCILLORS REPORTS – MATTERS NOT REQUIRING A RESOLUTION

Cllr Hardy raised some concerns about various displays on the website and Cllr Marshall said he was struggling to be able to achieve what he wanted with the site. New resources should be available from January, so hopefully the situation would improve.

Cllr Whittaker raised concerns about continued issues with flooding every time there was heavy rain.

Cllr Brading thanked Cllr Whittaker for representing him at the Warm Spaces meeting. He was pleased to say that Julian Wadsworth had his project funding extending for another four years. The Chairman advised councillors that he was giving £500 from his allowance to Sandown & lake Youth Football Club, to fund their end of year trophies.

FROM THE FLOOR A member of the public asked about monitoring of CCTV. This would be sent over the internet to Danfo, There was a complaint about grass cuttings from the Rugby Club being strewn across the pavements. Another member of the public said the gates at the former Sandham Middle school had been left open. He also asked if the wooden stakes on the Fairway verges could be removed; many were broken.

A third member of the public expressed his support for the campaign to improve road safety at the War Memorial/Fairway junction.

The Chairman would follow all queries through.

NEXT MEETING Thursday 15 December 2022, 19.15 at Lake Methodist Church, Sandown Road

ACTIONS		
Draft SLA	All	Approve at next meeting
2 Cliff Path	Clerk	Submit objection
Bank Accounts	Clerk	Close Gratuity account
Thearles Green	Cllr Whittaker	Decorate the Christmas tree
Copse Mead	Clerk	Arrange donation of £500 to Natural England
Broadlea School	Clerk	Arrange grant of £50 for Lantern Festival
S&L Youth FC	Clerk	Arrange grant of £500 for trophies
Budget	Clerk	Circulate 2023/4 draft prediction
War Memorial Jncn	Chairman	Continue to press Cllr Jordan for meeting
Outdoor Gym	Council	Consider during budget making