

LAKE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 15 DECEMBER 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 P. Evans, Cllr A. Whittaker,
IN ATTENDANCE: Mr M. R. Taplin (Clerk) Mr R Priest (Clerk from 1.1.2023)

From the floor The Chairman welcomed residents to the last meeting of the year, and thanked John and Kaye Marshall for providing refreshments. Cllr Brading and members thanked Mr Taplin, the outgoing Clerk, for over 13 years of service, and 37 in local government, and presented a gift on behalf of the Parish Council, and a bouquet to Mrs Taplin.

112/22-23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr B. Young

113/22-23 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS
None

114/22-23 UPDATE
The Chairman advised that Mr Richard Priest had accepted the post of Clerk to Lake Parish Council. A Service Level Agreement was being developed with Sandown Town Council, and members could discuss in private session.

115/22-23 TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10 NOVEMBER 2022
It was **resolved** to approve the minutes as a true record, appended by the Paper covered in 115/22-23 and attached. No comments were made and these were signed by the Chairman.

116/22-23 UPDATE FROM SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS POLICING TEAM
PCSO May had submitted a written report, which had been circulated to all members and members welcomed the information contained within it.

117/22-23 REVIEW NEW ROAD TOILETS AND AGREE WAY

Members thanks Cllr Outlaw for wording for consultation, and for Cllr Marshall including in the Ripples, with 25 online responses and 3 manual, some received after a resident circulated a one sided document. Cllr Outlaw noted the responses were in line with previous years and residents supported the continued provision of public toilets, and that those toilets should be best possible provision within the resources. Members noted the cost of vandalism, increased utilities, and the potential income. Members discussed the potential costs of a Public Works Board Loan, and repayments would need budgeting for and including in the 2023 precept. Members noted that single units would reduce possibility of vandalism and that the process that had been followed supported taking forward the reprovision of New Road Toilets.

Cllr Brading proposed and Cllr Outlaw seconded the motion to proceed with the purchase of new toilets, from the contractors, at New Road, including revised demolition costs, and members unanimously resolved to secure a PWLB loan to take forward the re-provision in line with the consultation.

Members unanimously agreed to contact the PWLB to confirm the duration of the loan, likely to be £200k over 25 years, and to include CCTV. Cllr Brading proposed and Cllr Marshall seconded, with members unanimously resolving to secure a PWLB and make provision in the 2023 Budget, with increase in precept to repay the loan.

118/22-23 PLANNING APPLICATIONS: TO RESOLVE COMMENTS

There were no current applications, but the Chair updated members on national press coverage of the proposed viewing point on the Cliff Path, with further concerns being expressed by local residents, which had been forwarded to the planning authority. Members expressed their continued concern

119/22-23 TO RESOLVE DATES OF MEETINGS IN 2023

The Clerk had circulated a list of dates and it was **resolved** to amend the February meeting date to Thursday 16 February 2023, and would contact the Hall hirers accordingly. Members also agreed to arrange an informal budget briefing at Sandown Broadway Centre early in 2023.

120/22-23 DISCUSSION ON CCTV FOR TOILETS FOLLOWING DECISION TO PURCHASE

It was unanimously agreed to include costings in PWBL process and informal briefing regarding budget going forward.

121/22-23 EVENTS COMMITTEE

Members thanked Cllr Marshall for his work organising the Remembrance Service, as well as for involvement in the lantern project at Broadlea school. Members appreciated the profile provided for Lake and the outline of projects, including Coronation in 2023, for the future.

122/22-23 RIPPLES

The recent issue included consultation on proposal for New Road toilets, as well as receipt of new articles, the Chair thanked Mrs Marshall for work pulling together the publication, and for securing new advertisers and recognised the price challenges of 2023.

123/22-23 FINANCES – PAYMENTS PER REPORT

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

Cheque	Amount	Payee	Item
Transfer	£276.00	Brighstone Landscaping	Planting War Mem
Transfer	£ 50.00	Broadlea School	Lantern Festival
Transfer	£842.07	M R Taplin	Nov Salary & Backpay
D?D	£146.40	HMRC	PAYE
Transfer	£500.00	Natural Enterprise	Copse Mead Grant
Transfer	£1078.53	Business Stream	Water Supply Toilets
Transfer	£ 40.00	Mrs K Marshall	Remembrance Exp
Transfer	£4529.36	M R Taplin	Retirement Grat
Transfer	£ 125.00	M R Taplin	Clerk's Office

Transfer	£ 235.91	SSE	Electricity Supply
Transfer	£617.46	M R Taplin	December Salary
D/D	£ 154.60	HMRC	PAYE
Transfer	£ 100.00	White Diamonds	Grant Carol Service
Transfer	£ 500.00	Sandown & Lake FC	Trophy (Chair/Grant)
Transfer	£ 28.80	M R Taplin	Clerk's Mileage
Income			
Transfer	£4743.70	Closure of Gratuity account	
Transfer	£32,000.00	Transfer from deposit account	
Sparkes	£10.00	Ripples advertising	
A Victor	£168.00	Ripples advertising	
K R White	£178.00	Ripples advertising	
Choice Carpets	£264.00	Ripples advertising	
William Hall	£168.00	Ripples advertising	
Building design	£120.00	Ripples advertising	
Co-op	£168.00	Ripples advertising	
J A Dempsey	£168.00	Ripples advertising	

The bank balances and reconciliation were noted.

124/22-23 FINANCES – UPDATE ON YEAR TO DATE BUDGET POSITION

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

125/22-23 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk reported correspondence received, including details from Naturezones, and increase in membership fee for IW Sports Foundation.

125/22-23 ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLORS

Cllr Outlaw updated members on parking issues on Fairmead Close impacting on rubbish collections, and Scrutiny Committee concerns about implications of the costs of keeping Chillerton and Rookley School open, with only 9 pupils attending.

Cllr Brading updated members literacy project that would involve Broadlea school, and an ongoing issue in James Avenue, with appropriate agencies being contacted.

126/22-23 COUNCILLORS REPORTS – MATTERS NOT REQUIRING A RESOLUTION

Cllr Marshall noted need to be accessible as possible, including young people with Asperger's, and also that the New Road Toilets project would benefit from the lessons learnt at Lake Cliff Gardens.

Cllr Hardy noted commissioning issues at Lake Cliff Gardens, and the Clerk would contact contractors.

Cllr Whittaker highlighted potential subway project at Heath Gardens, with Men in Sheds, the Lanterns event at Broadlea, possible issues with land near to Sandown Golf Course, successful events at Thearle's Green, launch of Warm Space, the youth project with Julian Wadsworth, and the progress of Bay Chairs/deputy chairs meetings and future Place Plan Project.

NEXT MEETING Thursday 12 January 2023, 19.15 at Lake Methodist Church, Sandown Road

127/22-23 Members unanimously agreed to pass a resolution under Section 100(A)(4) of the LGA 1972, to exclude the Press and Public from the meeting, on the grounds that the following items of business is likely to disclose exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 and 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, and that the Public Interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

127/22-23 Members discussed future back office working arrangements with Sandown Town Council, with Richard Priest the named clerk and RFO, and Cllrs Brading and Hardy would have informal meeting to discuss practical arrangements. Arrangements were in place to organise transfer of files and other items. Members agreed to monitor the arrangements, which would include an informal budget briefing in January, at the Broadway Centre, provisionally agreed for 9am on Tuesday 17 January 2023.

128/22-23 Members agreed that Richard Priest would be the named clerk and RFO.

Meeting closed 21.40