

LAKE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2023 AT LAKE METHODIST CHURCH AT 19.15

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr R Priest (Clerk), & 3 members of the public.

From the floor The Chairman welcomed residents to the meeting of the year, and there were no questions. The Chairman noted that he had been contacted by residents on budget and other issues which would be dealt with under reports.

145/22-23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllrs M Abbott, P Evans, & T Outlaw.

146/22-23 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS
None

147/22-23 UPDATE
The Chairman updated members on concerns about the planning approval for the viewpoint on Lake Cliff, and that with Cllr Outlaw, he had asked Planning Officers to confirm that they were satisfied with the structural engineering reports and that there was no risk of damage to the cliff resulting from the works being undertaken. Cllr Marshall asked Clerk for details for the Ripples and clerk would forward.

148/22-23 TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 12 JANUARY 2023
It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of 12 January 2023 as a true record. No comments were made, but members were reminded that the minutes were a record of decisions and not a verbatim account of the meeting, and these were signed by the Chair.

149/22-23 UPDATE FROM SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS POLICING TEAM
The Clerk had received the monthly report from PCSO May, and had circulated to all members. The Chair welcomed the report and noted priorities, and highlighted need to include response to damage at New Road Toilets.

150/22-23 REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF REVETMENT TOILETS
The Chair thanked members and the clerk for work to try and resolve the issues at the Revetment Toilets, subsequent to cliff falls and the failure of the 30 year old pump. The Clerk reported that the contractors were trying to repair or source a replacement pump, with one supplier in the USA, and there were limited options in the UK. The Clerk would circulate details as soon as received, and would also secure a quote to empty the cess pit as interim alleviation. Signage could be put in place to discourage dog bags being left.

151/22-23 DISCUSS BUDGET PROVISION FOR REVETMENT
The Chair highlighted the potential costs of new facilities, and this would be a part of place plan discussions, recognising there is no provision in budget.

152/22-23 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were no current applications, but the Chair updated members on the application for Bluebells Café near Littlestairs, as well as ongoing issues re the tunnel leading to the cliff face and recent cliff falls.

153/22-23 EVENTS COMMITTEE

Cllr Marshall noted there hadn't been a recent meeting, but was mindful of need to plan for forthcoming Coronation, and involvement in the Private Commemoration planned for Friday 17 February 2023, 80 years since bombing raids of 1943.

154/22-23 RIPPLES

Members thanked Cllr Marshall and Mrs Marshall, and noted that submissions needed to be in for the weekend, with the Chair reminding members of the process and that Mrs Marshall is independent editor of the publication, and also new advertisers helping with costs.

155/22-23 FINANCES

The Chair thanked members for contributing to the recent budget briefing, with members more involved in the budget setting process, also thanking Jenn at Sandown for providing comprehensive briefing paper. Members thanked Cllr Hardy for continuing payments, and updating members on finances, until Clerk/RFO had on-line banking in place.

156/22-23 RISK REGISTER

Members welcomed the new format, and discussed level of risk on items on the list, unanimously agreeing the Register and to review in 6 to 12 months.

157/22-23 FINANCES – BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2023/24

A/ The Chair outlined the process behind the proposed increase, as well as the financial pressures being felt by residents and families. Members noted that there had been no increase in recent years but with Toilets being a significant cost pressure and residents wanting improved facilities, as well as need to invest in youth provision and have a strong and equal voice in the development of the Bay Place Plan. Members discussed the removal of provision for hanging baskets, and the watering contract, and would review for 2024/25 budget. Members agreed for a named vote;

Recommendation for 2023/24 Budget of £287,731 and precept of £166,262

In Favour: Cllr Brading, Cllr Whittaker, Cllr Hardy, Cllr Young, Cllr Marshall & Cllr Goodall (6)

Against: Cllr Hicks (1)

Abstentions: None

B/ The Chair outlined the process, and the IWC requirement to have details before the end of the month, with the Band D household precept determined by the notified Tax Base. Members noted the proposed increased equated to 90p per week, £3.89 a month or £46.71 per annum.

Recommendation for Precept of £98.5 for Band D Property in 2023/24

In Favour: Cllr Brading, Cllr Whittaker, Cllr Hardy, Cllr Young, Cllr Marshall & Cllr Goodall (6)
Against: Cllr Hicks (1)
Abstentions: None

158/22-23 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk had previously circulated his report and members appreciated new format. Members indicated that the Defib at Tesco's should be on the Asset Register, and costs of new pads included in the future. Members noted that the budget provided for Councillor email addresses from April 2023, members noted frequency of IWC maintenance of Thurles Green, and the recent damage to New Road Toilets, agreeing not to incur repair costs because of planned replacement. Ladies to be unisex subject to report at March's meeting.

159/22-23 ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLORS

Cllr Brading updated on delayed court case re planning issue at land near Morrisons, the response from Island Roads regarding recent cliff falls and removal of 170 tonnes of earth. Cllr Brading that, with Cllr Outlaw, concerns had been raised regarding traffic arrangements for Lake Hill with SWR not putting bollards on the Fairway and subsequent traffic issues. Resident concerns regarding fencing at the Rugby Club had been responded to, and involvement in appointment of Place Plan Consultant was in hand.

160/22-23 COUNCILLORS REPORTS – MATTERS NOT REQUIRING A RESOLUTION

Cllr Brading thanked Cllr Whittaker for work during his break, and for arrangements for the Police Briefing, initial arrangements for May visit of PCC, resident concerns over Manor Road playpark and will discuss with IWC Officers, support of Lake and Sandown FC and site visits with the FA. Cllr Hicks noted involvement with Bay Revetment working Party with any proposals going to the Council including Rumble Strips and signage, the hedge being cut on Lake Hill, and ongoing issues at Tesco Junction during roadworks. Cllr Young raised issues of Potholes reported to Island Roads at Denness Road. Cllr Marshall raised concerns over noise from generators at Spithead Estate and would report accordingly. There was discussion regarding Dark Skies and that youth had produced a film noting need for lighting in vulnerable areas like Battery Gdns.

Residents raised need for improvements to Tesco's Junction and may set up resident's campaign. Members also noted that a survey had placed IW 11th nationally regarding condition of roads.

NEXT MEETING Thursday 9 March 2023, 19.15 at Lake Methodist Church, Sandown Road

Meeting closed 21.15