

## LAKE PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 9 MARCH 2023 AT LAKE METHODIST CHURCH AT 19.15

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr R Priest (Clerk), & 2 members of the public.

**From the floor** The Chairman welcomed residents to the meeting of the year, and questions were asked about Browns Golf in Sandown, the possibility of live music at Lake Cliff Gardens, or other locations in Sandown such as Thurles Green and Fairway Park. The Chair provided clarified ownership issues and the need for organisers to have events licences and appropriate insurances.

**161/22-23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Cllrs M Abbott

**162/22-23 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS**  
None

**163/22-23 UPDATE**

The Chairman updated on recent social media comments and reminded members of need to follow council policies and procedures when making comments, the recent statements regarding the Scallywags provision at Broadlea and inaccurate press coverage, Cllr Brading outlined the significant capital investment secured by the school and the arrangements made to accommodate the needs of the nursery, with the contractors needing full access when the school was closed, for example in the Summer Holidays.

**164/22-23 CONFIRM MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 16 FEBRUARY 2023**  
It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of 16 February 2023 as a true record. Cllr Marshall noted improvements to website and 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.

**165/22-23 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 included Battery Gardens with an issue regarding the lighting in the area, the arrival of E-bikes for patrols, and greater visible police presence.

**166/22-23 BAY PLACE PLAN PROCESS**

The Chair noted Lake's contribution to the Lake, Sandown and Shanklin initiative, the commissioning process of a consultant, and IWC was finalising costs with further details being circulated once consultants had been appointed, with a meeting of all Bay Councillors arranged when arrangements are in place. It was expected the consultation process would take in the order of 12 weeks, and the current bay chairs would remain on the panel for continuity.

**167/22-23 DISCUSS REPAIR OF REVETMENT TOILETS**

Members noted the current situation at the Revetment Toilets, with the recent cost of emptying the tanks over £250, which has not been budgeted for. The Clerk would arrange for a briefing with FW Marshes at the Broadway Centre, as soon as possible, to enable members to make an informed decision. Members noted the issue of the pump, involving Southern Water and IW Council, keeping neighbouring properties and businesses aware of the outcome, and that maceration was a factor that needed costing into any solution. Cllrs Marshall, Hiicks, Whittaker and Outlaw raised technical questions that would need addressing by the contractors, and members also discussed portaloos as temporary option, with costs an issue. Members also noted the current situation at New Road, with Cllr Marshall volunteering to complete temporary repairs to enable reopening prior to longer term replacement.

**168/22-23 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

There were no concerns regarding current application.

**169/22-23 EVENTS COMMITTEE**

Cllr Marshall proposed planting a cherry tree with plaque at Thurles Green for the Coronation, on Monday 8 May, within £500 budget, with details to follow; with the clerk submitting a grant application and noting there was considerable demand for lottery funding for events.

**170/22-23 RIPPLES**

Members thanked Cllr Marshall and Mrs Marshall, for current edition, and that Mrs Marshall had popped into Broadway Centre to resolve some invoicing issues, and **members unanimously confirmed honorarium arrangements and the chair signed authorisation.**

**171/22-23 FINANCES**

The Chair thanked Cllr Hardy for circulating details of the finances, following meeting with the RFO, and **members unanimously agreed that the Clerk/RFO would appoint internal auditor, in discussion with the Chair.** Members also noted recent correspondence on the asset register and would contribute to update of register for insurance purposes and AGAR, with longer term update to be undertaken by the Clerk/RFO in the Summer. **Members unanimously agreed that the Defib amenity at Tesco's should be on the Register with maintenance budgeted for.**

**172/22-23 FINANCES – BUDGET UPDATE**

Members noted ongoing delay in Clerk/RFO having online access to bank, which caused timing delays in banking reconciliations, but regular meetings with Clerk/RFO helped overcome problems. Members noted the report of the clerk regarding grounds maintenance and **unanimously agreed to remove the 'Temporary Playing Field' from the locations covered** and to review arrangements for Thurles Green when IWC provide more information.

**173/22-23 CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk had previously circulated the report, and members welcomed action taken on removing the graffiti on the revetment, and ongoing briefings from the Police, and planned briefings for regeneration and Revetment Toilets.

**174/22-23 ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLORS**

Cllr Outlaw updated members on Fairmead Close and resolution of traffic issues; with Cllr Brading, concerns over traffic during the repairs to the Rail Bridge and the introduction of improved arrangements for roads with junctions with Lake Hill. Cllr Brading highlighted attendance at recent youth film event, and ongoing work with Julian Wadsworth and a Bay meeting would be arranged later in the year.

**175/22-23 COUNCILLORS REPORTS – MATTERS NOT REQUIRING A RESOLUTION**

Cllr Hicks noted attendance at Environmental & Sustainability meetings, a concern about the hedge on Lake Hill, that Co-Op Green memorials was maintained by the Co-Op. Cllr Whittaker reported on correspondence with IW Cllr Jordan and would attend a site meeting, at the Tesco/Fairway Junction, with Cllr Brading to continue to ask for a traffic resolution to be prioritised.

**NEXT MEETING**

Thursday 20 April 2023, 19.15 at Lake Methodist Church, Sandown Road, with Annual Parish Meeting before Parish Council meeting.

**Public Forum**

Local resident reiterated the questions from the start of the meeting for the benefit of councillors not present at the time, and Cllr Brading reiterated his response.

**Meeting closed 20.45**