



LAKE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – 8 JUNE 2023

Minutes of the Meeting of Lake Parish Council held on THURSDAY, 8 JUNE 2023 at Lake Methodist Church at 19.15

PRESENT:

Cllr Paul Brading, Chairman, Cllrs Michelle Abbott, Pauline Evans, Naomi Goodall, Susan Hardy, Jenny Hicks, John Marshall, Adrian Whittaker, Bette Young.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr Richard Priest (Clerk)

13/23-24 From the floor

There were 12 members of the public present, with 2 residents asking for an update on the situation regarding the revetment toilets, and Cllr Brading noted inaccurate information on Social Media and clarified that Cllr Whittaker and the Parish Council had contacted and met with contractors to try and resolve the situation, and the issues included absence of 3-phase power supply, the equipment being almost 30 years and not properly maintained when IW Council closed the amenity, before Lake PC started to maintain the site, and that recent cliff-falls and inappropriate waste contributed to the closure. Portaloo's were considered and were not appropriate at that location, and the prioritisation of New Road Toilets reflected the level of vandalism and usage experienced.

14/23-24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr T Outlaw

15/23-24 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS

Declarations of interest were as previously registered and recorded.

16/23-24 CONFIRM MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 11 MAY 2023

It was unanimously **resolved** to approve the minutes of 11 May 2023 as a true and accurate record of the meeting, and the Chair signed them accordingly.

17/23-24 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT REQUIRING A RESOLUTION

Members noted initial pot-hole repair work in Denness Road and thanked Cllr Brading for following up. The Chair noted discussions and correspondence with Cllr Outlaw, regarding attendance at meetings, and members noted Cllr Outlaw had attended events in the Parish as a Councillor and his report was welcome. Members noted coronation fund virement.

18/23-24 UPDATE FROM SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS POLICING TEAM

The Clerk circulated copies of the report from PCSO May, and members appreciated the details in the Report and would include in the Ripples publication, and the Chair welcomed volunteers for the beat patrol and would firm up a date as soon as possible.

19/23-24 FINANCES

- a) To approve the Payments and Receipts lists as presented for May 2023.

The Chairman proposed and Cllr Whittaker seconded, with members unanimously proving the payments and receipts list as presented.

- b) To receive and note the verified bank reconciliations for May 2023

Members unanimously agreed and noted the bank reconciliation for May 2023 and the Chair signed accordingly.

- c) To receive and note the expenditure against budget through May 2023

Members noted the Report and thanked the RFO for the detail and ensuring the Parish Council are financially responsible given the cost pressures faced.

- d) Update on New Road Toilets.

The Clerk noted that Loan documents were being prepared and the timing of submission, and calling down of loan would be considered in context of the Parish Council's decision on the Revetment Toilets. Members thanked the Clerk and RFO for work preparing documents and way forward.

- e) To consider way forward with Revetment Working Party recommendations.

Members noted the recent presentation, and unanimously agreed to confirm to the IWC that the preferred way forward would be to progress option 1, contribution of £694.57, and to advise Shanklin and Sandown Councils accordingly.

- f) To discuss issues regarding Revetment Toilets and receive quotes.

The Chair thanked Cllr Whittaker for work on securing options. Members noted the background to the issue, the engineering issues with the head, the absence of 3 phase power supply, and that a mainland contractor had put forward an interim option. Members unanimously agreed that:

- I. Clerk to contact contractor to firm up proposal for a generator and hired pump solution for 17 July to 2 September;
- II. Clerk to advise maintenance providers accordingly;
- III. The Clerk was also asked to contact existing contractors, who had provided briefing in the spring, with wish to take forward procurement of replacement pump and servicing of equipment, recognising delay in supply chain, subject to clarification of outcome and effectiveness of solution;
- IV. Members also agreed to ask the RFO to make annual budgetary provision, over 5 or so years, for more permanent solution;

- V. Clerk and RFO was asked to phase Loan and other savings to take forward the options agreed, and bring back to July meeting; and
- VI. Members noted this was a major time commitment and would be part of SLA contract discussion in July.

20/23-24 PLANNING APPLICATIONS: TO RESOLVE COMMENTS ON APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

The Chair updated members on proposals for the land adjacent to the Rail Bridge on Lake Hill, and that it was in line with previous applications on the site, and that responses were noted.

21/23-24 EVENTS COMMITTEE

Cllr Marshall updated members on the Coronation event with final invoices settled, and noted £100 vired from Remembrance Day budget line.

22/23-24 RIPPLES and Reports

The Chair thanked Mrs Marshall for work on Ripples and new Advertisers secured and work on next Ripples started ahead of 14 June date.

a) The Clerk

Members noted the Report circulated by the clerk and noted contract negotiations regarding servicing and maintenance of Toilets freeing up resources for Revetment; members also agreed to revise commissioning of services arrangements for the Bay Place Plan Consultation and pay invoice accordingly, given VAT advice received; and that Clerk would look for key to flagpole.

b) Isle of Wight Councillors

Members unanimously thanked Cllr Outlaw for his written report and looked forward to verbal report in July. Cllr Brading updated members on reporting of damage to the Fairway and Perowne Way following the roadworks linked to repairs on Lake Rail Bridge. Cllr Brading also noted there were no planned works on the Iron Bridge at Morton Brook, and he was monitoring situation given social media comments. Cllr Brading also noted incident with Community Safety Officers and not at schools at the moment, and that he had been contacted regarding removal of grave stones from plot in cemetery.

23/23-24 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Brading updated members on Bay Place Plan arrangements and suggested contacts list, including local schools, had been circulated; and he was attending Football Club presentation evening; Cllr Whittaker noted his attendance at Junior presentation evening; Cllr Hicks reported on attendance at Charity Football Match at Fairway Park, and concerns about Memorial planting, with conversation with local Co-Op planned, and uneven paving slabs to be reported; other signage planned to inform residents of current closure of Revetment Toilets; and Cllr Marshall asked about keys to Flagpole, which Clerk would follow up.

24/23-24 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A resident suggested members considered closure of Revetment toilets over winter months to help save costs or consideration of a sewerage pipe along the revetment, but appreciated work of Parish Council to resolve issues at Revetment; another resident commented on arrangements for the Bay Place Plan. The Chair thanked residents for attending the meeting and their contribution to the discussion and welcomed them to future meetings.

25/23-24 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

Members unanimously agreed to exclude the public and press under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 and Local Government Act 1972.

Members also unanimously agreed to extend the meeting by 30 minutes.

26/23-24 CONFIDENTIAL MINUTE

Members unanimously agreed the re-negotiated contract with Toilet maintenance and servicing provider, securing savings to help support funding of revetment summer project. Members thanked the RFO for work to identify resource to deliver project if achievable.

27/23-24 NEXT MEETING

Thursday 13 July 2023, 19.15 at Lake Methodist Church, Sandown Road.

Meeting closed 21:40