



LAKE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – 13 JULY 2023

Minutes of the Meeting of Lake Parish Council held on
THURSDAY, 13 JULY 2023 at Lake Methodist Church at 19.15

PRESENT: Cllr Paul Brading, Chairman
Cllrs Michelle Abbott, Naomi Goodall, Jenny Hicks, John Marshall,
Tig Outlaw, Adrian Whittaker, Bette Young

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Richard Priest (Clerk) Raine Elliss (Admin Officer)

From the floor There were 5 members of the public present. No questions were asked during the Public Forum.

26/23-24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Pauline Evans and Sue Hardy.

27/23-24 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS

Declarations of interest were as previously registered and recorded.

28/23-24 CONFIRM MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 8 JUNE 2023

It was unanimously **resolved** to approve the minutes of 8 June 2023 as a true and accurate record of the meeting, and the Chair signed them accordingly.

29/23-24 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT REQUIRING A RESOLUTION

Members noted that Cllr Whittaker had contacted the Co-op regarding watering of water memorial plants, and the Chair had tried to get in contact with Morrisons regarding donation of plants for the Memorial. Cllr Brading thanked Cllr Hicks for weeding the Memorial.

30/23-24 UPDATE FROM SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS POLICING TEAM

PCSO May updated members on recent issues in the Parish, including 1 anti-social behaviour incident, 1 incident of fraud, 2 drug offences, 2 assaults, with 3 arrests on a further fraud issue. The Police had also been contacted regarding an issue with planters at a railway station. Members discussed possible locations for speed cameras following complaints in New Road, Merrie Gardens and Berry Hill; and PCSO May detailed incidents of items being thrown off cliff tops and endangering those on Revetment.

31/23-24 FINANCES

1. To approve the Payments and Receipts lists as presented for June 2023.

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

2. To receive and note the verified bank reconciliations for June 2023.

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

3. To receive and note the expenditure against budget through June 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.

Clarification was sought regarding payments made for the Coronation event, details of which would be circulated before the next meeting. A request for more details on financial reports would be included in review of SLA with Sandown in due course.

Members also confirmed payment for youth project in the Parish following circulation of youth worker report.

4. New Road Toilets

Members discussed the PWLB application. It was noted that the council could be confident in the accounts prior to submitting the application following completion of the Internal Audit Process.

Members agreed to submit the application to IWALC, who had already provided initial support, and once support received to submit an application to PWLB in accordance with the details previously supplied, with a timetable for works over the autumn and winter.

Motion to proceed with PWLB process for New Road Toilets approved, and to confirm with contractors accordingly.

For (7) Cllrs Abbott, Brading, Goodall, Marshall, Outlaw, Whittaker and Young.

Against (1) Cllr Hicks

Abstention (0)

5. Revetment Toilets and Working Party Recommendations

The Clerk outlined the correspondence regarding the Parish Councils efforts to reopen Revetment or Promenade Toilets for the Summer Season, with contact with Insurers, potential contractors and IW Council as Land Owners, with a range of issues regarding location of generator, potential blockage of access for emergency vehicles and other Health and Safety factors. The Clerk would continue to try and reconcile the

different issues highlighted by other agencies, and members recognised this may not be possible in the timescales.

Cllr Whittaker would try and get details of short term use Portaloos, and members noted that they had previously decided not to use Portaloos at this location due to the location, health & safety, insurance, cleaning and other issues.

Members also noted that there would be costs to any short term option, which would reduce the funding available to take forward the replacement of the Pump through a best value process. A short term solution may also impact on other initiatives such the loan for the New Road Toilets and taking forward the Bay Revetment working Party recommendations would also have cost and resource implications.

Cllr Marshall proposed having a further meeting in August to discuss the matter, and members noted if required a further meeting could be held but timescales, the financial situation and available of equipment were factors to be considered.

Cllr Brading thanked the Clerk for the time taken trying to take forward viable solutions, including contact with Isle of Wight Council who had visited the site.

32/23-24 PLANNING APPLICATIONS: TO RESOLVE COMMENTS ON APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

The Chair updated members on local planning issues.

33/23-24 EVENTS COMMITTEE

Cllr Marshall updated members on the Coronation event, with the next event planned for Remembrance Sunday.

34/23-24 RIPPLES and Reports

The Chair thanked Mrs Kaye Marshall for her work on Ripples and which had received positive feedback from Bay Place Plan Consultant. The payment cycles relating to the publication would be discussed when the SLA was reviewed, and the Clerk would contact the distributor.

Members noted the Clerks Report, and the need to take forward the review of the SLA given the additional demands being made on the back office, within the financial resource available, as was highlighted by the time taken providing information to residents exercising their public rights inspecting the accounts and other documents.

35/23-24 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Outlaw reported on the delegated decision at the site on Berry Hill and advised he would update members if and when more information was available. The opportunity was offered for a presentation regarding the

plans to be given at future Parish Council Meeting. Members also noted issues with waste bins, or non-provision of bins, at Battery Gardens.

Cllr Brading updated members on Bay Place Plan arrangements and ensuring Lake's voice was heard in the process. He had led a walk of the Parish with the Consultants, who highlighted the amount of Green Space in Lake, the high number of businesses and potential future projects, with the draft report likely early in the Autumn.

Members also noted the outcome of the IWC Speed Review; installation of a DDA compliant path at Mansion Path, enforcement issues at the Car Lot near Morrisons, and issues at Merrie Gardens Estate, and the Chairman's attendance at Football Awards event.

Cllr Hicks had attended The Isle of Wight Expo 2023 and would attend the forthcoming sustainability meeting; Cllr Young advised meeting rooms were available at the new facility next to New Road Toilets.

36/23-24 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A resident suggested members consider closure of Revetment toilets over winter months to help save costs and a sewerage pipe along the revetment, but appreciated the 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.

24/23-24 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.

24/23-24 MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE.

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

25/23-24 TOILET CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

Members noted that any proposal for the Revetment toilets would need to include provision for cleaning contractors to be re-engaged with costs to be provided for.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday 14 September 2023, 19.15 pm at Lake Methodist Church, Sandown Road.

Meeting closed 21:30