



LAKE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 12 OCTOBER 2023

Minutes of the Meeting of Lake Parish Council held on **THURSDAY, 12 October 2023** at **Lake Methodist Church** at **19.15pm**.

PRESENT: Cllr Paul Brading, Chairman
Cllrs Naomi Goodall, Sue Hardy, Jenny Hicks and Bette Young

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Richard Priest (Clerk)

There were seven members of the public present, and Mr Parkes asked a question about the War memorial which the Chair answered and thanked Cllr Hicks for work responding to vandalism, and another resident thanked the Chair for articles in Ripples and informing the community of its work, recognising the opportunity to do more with the help of the community.

54/23-24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Michelle Abbott, Pauline Evans, Sue Hardy, John Marshall and Tig Outlaw. The Chair and members asked the Clerk to contact Cllr Evans regarding attendance, and also noted that due to the circumstances the meeting wouldn't be recorded.

55/23-24 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS

Declarations of interest were as previously registered and recorded.

56/23-24 CONFIRM MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 14 SEPTEMBER 2023

It was unanimously **resolved** to approve the minutes of 14 September 2023 as a true and accurate record of the meeting, and the Chair signed them accordingly.

57/23-23 MATTERS FROM THE MINUTES NOT REQUIRING A RESOLUTION

Members noted that all items covered by the agenda and reports, and members noted that the AGAR was placed on the Parish Notice Board, and included the response from the External Auditor.

58/23-24 UPDATE FROM SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS POLICING TEAM

PCSO May had forwarded Report for circulation, would send to Ripples and members noted reduction in number of incidents in the Bay, and highlighted vandalism of cars in Currie Road, an inspection of Copse Mead, with trees cut back and benches painted in response to issues raised by residents, and a meeting with new Environmental Officer. PCSO May confirmed that arrangements for a Parish Walk would be taken forward when weather and officer resource allowed.

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59/23-24 FINANCES

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

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

b) To receive and note the verified bank reconciliations for September 2023.

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

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

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

The Clerk and RFO highlighted the cost pressures, especially unplanned spend proposed on Revetment Toilets, and need to phase payments for the remainder of the financial year. Members thanked clerks for securing £17,100.27 VAT payment.

d) Budget Process 2024/2025

Members discussed the Budget process for 24-25, and unanimously agreed that a briefing at 10am on Tuesday 28 November 2023, and this would replace the November meeting of the Parish Council, with the Clerk notifying all members accordingly. Members also discussed and agreed the Budget Consultation documentation that will be placed on Notice Board and other locations, including on website.

e) New Road PWLB Application

The Clerk outlined the correspondence with IWALC regarding the submission of the PWLB loan application, the clerk would update members.

60/23-24 NEW ROAD TOILETS CORRESPONDANCE

Members noted recent correspondence circulated by the Clerk, and Cllr Brading confirmed that he had guidance from the IWC Monitoring Officer regarding accessibility legislation and New Road Toilets, which confirmed the advice provided by the Clerk, who had also secured independent guidance with further guidance having significant financial costs and legal implications.

61/23-24 PLANNING APPLICATIONS: TO RESOLVE COMMENTS ON APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

The Chair updated members on local planning issues, and members noted information that had been circulated and did not wish to comment.

62/23-24 EVENTS COMMITTEE

Cllr Brading updated members on discussions with Cllr Marshall on Remembrance Sunday plans, and the Clerk would contact Guard of Honour accordingly, and the Chair would circulate details of Order of Service arrangements to all members; and Cllr Hicks would discuss with the Co-Op refreshments on the day.

63/23-24 RIPPLES

The Chair thanked Mrs Marshall for work on Ripples and positive feedback from Bay Place Plan Consultation, and noted the Budget Consultation survey would be included in the latest edition. Members also noted plans for Christmas Carol Concert.

64/23-24 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Brading and members noted correspondence circulated by Cllr Outlaw, including details of the planned surface works on the Fairway, also noting requests from IWC for funding towards Planning Enforcement to be covered in the Budget Briefing in November, which would be informed by the Public Consultation on Priorities.

The Chair reported on the Briefing on Sandham School Site, and plans for Berry Hill, and that a draft of the Bay Place Plan was being discussed by the steering group with a remote meeting planned later in the month. Cllr Brading also updated members on current situation at Broadlea School.

Cllr Hicks noted concerns about the gate on the newly installed crossing on the Railway, attendance at Sustainability Meeting, and Bin issue outside of Los Altos Park which would be reported to the appropriate agency, and Cllr Hicks would forward details of signage for the New Road Toilets until facility is replaced.

Cllr Hardy raised concerns about the start time of meetings, with resident comments, booking the church and other factors, and members unanimously agreed to bring the time forward to 7.00pm.

65/23-24 CLERKS REPORT

Members thanked the Clerk, Jenn and Raine for the actions taken and circulation of report, and the Chair noted the resources required to prepare Agenda, Papers and Minutes and this would form part of discussions on review of SLA.

66/23-24 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Cllr Brading proposed bring forward this item to enable confidential session and members unanimously resolved. A resident highlighted recent Best Places to visit success and how the community could contribute more to activities in Lake, and the Chair suggested submitting an article to the Ripples; Mr Parkes highlighted concerns at the junction outside of Tesco's, and possible noise issues at functions and events at Sandown Airport, and the Chair noted that the appropriate officers were aware of the situation and this would be considered in a future license, and that planning officers were dealing with issues near KFC, as well as aware of Island Forum.

67/23-24 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

Members resolved to exclude the public and press under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 and Local Government Act 1972. Cllr Goodall left meeting.

68/23-24 FINANCIAL MATTERS

Members noted update on procurement of revetment pump, and impact on Budget.

Cllrs also noted that a more comprehensive resolution regarding the Public Works Loan application for New Road was required and resolved that:

At the Lake Parish meeting of September 2023, it was RESOLVED to seek the approval of the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities to apply for a loan of £200,000 over the borrowing term of 10 years for the refurbishment of New Road Toilets with associated ground works and CCTV. The annual loan repayment are expected to be £23,931 per annum.

It is also intended to increase the council tax precept for the purpose of the loan repayments by 14.4% which is the equivalent to an additional £14.18 per year. This was subject to a precept increase consultation.

The Clerk circulated details of Member Absence from Council Meetings, and Members unanimously resolved that Cllr Marshall be given a dispensation from attendance from meetings for up to 6 months from 12 October 2023, and then this matter would be reviewed.

NEXT MEETING

The Meeting planned for November would now be cancelled and members unanimously agreed that due to resident comments on darker evenings, future meetings would start at 7.00pm, with the next meeting being at 7.00pm on Thursday 14 December 2023.

Meeting closed 21.15.