



## LAKE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 14 DECEMBER 2023

Minutes of the Meeting of Lake Parish Council held on **THURSDAY, 14 December 2023** at Lake Methodist Church at **19.15pm**.

**PRESENT:** Cllr Paul Brading, Chairman  
Cllrs Michelle Abbott, Pauline Evans, Naomi Goodall, Jenny Hicks,  
Sue Hardy, and Adrian Whittaker.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr Richard Priest (Clerk), Raine Elliss

### **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were two members of the public present. A resident asked a question regarding the fencing off of path to the beach, with the Chair clarifying the position; The matter had been reported to Island Roads and the Clerk had followed up on recent cliff falls. The resident also thanked the Parish Council for the success of the Remembrance Service despite the inclement weather.

### **69/23-24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllrs John Marshall, Tig Outlaw and Bette Young.

### **70/23-24 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS**

Declarations of interest were as previously registered and recorded.

### **71/23-24 CONFIRM MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 14 SEPTEMBER 2023**

Members corrected two typing errors and unanimously **resolved** to approve the minutes of 12 October 2023, as a true and accurate record of the meeting, and the Chair signed them accordingly.

### **72/23-24 MATTERS FROM THE MINUTES NOT REQUIRING A RESOLUTION**

Members noted that all items were covered by the agenda and reports. They also noted that Cllr Hicks had inspected the signs outside of New Road Toilets, and would further review the signage subsequent to the facility being re-opened after the attempted Arson, updating the signage if required.

### **73/23-24 UPDATE FROM SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS POLICING TEAM**

PCSO May had previously circulated a report to all members, and members thanked PCSO May for the comprehensive report welcoming the opportunity to participate in a beat walk when appropriate.

## **74/23-24 FINANCES**

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

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

- b) To approve the Payments and Receipts lists as presented for November 2023.

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

- c) To receive and note the verified bank reconciliations for October and November 2023.

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

- d) To receive and note the expenditure against budget through November 2023

Members unanimously agreed and noted the expenditure against budget through November 2023 and the Chair signed accordingly.

- e) 2024/2025 Budget Process and November briefing

Members considered the report which outlined the process for preparing the budget and considered on what basis they would like the draft budget prepared. Members discussed the paper, following the November 2023 briefing, and the following basis was agreed to help inform the February Budget Meeting:

- Inflation of 5% on relevant expenditure.
- 50% increase to energy costs, and noted there would be a reduction in New Road energy costs once new amenity was in place.
- General Reserves increased to 4 months.
- Capital Monies allocated for assets.
- Increased repair budget for the toilets
- £10,000 allocated for Place Plan/Parish Improvements, with Cllr Whittaker recommending a further £5,000 to enable consideration of work at New Road Grounds, replacement of weathered flags, decorative lighting repairs and other Parish improvements if appropriate in the future.
- £7,500 allocated for Youth provision.
- 50% of the toilet income and 100% of the Ripples advertising income would be included.
- The frequency of the Ripples may be reduced to 4 issues per year, subsequent to discussions, and Cllr Evans offered to help with future productions.
- Continue to contribute to maintaining the Isle of Wight Councils open spaces would continue.
- No provision would be made for hanging baskets.

f) New Road PWLB Application

Members were advised that the PWLB had been in contact with the Parish Council regarding the original consultation results, members noted that Cllr Marshall, and Cllr Outlaw, were involved in the original consultation and had helped compile the results.

**75/23-24 NEW ROAD TOILETS CORRESPONDENCE**

Members were advised that the application had been submitted for approval, with ongoing correspondence to clarify details, such as requirement for consultation background. Members also confirmed their wish for CCTV, and potential landscaping of site with seating, and other improvements.

**76/23-24 PLANNING APPLICATIONS: TO RESOLVE COMMENTS ON APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**

The Chair updated members on local planning issues, including media coverage in relation to the land behind KFC. The Chair thanked Cllr Whittaker for his work on this matter and also noted there was a further court case in 2024 which would decide on any penalty. Members also noted plans at the Porter Club, and that the new Premier Shop in Lake had caused some initial highways and parking issues that will need monitoring. Cllr Brading also noted there were ongoing traffic restrictions, when required, in relation to the development next to railway bridge on Lake Hill.

**77/23-24 EVENTS COMMITTEE**

Cllr Brading thanked Cllr Marshall for work on Remembrance Service, and members would need to make provision for loudspeaker system in 2024 and also review the time of the event recognising the availability of the Bugler and Vicar; Cllr Brading also thanked Councillors for help with the Christmas Tree Lights, following installation by Island Roads. It was noted members may wish to review arrangements in 2024, with a possible carol service at New Road.

**78/23-24 RIPPLES**

The Chair thanked Kaye Marshall for work on current publication, and members agreed to continue to monitor the frequency of issues in 2024. Cllr Evans also offered to help.

**69/23-24 ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLORS**

The Chair noted the circulation of emails from Cllr Outlaw, including issues with the road surface along the Fairway and the collapsed wall on the High Street, and Cllr Brading noted he had also contacted Island Roads regarding the collapsed wall and people walking in the Road. The Traffic Road Order proposals were on-line for residents and councilors to comment on, and Cllr Brading also expressed thanks for the post box top decorations and invited those responsible to a future meeting.

**70/23-24 COUNCILORS' REPORTS**

Cllr Hicks noted the recent traffic issue near to Tesco's that had been reported to the appropriate authorities, Cllr Hardy noted consideration of recording future meetings once Cllr Marshall was able to, and members would consider alternative arrangements for future meetings, with Cllr Whittaker noting background to arrangements and also issues at Merrie Gardens, and Cllr Hardy also offered to provide brief paper on accounts if required by members. The Chair also noted presentation of I-Pads at Broadlea

School, the forthcoming interviews for a new headteacher, welcoming new Vicar at Good Shepherd, Carol Concert at Christ Church on 20 December, and that the final draft of the Bay Place Plan should be circulated to all members, early in January to coincide with 4 hour Presentation at the Broadway Centre, and recognized that members across the Bay were frustrated by the document being embargoed until then.

#### **71/23-24 CLERKS REPORT**

The Clerk had previously circulated the report, and noted that if the Agenda's and papers were available on line and emailed directly, and members discussed the costs of hard copies, as well as environmental issues, and members would wish that Agenda's and key papers were available in hard copy, with this reflected in the 2024-25 Budget. The Clerk also noted work to re-open toilets on revetment, as well as reporting recent landslips, need for new bins, and update on Revetment Working Party proposed meeting in 2024, as well as presentation about speed limits at next meeting.

#### **72/23-24 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Local resident thanked the Chair for informative meeting and work to reopen toilets on revetment.

Meeting Closed 8.45pm