



LAKE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 11 JANUARY 2024

Minutes of the Meeting of Lake Parish Council held on **THURSDAY, 11 JANUARY 2024** at Lake Methodist Church at **19.00pm**.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Richard Priest (Clerk), Raine Elliss

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were 3 members of the public present. The Chair thanked residents for waiting until the end of the briefing from Island Roads and Isle of Wight Council before joining the meeting. A member of the public asked a question regarding events and the Chairman welcomed offers to run events at Lake Cliff Gardens and other locations.

73/23-24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs John Marshall, Tig Outlaw and Pauline Evans. The Chairman then read out a statement from Cllr Outlaw stating

"It is with sincere regret that I feel I must resign as a Parish Councilor for Lake. As you will know, Lake had been my home for 22 years. I loved living in Lake but at the end of September I moved to Fareham in Hampshire. Whilst I still work in Sandown most days, I must accept that I am unable to commit to attending any Lake Parish meetings. I therefore ask you to accept my resignation. It has been a pleasure working with you on Lake Parish Council, I know you are all committed to the community, and I believe it is in good hands."

74/23-24 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS

Declarations of interest were as previously registered and recorded.

75/23-24 CONFIRM MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 14 DECEMBER 2023

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

76/23-24 MATTERS FROM THE MINUTES NOT REQUIRING A RESOLUTION

Members noted that all items were covered by the agenda and reports. They also noted recent launch of Bay Place Plan which would be covered in reports.

77/23-24 UPDATE FROM SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS POLICING TEAM

Police Community Support Officer Jackie May updated members on recent incidents of anti-social behavior; two incidents of criminal damage and two cases of shoplifting. Monitoring of New Road toilets continued following Parish Council reports of attempted arson and ongoing damage. Members also noted issues with pavement parking following new shop near traffic lights.

PCSO May apologised that PC Kerry Tricky was unable to attend, confirming attendance at a future meeting. Members thanked PCSO May for the update, monitoring and actions taken and ongoing patrols in the Parish.

78/23-24 FINANCES

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

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

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

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

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

The expenditure against budget through December 2023 was noted, and members commented on the savings of reduced grounds maintenance, as well as additional income management of the reserves.

d) Risk Register 2024

The Clerk presented an updated Risk Register for consideration, highlighting key points and areas of improvement including the RAG rating of items; and noted that other documents, including financial regulations, would be reviewed and updated in due course, recognising workload pressures and project prioritisation.

Council unanimously resolved to adopt the register.

e) Public Works Loan Board Update

Members were advised the Department of Leveling Up had been emailed on 5 January 2024 for an update. Subsequently the Clerk had circulated confirmation of the approval, and a briefing paper, including timescales for draw down and arrangements for installation. Members will discuss the New Road project further at a briefing session to be arranged for March 2024. Cllr Brading and Cllr Hardy thanked Jennifer for her work securing the Loan and ensuring the accounts were produced in a timely and detailed format.

79/23-24 PLANNING APPLICATIONS: TO RESOLVE COMMENTS ON APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

The Chair updated members of applications that had been circulated, and the progress of the houses next to the Railway Bridge on Lake Hill.

80/23-24 EVENTS COMMITTEE

Members noted that Cllr Marshall had resigned from the events working party due to health issues. Members thanked him for his work on projects and hoped that he would be able to rejoin the committee in the future. Cllr Brading had worked with colleagues to ensure wreaths at Memorial were secure and would continue to monitor.

81/23-24 RIPPLES

Members noted that Mrs. Marshall was not able to continue editing the Ripples and members thanked her for work on the Ripples. The Chairman noted that Cllr Evans had offered to take on the running of the magazine, and would review frequency and advertising and bring a proposal to the Council, after discussion with Mrs. Marshall, and other stakeholders.

69/23-24 CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk circulated his report. The Chairman noted the need for SLA meeting with Sandown colleagues and this meeting would include an increase in costs following the National Pay Award for 2023/2024. The forthcoming budget also needed to include an increase the Parish Improvement provision.

Members agreed future meeting dates for 2024. Meetings would be held on 8 February, 11 April, 9 May (including Parish Meeting), 11 July, 12 September, 10 October, and 12 December. An informal briefing would be held in March, an events Working Party on 13 June, and an informal budget briefing on 14 November.

70/23-24 ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLORS

Cllr Brading reported on the closure of Lake Slipway, following a small cliff fall, and advised that the path was due to be re-opened. Concerns had also been raised that a barrier had been thrown over the cliff. Cllr Brading also noted the efforts that he, and Cllr Outlaw, had made to ensure the footpath opposite New Road toilets could be re-opened as soon as possible. An update on the planned telecoms mast at the Rugby Field was also provided, as well as the use of the field by the Air Ambulance. Members also noted the recent court case on land adjacent to Premier Hotel and recent flooding concerns.

71/23-24 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Hicks raised concerns about timings at the crossing on Sandown Road near to the junction with Cemetery Road, and had reported the issue to Island Roads and Fix My Street. Cllr Young noted work on the Memorial and increasing parking issues in Denness Road. Cllr Hardy thanked colleagues for work at Memorial. Cllr Whittaker noted the recent Bay Place Event, thanking members for attending both the briefing and the public event, which had attracted around 100 residents. The 98-page Plan was available on the Lake Parish Council website. Cllr Brading noted attendance at two Christmas Carol Concerts, the possibility of changing the times of the Remembrance Day service to 11am, the recent traffic speed briefing, as well as the forthcoming appointment process for the new headteacher at Broadlea school.

72/23-24 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A member of the public highlighted parking issues at the Church, as well as other possible meeting locations, the possibility of organising a public event at Lake Cliff Gardens in June, and issues at the junction outside of Tesco's. Cllr Brading outlined his efforts to secure a site meeting with relevant cabinet member and island Roads, and noted the pressure in Isle of Wight Council finances.

Meeting Closed 9.00 pm.