



LAKE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 11 APRIL 2024

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

PRESENT: Cllr Paul Brading, Chairman
Cllrs Michelle Abbott, Naomi Goodall, Sue Hardy, and Adrian Whittaker.

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

There were eight members of the public present. Cllr Brading answered a question about a possibly abandoned vehicle in Currie Road and contact with Island Roads. Cllr Brading also outlined damage to public toilets, in response to a question about the toilets on Lake Promenade, which contributed to the increase in precept increase in 2024-25. Details were also provided of email exchanges with Lake Methodist Church regarding projects which the Parish were taking forward, including projects identified in the Bay Place Plan developed following public consultation.

01/24-25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs John Marshall, Bette Young on health grounds and accepted. The Chair noted Cllr Marshall had been active with Parish issues in recent months and wished both well.

Cllr Hicks absence, given the importance of the issues on the agenda, was queried under a point of order as not in line with NALC guidelines, and apology for absence was not accepted by members.

02/24-25 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS

Declarations of interest were as previously registered and recorded.

03/24-25 CONFIRM MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 8 FEBRUARY 2024

It was unanimously **resolved** to approve the minutes of 8 February 2024 as a true and accurate record of the meeting, and the Chair signed them accordingly.

04/24-25 MATTERS FROM THE MINUTES NOT REQUIRING A RESOLUTION

Members noted all matters covered by the agenda.

05/24-25 UPDATE FROM SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS POLICING TEAM

PCSO Webb and PC Trickey updated members on recent incidents of anti-social behaviour in the Parish, the recent consultation event at Broadlea, and also noted issues relating to shoplifting and derelict buildings. Cllr Brading raised communication regarding Broadlea event and asked about a recent incident involving a cyclist near to the Tesco's junction and the Police confirmed the investigation was ongoing, and that the cyclist was recovering.

06/24-25 CASUAL VACANCY – CO-OPTION

The Chair outlined the background to the co-option process, there had been three applicants, and members voted to appoint Tim Clapp to the vacancy. The Clerk would contact the Isle of Wight Council (IWC) accordingly and notify Mr Clapp of date of next meeting.

Cllr Brading, with the Clerk, advised members that Cllr Pauline Evans had also resigned from the Parish Council, as well as her role with the Lake Ripples. The Clerk would notify the IWC and a casual vacancy process would follow.

07/24-25 FINANCES

a) To approve the Payments and Receipts lists as presented for February 2024

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

b) To receive and note the verified bank reconciliations for February 2024

Members unanimously agreed and noted the bank reconciliation for February 2024 and the Chair signed accordingly.

c) To receive and note the expenditure against budget through February 2024

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) Internal Auditor 2024/2025

Members unanimously confirmed the appointment of Maxine Carr as Internal Auditor for 2023-24, and that arrangement would be for 3 years until change in 2026-27.

e) Contribution to Bay Youth Project

Members noted the success of the project, and contribution of Julian Wadsworth. They unanimously supported contribution of £5,000 with a review, subject to availability of funds, later in the year. The Clerk and RFO would contact project and action payment.

f) New Road Toilets

Members noted the project was going forward in line with the Financial Risk assessment, and that the first payment had been made to the contractors. Members also noted recent anti-social behaviour and potential costs, such as Legionella Tests, on the site and agreed to close New Road by the end of April, with notices advising users of forthcoming demolition and replacement programme.

08/24-25 BAY PLACE PLAN

Cllr Brading updated members, with Cllr Whittaker, on recent steering group meeting and appointment of wider membership, covering Tourism, Sport, Youth, Community and other themes. Cllr Brading also confirmed that any spending decisions impacting on Lake would be brought back to the Parish Council for decision.

09/24-25 PLANNING APPLICATIONS: TO RESOLVE COMMENTS ON APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

The Chair thanked Raine for circulating members recent correspondence.

10/24-25 RIPPLES

The Chair thanked Mrs Marshall for returning to the editor role for Ripples with Cllr Hardy helping with invoicing. Cllr Hardy outlined the key issues of costs, black and white versus colour printing costs, frequency of publication and charging for contributors. Members unanimously welcomed the analysis and agreed to continue with six editions per annum, in colour, of 28 pages, until new charge rates could be implemented, with £65 for full page, £45 for ½ page, £30 for ¼ page, with a 10% discount for full year, and reduced charges for charitable and community groups.

11/24-25 CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk had circulated reported and members unanimously confirmed £694.57 contribution to Revetment Signage project with Shanklin and Sandown, as well as the Isle of Wight Council. Members also unanimously agreed to sign the Armed Forces Covenant at Bay D Day @80 Church service at Christ Church on May 19, 2024, with all members welcome. Members thanked the Clerk for the progress made clarifying issues with Isle of Wight Council and contractors at Lake Revetment toilets; the new pump is subject to installation, after repair to the building and resolution of the water pipe issue, following damaged during cliff falls. Members noted the volume of work and limited resources.

12/24-25 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Cllr Brading combined his report as Isle of Wight (IWC) and Parish Councillor, and updated the meeting on tree issues in the Parish, the possible change of IWC structures from Cabinet to Committee, flooding issues and damage on the revetment. Members noted that the recent closure and repairs to the revetment were followed by high tides causing further damage. Cllr Brading also noted ongoing issues raised with Island Roads regarding road surfaces along the Fairway and continued concern about the damaged residential wall on the Mall. Cllr Abbott noted her recent attendance at Sports Awards, with Lake residents receiving awards. Cllr Whittaker confirmed the removal of memorial wreaths in near future and updated members on the progress of Revetment Working Party.

13/24-25 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Residents thanked the Chair for update on Revetment Toilets and commented on the anti-social issues in the Parish, and on the Ripples and proposed costings for charitable or community groups.

NEXT MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting would be held on Thursday 9 May 2024, 19.00 at Lake Methodist Church, Sandown Road, followed by Annual Parish Council Meeting.

Meeting closed 21.05