



LAKE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – 11 July 2024

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

PRESENT: Cllr Paul Brading, Chairman

Cllrs Naomi Goodall, Susan Hardy, Jenny Hicks, John Marshall, and Adrian Whittaker

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Richard Priest (Clerk).

From the floor There were 4 members of the public present, and PCSO May.

Public Question Time

The Chairman invited residents to ask questions before the meeting or at the end.

13/24-25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Michelle Abbott, Tim Clapp, and Bette Young.

14/24-25 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS

There were no further declarations in addition to those already registered.

15/24-25 TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF MEETING OF 9 MAY 2024

Cllr Hardy proposed, and Cllr Goodall seconded, the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 9 May 2024 as a true and accurate record, and the Chair signed accordingly. Cllr Whittaker asked for the Civility and Respect paper to be recirculated and be a future agenda item for adoption.

16/24-25 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES NOT REQUIRING RESOLUTION

There were no matters arising.

17/24-25 CASUAL VACANCY – CO-OPTION UPDATE

Cllr Brading outlined the process, including adverts and on-line notices, with 3 applicants. There was no overall majority in the first round of votes, and Stephen Parkes was voted into the vacancy after a tied vote, with the Chair's casting vote.

18/24-25 FROM SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM

The chair welcomed PCSO May to the meeting, who updated members on the level of anti-social behaviour, pop-up surgeries in the Bay, effectiveness of Operation Spider, recent project at Battery Gardens, and Let's Talk highlighting concerns about fly-tipping, cars and dog-fouling. Cllrs Marshall, Brading and Whittaker thanked PCSO May for the report and asked questions about speeding on the Fairway and in the Parish.

19/24-25 MOTION

Cllr Brading proposed the motion, and Cllr Whittaker seconded:

"I reference an agreed Lake Parish Council decision in March 2020, agenda item 106/19-20, that the parish Council records our meetings and uploads them onto our website. Following recent challenges, I have received, and investigating the matter as your responsible Chair, I have discovered compelling strong guidance that it is recommended that the best practice is before doing this we should have first put in place a Recordings, and Retention policy, which the previous Council never did.

Whilst I remain convinced that longer term this is the right thing to do, as Chair it is my duty to propose that until such policies are in place to protect our own liabilities, we should stop this action, and reverse the March 2020 decision. The writing of these new policies must be scheduled into our workplan, but only done once the overdue review of our statutory policies, recommended by the recent Audit, has been completed".

Members discussed the need to prioritise policy review and revision before the 2025 elections, recognising the limited resources available and the immediate priorities of Lake Slipway Toilets and New Road Toilets. Members agreed to form a working party before the September meeting.

Members voted on the motion, with 6 members voting for the motion and 1 against, and the motion was carried.

20/24-25 FINANCES

1. To approve the Payments and Receipts lists as presented for June 2024

Members unanimously approved the Payments and Receipts as presented for June 2024 and the Chair signed them accordingly.

2. To receive and note the verified bank reconciliations for June 2024.

Members agreed and noted the verified bank reconciliations for June 2024.

3. To receive and note the expenditure against budget through June 2024.

Members agreed and noted the expenditure against budget through June 2024.

4. New Road Toilets – update

The Clerk updated members of the reprovision of the public toilets at New Road, and members thanked the back office team for regular updates. Cllr Whittaker noted he had spoken to the demolition team regarding the gent's toilet sign and the progress of the project.

5. Lake Slipway Toilets

The Clerk highlighted recent anti-social behaviour at the site following recent social media coverage and highlighted the reporting process on notices on site and website, and the impact the coverage had had and that

the Clerk was meeting was meeting with website administrator. Members thanked all for their efforts enabling reopening of slipway toilets.

6. Thearles Green – Maintenance

Members discussed maintenance at Thearles Green, and noted it was an IW Council asset, and members would also be developing projects around New Road Toilets in due course, members considered allocating funds from Town Improvement Budget, and agreed for the Chair to contact Isle of Wight Council (IWC) in first instance regarding tidying up the site as per contract.

21/24-25 BAY PLACE PLAN

Cllr Brading updated members on the first meeting of the wider Bay Place Plan team, with date for September meeting agreed, with discussions on possible projects to take forward.

22/24-25 PLANNING

Cllr Brading noted there were no applications requiring comment.

23/24-25 CLERK'S REPORT

Members thanked the Clerk for his report, update on Toilets and banking issues, with possible Nayax project, and members discussed progress of Revetment Working Party Project, with delays caused by production process and need to following IWC procurement process.

24/24-25 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Cllr Brading noted that planning regulations were likely to change in due course given early indications from New Government, and members noted concerns regarding slip hazard at Lake Slipway, which had been reported by the Clerk. Cllrs Goodall and Hicks reported on successful D-Day at 80 Church Service, with members also discussing a christmas tree at New Road and grass cutting projects.

Cllr Brading proposed, and members unanimously agreed, to extend meeting by 15 minutes.

Cllr Brading thanked Cllr Hardy for work on Lake Ripples, and also thanked Mrs Marshall for editing, recognising issues with distribution, and all members welcomed back Cllr Marshall. Members also noted need to PAT Parish Council equipment including PA System; Cllr Brading updated members on recent positive social media comments about actions being taken by Parish Council, feedback on legal enforcement delay at site adjacent to KFC due to weather, and members agreed Policies working Party of Cllrs Marshall, Hicks, and others subject to availability.

PUBLIC FORUM

Members of the public noted slipway concerns and feedback from litter picking in the parish.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 12 September 2024 at 19.00 at Lake Methodist Church,
Sandown Road, at Lake Methodist Church.

Meeting closed 21.15

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