



LAKE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 12 SEPTEMBER 2024

Minutes of the Meeting of Lake Parish Council held on **THURSDAY, 12 September 2024** at **Lake Methodist Church** at **19.00**

PRESENT: Cllr Paul Brading, Chairman

Cllrs Michelle Abbott, Tim Clapp, Naomi Goodall, Jenny Hicks, Stephen Parkes, Adrian Whittaker and Bette Young.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Richard Priest (Clerk).

From the floor There were 5 members of the public present.

Public Question Time

The Chairman invited residents to ask questions before the meeting or at the end, and clarified that Cllr Parkes would be recording the meeting, not public questions, in a personal capacity.

25/24-25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Sue Hardy.

26/24-25 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS

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

27/24-25 TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF MEETING OF 11 JULY 2024

Cllr Whittaker proposed, and Cllr Hicks seconded, the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 11 July 2024 as a true and accurate record, and the Chair signed accordingly, with members not present on 11 July 2024 abstaining.

28/24-25 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES NOT REQUIRING RESOLUTION

There were no matters arising. Cllr Brading read members an email from Cllr John Marshall, and noted that Cllr Marshall had resigned from the Parish Council, and the Clerk noted the vacancy process would follow. Members also noted circulation of Civility and Respect paper, which would be on October Agenda for ratification; members also noted maintenance work at Thearles Green and thanked the Chair and Clerk for following up concerns.

29/24-25 UPDATES FROM SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS POLICING TEAM

The chair welcomed PCSO May's written report to the Parish Council, noting increase in on-line and phone scams, there appeared to be an

increase in speeding in the Parish especially along the Fairway given the temporary removal of parking as part of work on the rail bridge, and Cllr Parkes noted possibility of Speed Watch initiative.

30/24-25 Finances

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

Members unanimously approved the Payments and Receipts as presented for July 2024 and the Chair signed them accordingly, Cllr Whittaker asked for further details of items 033 and 042 regarding padlocks and the Clerk and RFO would provide written response..

2. To approve the Payments and Receipts lists as presented for August 2024

Members unanimously approved the Payments and Receipts as presented for August 2024 and the Chair signed them accordingly, and Cllr Whittaker thanked the back office for work on the accounts. Cllr Brading noted costs of water provision on the slipway and this would be reviewed in due course.

3. To receive and note the verified bank reconciliations for August 2024

Members agreed and noted the verified bank reconciliations through August 2024.

4. To receive and note the expenditure against budget through August 2024

Members agreed and noted the expenditure against budget through August 2024, and Cllr Brading thanked the back office of maximising Bank Interest, and also noted need to clarify payments for water usage.

5. Budget Consultation and Process

The Clerk outlined the budget process and members agreed the process, and would also arrange informal budget briefing at the Broadway Centre for a morning in November, in place of November meeting.

31/24-25 NEW ROAD TOILETS UPDATE

Members noted site visits during the summer, as well as contact with neighbours reporting the flooding of their property, caused by pipe leakage in a neighbouring property. Members noted the improvement in access, and agreed to commission the signing off of the project by external engineer, including DDA compliance; retention of heras fencing for as short a period as possible, pending levelling off of the remainder of the site, with the clerk seeking indicative costs prior to going out to

tender, and the RFO would also clarify funding remaining from Loan application for the project, and funds in improvement fund. Cllr Whittaker clarified the background to the project, originally discussed in 2017, and securing the facility for a substantially reduced cost.

32/24-25 SLIPWAY TOILETS UPDATE

Members highlighted the positive feedback from residents and visitors since the re-opening of the amenity, and thanked officers for regular monitoring, and responding to issues when raised; members also noted need to develop accessibility at the site, as part of budget process, and also consider winter operational requirements and maintenance, given vulnerability of site and previous incidents of anti-social behaviour. Longer term there is potential for an Art project involving local art group.

33/24-25 BAY PLACE PLAN UPDATE

Cllr Brading updated members on the project, as well as forthcoming meeting on 25 September 2024 at the County Ground. Members also noted that Cllr Whittaker had indicated that he wishes to resign his membership of the Bay Place Plan Steering Committee, after discussion members unanimously voted for Cllr Whittaker to remain their representative, along with Cllr Brading. Members also noted the work of the Bay Revetment Working Party, including installation of signage which was being upgraded to reflect comments of stakeholders, and that Cllr Brading had secured grant support to offset costs to Lake.

34/24-25 PLANNING

Members thanked Raine for circulation of applications and decisions, and noted situation regarding land at KFC, as well as enforcement actions being taken by IWC over other planning issues.

35/24-25 RIPPLES

The Chair updated members on the current situation and his conversation with Mrs Marshall, plans were in place for the next 2 editions, with Raj offering to arrange delivery to residents. Cllr Hicks said that she knew someone who could Edit the magazine in the future and would advise members accordingly.

36/24-25 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk updated members on operational matters, and Raine advised members on actions taken to increase number of bins on slipway, as well as removal of slip hazards at Slipway Toilets. Raine updated members on Warm Spaces grant, and site visit, with likely removal of DWP funding with the Parish Council considering 25/26 budget funding. Raine also noted circulation of email for possible art project at Train subway, which members noted was in Sandown by Los Altos.

37/24-25 ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Cllr Brading advised members on traffic issues along the Fairway, and ticketing of vehicles during Bridgeworks, issues of drainage along the revetment and contact with Island Roads, actions being taken over minor cliff-fall before the meeting, and noise issue in Sandown Road; and members unanimously agreed to extend the meeting for last 2 items.

38/24-25 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Cllr Hicks noted an issue of parking on the pavement near to Free Food outlet in Lake, and concerns about planting at the Cenotaph, with Chair noting it was not a Parish Council asset, and Cllr Hicks noted that she would secure costing for new plants. Cllr Parkes updated members on options for Christmas Trees in the Parish and would email information, highlighted ongoing concerns regarding the Tesco's junction and at the Premier store near the Traffic Lights. Cllr Whittaker noted actions taken in advance of Remembrance Day event, which Chair confirmed would be at same time as previous years and would be collecting Order of Service files from Cllr Marshall in near future. Cllr Whittaker also noted need for perennial planting at memorial and needing for regular watering, and there had been vandalism at WightFibre box near to Aldi's, which had been reported to Police. Cllr Brading noted attendance at warm space cheque presentation in the Summer, planting of D Day Rose Bush, Art project event and launch of Changing room project.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Members of the public noted ongoing litter picking at Fairway Park, and other locations, and the Chair thanked residents for their ongoing work.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 10 October 2024 at 19.00 at Lake Methodist Church, Sandown Road, at Lake Methodist Church, with November meeting replaced by Budget Briefing at the Broadway Centre, with possible dates circulated to members.

Meeting closed 21.25