



LAKE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday 8 January 2026

Minutes of the Meeting of Lake Parish Council held on
THURSDAY, 8 JANUARY 2026 at **Lake Gathering Place** at **19.00**

PRESENT: Cllrs Paul Brading (Chair), Julie Byford, Tim Clapp, Naomi Goodall, Mike Hailston, Tony Hartley, and Adrian Whittaker.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Richard Priest

From the floor There was 1 member of the public present.

Public Question Time

The Chairman, welcomed members, and wished them a happy New Year.

93/25-26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Clapp, Hardy & Morris, as well as Raine Ellis.

94/25-26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chair and members confirmed that there were no items on the Agenda requiring further declaration.

95/25-26 TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF MEETING OF 11 December 2025

Cllr Byford proposed and Cllr Whittaker seconded, and members unanimously agreed, that the minutes of the meeting held on 11 December 2025 be signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

96/25-26 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES NOT REQUIRING RESOLUTION

Cllr Brading noted Cllr Clapp's concerns regarding pre-school parking at Lea Road, and had followed up with Broadlea school, and they would circulate a reminder about considerate parking to parents.

97/25-26 UPDATES FROM SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS POLICING TEAM

PCSO May had submitted a written report, which was circulated to all members, with members remaining concerned about parking outside of Premier Stores, with danger to pedestrians and other road users.

98/25-26 IWALC UPDATE

The Clerk had circulated recent emails from IWALC, including request for feedback on proposed Information, Advise & Guidance Service, with members unanimously agreeing the need for IW Council to commission the service, but not having enough information to comment on any proposed provider.

99/25-26 FINANCES

To approve the Payments and Receipts lists as presented for December 2025

Members noted and unanimously approved the list for December 2025 with Chair signing accordingly.

To receive and note the verified bank reconciliations for December 2025

Members unanimously noted the verified bank reconciliation for December 2025 and noted the tight turn around time for papers to be produced.

To receive and note the Expenditure against Budget for December 2025

Members noted the positive position of the Parish Council with 3 months of the financial year left, with the utilities issue highlighted, and members noting continued action taken by the Clerk and broker to clarify situation, and resolve as soon as possible.

Update on Website Project

The Clerk thanked Raine for work on the project, and members noted transitional arrangements, causing issue with on-line publication of Agenda, with final payment to previous provider actioned. Members asked for training session before February or March meeting, prior to going live, with Clerk to contact provider.

Revetment, New Road & Lake Cliff Gardens Toilets

Members thanked the Clerk for regular updates on actions taken following criminal damage, and the issues raised regarding the Slipway Toilets, with members appreciating actions taken by contractors.

Budget Briefing

The Clerk updated members on the indicative increase in order of 5%, with IW Council due to notify Parish Councils of the Tax Base for 2026/27. Members also confirmed decision to proceed with £100,000 deposit in CCLA, to mitigate risk with all funds with current Banking Provider, members discussed the circulated papers and opportunity to discuss with CCLA or other Island Councils using CCLA. Cllr Whittaker noted objection to depositing any funds with CCLA, and members confirmed the proposed way forward provided improved return for the Parish, spread risk, and was an informed decision. The clerk would work with the Back Office and circulate draft Budget as soon as possible.

100/25-26 CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS DEBRIEF

Cllr Brading outlined the background to arrangements for Christmas events in Lake in December 2025, and thanked members for involvement with services at Lake Co-Op and Good Shepherd, as well as Christmas competition with Broadlea Pupils.

Cllr Brading thanked Cllr Whittaker for raising health & safety questions regarding Thearles Green and noted the Parish Council were awaiting a response from Island Roads to help inform plans for 2026; members also discussed the Christmas Tree on the New Road site, and agreed that a future provider of the tree would need to attend a site visit with the Parish Council, confirm location of the proposed tree and maintenance arrangements, in writing and once confirmed members would be able to commission an electric supply with appropriate provider.

Members also noted proposal for flagpole and other projects for the site, once the Tree situation was resolved, and ongoing anti-social behaviour issues at the site addressed to mitigate health and safety risks.

101/25-26 BAY PLACE PLAN

Cllr Brading noted the next meeting was planned for 14 January 2026, and efforts to meet with respective mayors and clerks of Shanklin and Sandown were not successful, and would discuss at Bay Place Plan meeting, and also funding towards projects and regeneration was included in the draft budget.

102/25-26 PLANNING APPLICATIONS: RESOLVE COMMENTS ON APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

There were no planning matters, but a TPO was noted in the Parish.

103/25-26 RIPPLES

The Chair thanked Dave Lupton, in his absence, for producing Ripples before Christmas, noting the distribution issues were resolved and would be reviewed in 2026.

104/25-26 CLERK'S REPORT

- (I) The Clerk thanked members for ongoing support given challenging issues, including potential fatality, ongoing criminal damage at New Road Toilets, the issues raised regarding Slipway Toilets, including inaccurate allegation of flytipping and health & safety concerns during inclement weather.
- (II) The clerk updated members of the Play in the Bay project, with interviews with individual sports groups in the Bay with pupils from Bay Secondary School; further emails to address dog bin issue at Churchill Close; emails regarding the playground project; budgeted contribution of £1,000 to warm spaces/foodbank in Lake; and updates from youth projects in the Parish.

105/25-26 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cllr Brading updated members on community engagement with school council pupils at Broadlea, with positive media coverage; an issue regarding a damaged bin along the Fairway; correspondence to initiate work at McDonalds; the success of the Copse Mead project, and plans for Spring 2026 onwards; and thanked Cllr Hartley for work as Tree Warden, and securing trees for the Parish.

Cllr Brading also outlined the progress with IWC to produce a road traffic plan for the Fairway/Tesco Junction, and hoped this would be able to circulated once confirmed, with the need for the IWC to prioritise funding once a plan was agreed.

106/25-26 PARISH COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Cllrs noted that items would be covered in confidential session.

107/25-26 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Cllr Brading proposed, and members unanimously agreed, to bring this item forward and no members of the Public had a questions.

108/25-26 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

Clr Brading proposed and all members agreed to exclude the Press & Public under Section 100 (A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, on the grounds that the business to be discussed involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A to the Act (as amended) and that pursuant to paragraph 10 of Part 2 of the said Schedule 12A the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

109/25-26 CONFIDENTIAL ITEM – DISCUSSION OF 2026/27 BUDGET

Members discussed the draft 2026/2027 budget and noted:

- i) Members supported the current Lake Parish Council Clerking and Back Office support structure, making funding provision, to continue the arrangement, in the proposed budget, and the Clerk would re-circulate details of the arrangement;
- ii) That current arrangements were within budget, with NALC adjustments to be implemented in due, remaining within budget; and
- iii) Members noted the cost of utilities for Toilet provision at locations in the Parish, and the actions proposed by the Clerk to clarify the situation as part of the budget process.

108/25-26 NEXT MEETINGS

The Future Meetings were confirmed as:

Thursday 5 February 2026, Thursday 12 March 2026

Thursday 23 April 2026, Thursday 14 May 2026, Thursday 11 June 2026

Thursday 9 July 2026, Thursday 10 September 2026, Thursday 8 October 2026, November Budget Briefing , and Thursday 10 December 2026

Meeting closed 21.30