



LAKE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 9 JANUARY 2025

Minutes of the Meeting of Lake Parish Council held on **THURSDAY, 9 January 2025** at **Lake Methodist Church** at **19.00**

PRESENT: Cllr Paul Brading, Chairman

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Richard Priest (Clerk) & Raine Elliss.

From the floor There were 4 members of the public present.

Public Question Time

The Chairman welcomed members to the first meeting of the New Year, and 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. Cllr Brading updated members on the Local Government Devolution debate at IW Council and the implications on Parish council Elections for 2025, and the clerk would circulate details as and when received.

68/24-25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

All members were present.

69/24-25 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS

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

70/24-25 TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF MEETING OF 12 December 2024

Cllr Brading proposed removal of 'Members asked Clerk to prioritised advertising the vacancy for co-option on the notice board and website' from minute 60/24-25 Cllr Whittaker proposed, and Cllr Parkes seconded, the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 12 December 2024 were signed as a true and accurate record, and the Chair signed accordingly.

71/24-25 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES NOT REQUIRING RESOLUTION

There were no matters arising. Cllr Brading noted all items covered by the Agenda.

72/24-25 Update on Casual Vacancy

Cllr Brading updated members on the background to the Casual Vacancy and that residents had not requested an election, with the current position being within 6 months of planned elections. The Clerk

had been in contact with IWC Elections Officer, and subsequently a second resignation had been received.

Members unanimously voted for Julie Byford to be co-opted to the Lake North Casual Vacancy, and Mike Hailston be co-opted to the Lake South Casual vacancy. Both members were present and signed their forms accordingly, with Cllr Hailston apologising for having to leave, and Cllr Byford joined members for the remainder of the meeting.

Members noted that there would be need to set up email addresses and other administrative actions for new Councillors.

73/24-25 UPDATES FROM SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS POLICING TEAM

PCSO Webb updated members on issues in the Bay and took questions from members, including Cllr Whittaker raising concerns about parking outside of Premier Shop. Cllr Brading noted that CCTV was a deterrent and enabled positive identification of offenders, and PCSO Webb noted recent incidents in the Bay. Cllr Clapp supported a zero tolerance approach to vandalism, and Cllr Parkes noted vandalism of toilets appeared an inherent and ongoing problem, and members appreciated the actions being taken to reduce risks.

74/24-25 Finances

The chair advised members that due to delays with the IW Council advising Island Parish Councils of the Tax Base, as well as uncertainty over other cost pressures, the draft budget would be finalised for the February meeting, however members agreed that the target increase would be 1.8% in line with the November 2024 briefing.

Members discussed the Risk Register and noted the new additions, including the strengthening of reserves, clarification of the roles of Councillors in respect of contractors, with a future Council agreeing priorities for the future council, which could involve additional staffing resource; and members also noted that re-joining IWALC would enable councillor training and access to other resources. Members unanimously approved the Risk Register and thanked Jenn and Raine for the work that had gone into it.

Cllr Brading also explained the Budget spreadsheet and inclusion of funding for Parish improvements, and support of Bay Place Plan and Regeneration, including provision for Play Park, and other items which may be grant or match funded; and in response to a question from cllr Hicks, Cllr Brading confirmed there was no provision for Hanging Baskets, but New Road landscaping was a priority, alongside funding for the War Memorial Trough. Cllr Brading also noted need to clarify issue regarding utility costs and noted Clerk would take forward in due course.

75/24-25 NEW ROAD & LAKE SLIPWAY TOILETS UPDATE

Cllr Brading updated members on the operation of New Road Toilets, and thanked Raine for monitoring over Christmas and collecting monies, and Cllr Parkes noted need to consider staff safety.

The Clerk updated members on issues raised by Cllr Whittaker at the Slipway over Christmas, and vandalism at Lake Cliff Gardens, and confirmed the installation of CCTV process has started, with issue of monitoring to be resolved in due course.

Cllr Whittaker raised an issue regarding the current cleaning contract, and the Clerk noted it was costed in the context of a joint cost with Shanklin and Sandown, and would circulate details of costs; and budgetary provision and any recommissioning would be a future item.

76/24-25 BAY PLACE PLAN

Cllr Brading and Cllr Whittaker updated members on the recent meeting, and noted that Lake had prioritised Play Parks including Manor Road, and events at Lake Cliff Gardens; and reported that the meeting discussed a Bay Wide Arts Project, Business Association and Networking project including website and advertising film, Water Fountains, and that provision could be included in Parish Improvement fund.

The Clerk would circulate notes from the meeting.

77/24-25 PLANNING

Members thanked Raine for circulation of applications and noted there were no applications of current concern; and due to the time members unanimously agreed to extend the meeting by 30 minutes.

78/24-25 RIPPLES

The Chair updated members on the current situation and thanked Dave Lupton for volunteering, and for latest publication.

79/24-25 CLERK AND COUNCILLORS REPORTS

The Clerk noted monitoring of toilets over Christmas, anti-social behaviour at Lake Cliff Gardens, possible VE Day projects including mugs for Broadlea which members supported, Piano recital at Methodist Church with date circulated, and possible grant towards landscaping.

Cllr Brading thanked officers for arranging briefings, invitation to Arts Exhibition with High Sheriff, success of Copse Mead project, Christmas events; as well as meeting planned for Tesco's junction, rebuilding of wall at Lake, and recent IWC Speed Review.

Cllr Hicks reported on Sustainability Research, and findings on the Medina; Cllr Byford thanked members for welcome to first meeting; Cllr

Hardy asked for possible funding for Test The Water project be considered at future meeting; and Cllr Whittaker thanked colleagues for help with Christmas Lights, and Cllr Brading nominated Cllr Whittaker to be chair of Events working Party to plan Remembrance Day and Christmas, and other Events for later in the year.

80/24-25 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from the public.

NEXT MEETING

The Clerk noted that the implications regarding Local Government and Devolution were fluid, with discussions regarding administrative arrangements were also factors affecting confirming dates.

Provisional dates for future meetings for 2025 were:

Thursday 13 February 2025

Thursday 13 March 2025 (possible Parish Meeting)

Thursday 10 April 2025 (may be subject to pre-election cancellation)

(Thursday 1 May 2025 – Scheduled Parish Council elections)

Thursday 8 May 2025 – Parish Council AGM

Thursday 12 June 2025

Thursday 10 July 2025 (Events Working Party)

Thursday 11 September 2025

Thursday 9 October 2025

Thursday 13 November 2025 (Informal Budget Briefing)

Meeting closed 21.25