



LAKE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 13 FEBRUARY 2025

Minutes of the Meeting of Lake Parish Council held on **THURSDAY, 13 February 2025** at **Lake Methodist Church** at **19.00**

PRESENT: Cllr , **Adrian Whittaker, Vice-Chairman**

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

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

From the floor There were 7 members of the public present.

Public Question Time

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting, and a resident raised concern of BBQ's on Lake Cliff Gardens, cars ignoring lights at Stag Junction with PCSO's taking details of residents, with Mr Lupton liaising with residents for article for Ripples, and also highlight dog-fouling concerns.

81/24-25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies from Cllr P Brading & M Hailston were accepted.

82/24-25 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS

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

83/24-25 TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF MEETING OF 9 January 2025

Cllr Whittaker thanked clerks for circulation of minutes in advance of the meeting, and members unanimously approved them as a true and accurate record, and the Chair signed accordingly.

84/24-25 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES NOT REQUIRING RESOLUTION

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

85/24-25 UPDATES FROM SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS POLICING TEAM

Cllr Whittaker welcomed PCSO's May and Webb, who updated members on recent Criminal damage in the Parish, with 1 drug offence and Public Order issue addressed, and members circulated details of Let's Talk and forthcoming consultations, Cllr Parkes raised ongoing concern regarding parking outside of Premier and E-Bikes and PCSO responded appropriately.

86/24-25 FINANCES

1/ Members unanimously approved payments/receipts for January 2025.

2/ Members noted verified bank reconciliations for January 2025.
 3/ Members noted expenditure against budget through January 2025.
 4/ Members discussed the Budget for 2025/26, and thanked clerks for details work, with expenditure of £344,677 unanimously approved.
 5/ Members unanimously approved the total precept income requirement as £289, 582 for 2025/26 with tax base 1747.
 6/ Members unanimously approved Precept as £165.81 which equates to a 1.8% increase, and members thanked clerks for work undertaken.
 7/ Members discussed grant application, previously circulated by UKSA Test The Water Project, and Cllr Clapp proposed funding 10 places at £42 per place, and members unanimously approved funding.
 8/ Cllr Whittaker reported on recent visit, with Cllr Brading, to possible alternative meeting venue in Lake, next to New Road, and will arrange site visit for members as soon as possible, and members noted that new Council, in May 2025, may need to decide best option.

87/24-25 NEW ROAD & LAKE SLIPWAY TOILETS UPDATE

The Clerk updated members on damage to Lake Cliff Gardens Toilets and actions taken

88/24-25 BAY PLACE PLAN

Cllr Whittaker updated members on recent meeting, and noted there was provision in the budget for appropriate projects and contribution to officer time if required; and also noted recent meeting included initial details on Water Fountain Project, Arts project across the Bay

89/24-25 PLANNING

Cllr Whittaker updated members on recently circulated correspondence, and thanked Raine for circulating, and no comments were made.

90/24-25 RIPPLES

Members thanked Dave Lupton for the recent edition, and noted positive feedback from residents and other stakeholders, with guidance awaited on May 2025 Parish Elections, with Clerk circulating any information as and when received.

91/24-25 IW COUNCILLORS REPORT

The Chair updated members on Cllr Brading's emailed report and they would be attached to the minutes.

92/24-25 CLERK AND COUNCILLORS REPORTS

The Clerk reported on damage to the County Ground and actions taken by the local police, recent briefings by Southern Water and the Environment Agency, May Election correspondence, New Road Landscaping, Island Road Correspondence, Green Towns Bay Litterpick on 22 March 2025, discussion on High School Breakfast Project, VE Day 80 projects and ASB at Lake Toilets.

Cllr Parkes raised concerns regarding lack of clarity on May Town and Parish Council elections, and the Clerk would circulate information when received; Cllr Whittaker reported on site meeting with IW Cllr Jordan and Cllr Brading, with potential road safety project being planned; Cllr Young highlighted parking issues at Berry Hill with appropriate enforcement agencies being advised; Cllr Byford highlighted potholes in Denness Road and advised to report to Fix My Street; with Cllr Hicks reporting in near-miss at Tesco Junctions, and also thanked members for the installation of the information panel at New Road by Men In Sheds.

93/24-25 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, with provisional date for next meeting Thursday 13 March 2025.

Meeting closed 20.45