



### **LAKE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 17 JULY 2025**

Minutes of the Meeting of Lake Parish Council held on  
**THURSDAY, 17 JULY 2025 at Lake Gathering Place at 19.00**

**PRESENT:** Cllr Paul Brading, Chairman

Cllrs Julie Byford, Tim Clapp, Naomi Goodall, Mike Hailston, Tony Hartley,  
Sue Hardy, Robert May, Sarah Morris and Adrian Whittaker.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr Richard Priest (Clerk) and Raine Elliss

**From the floor** There were 2 members of the public present.

#### **Public Question Time**

The Chairman welcomed members and thanked all for attending, and members noted that IW Cllr Maclean was not attending nor submitting a report. Cllr Brading noted that all Parish Councillors were attending, and that members of the public had indicated that they may be attending. Cllr Brading noted bench at entrance to Flitcroft Gardens was subject to discussions between Southern Housing and Island Roads regarding who was responsible for cutting back overgrown hedge.

#### **33/25-26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

All members were in attendance..

#### **34/25-26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Chair noted that all forms had been submitted to the IW Council and members confirmed that there were no items on the Agenda requiring further declaration.

#### **35/25-26 TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF MEETING OF 12 JUNE 2025**

Cllr Byford proposed and Cllr Hardy seconded, and members unanimously agreed, that the minutes of the meeting held on 12 June 2025 be signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

#### **36/25-26 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES NOT REQUIRING RESOLUTION**

Members noted PCSO May circulated Policing Report, and that Cllr Hardy had been nominated and re-appointed Treasurer of IWALC, with nearly 10 years service, with Cllr Morris attending IWALC meeting. Cllr Whittaker updated members on the issue of the Roses at the Co-Op site and that weeding had been undertaken, and any further work would be in the Autumn. Cllr Whittaker also reported that the Working Party planed to meet before the next meeting of the Parish Council in September.

#### **37/25-26 UPDATES FROM SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS POLICING TEAM**

PCSO May was unable to attend the meeting and a written report was circulated before the meeting, and members noted that the Markings at the Premier Shop were correct and highways issues were a matter for enforcement and would write to PCSO May accordingly.

### **38/25-26 IWALC UPDATE**

Cllr Morris updated members and noted Cllr Cooper was now IWALC Chair, and future training dates would be circulated once received.

### **39/25-26 FINANCES**

#### **1/ To approve the Payments and Receipts lists as presented for June 2025**

Members noting Bank Charges and final payment to Methodist Church, and unanimously approving the lists with Chair signing accordingly.

#### **2/ To receive and note the verified bank reconciliations for June 2025**

Members unanimously noted the verified bank reconciliations for June 2025, and also confirmed the transfer of funds to interest account subject to outcome of VAT issue.

#### **3/ To receive and note the Expenditure against Budget for June 2025**

Members noted Insurance typing error, and the contribution to Breakfast in the Bay, with another Bay council to contribute, and Cllr Hardy noted interest on account, with members unanimously noting paper.

#### **4/ Correspondence with HMRC re 2024/25 VAT**

The Clerk updated members on extensive correspondence and issues raised by HMRC, many addressed, with implications going forward for Lake and other Councils, especially regarding provision of Public Conveniences, and read draft letter from HMRC, and members unanimously agreed to:

A/ Keep toilets open until issue resolved;

B/ Continue exchange with HMRC and seek resolution;

C/ Engage VAT advise helping respond to technical issues raised by HMRC; and

D/ Seek external advise for longer term arrangements..

#### **5/ External Auditor Correspondence 2024/25 AGAR**

The Clerk updated members on requests for information from External Auditor.

#### **6/ HMRC Payroll Correspondence**

Members confirmed that payroll arrangements had been put in place with Community Action IW, and this would enable other statutory actions to be implemented, including Pension, and this would help future proof the Parish Council, and link to the SLA with Sandown to be reviewed in the Autumn.

### **40/25-26 BAY PLACE PLAN**

Cllr Brading updated members on the recent meeting, and Lake's proposals for Manor Road Play Park and a pop up Arts Venue. There was a presentation on a saltwater swimming project at Yaverland which took up most of the meeting, as well as possible Drinking Stations on Revetment and Arts Project. Cllr Brading noted a meeting with the Regeneration Officer was planned for 31 July involving Cllr Whittaker and Clerk.

### **41/25-26 Planning applications: resolve comments on applications received**

Members thanked Raine for circulating Planning Information and there were no comments. Cllr Brading updated members on the outcome of the McDonalds

application, and thanked Cllr Whittaker for speaking on the matter at IW Council. Cllr Brading also noted new businesses adding to offer at Spithead Business Park.

#### **42/25-26 Ripples**

The Chair proposed, and members unanimously approved, suspending Standing Orders to enable Ripples Editor to update members on forthcoming publication, with Dave Lupton noting the success of the extended edition balancing advertising and articles, with next issue due in the Autumn. Members unanimously approved reinstatement of Standing Orders.

#### **43/25-26 Clerk's Report**

The Clerk thanked members for understanding situation re VAT and priority given to this matter. The Clerk noted regular monitoring of the 3 public toilets, and Cllr Brading asked for deep clean to be arranged at revetment; and the reinstatement of bins, recent media coverage was noted by members.

Members also noted 'Play in the Bay' Grant application following meeting with School headteacher, possible VJ Day80 Projects, the correspondence with Police regarding Criminal Damage at Lake Cliff Gardens, and members confirmed inviting Youth Project Officer to September Meeting, and Environment Officer to October Meeting. Raine noted recent collections from Lake Cliff Gardens and New Road, and members confirmed taking forward .GOV website and emails, with plan for Autumn completion.

A/ Members unanimously approved the Code of Conduct Policy;

B/ Members unanimously approved the Inclusion, Equality & Diversity Policy; and

C/ Members unanimously approved the Safeguarding Policy.

#### **44/25-26 Isle of Wight Councillors Report**

Cllr Brading noted absence of report from Cllr Maclean; and updated members on correspondence securing reinstatement of bins on Slipway and clearing of brambles, the need to secure Section 106 funds from McDonalds, T Hut at Business Park, following up an anti-social issue in Green Lane, trying to help Men In Sheds find new premises, and some progress regarding development of feasibility study for the Fairway/Tescos Junction, with Cllr Whittaker noting correspondence on the matter.

#### **45/25-26 Parish Councillors Reports**

Cllr Byford noted actions taken to remove weeds on Parish Steps, and discussions with Island Roads; Cllr Hartley thanked members for understanding health situation, and asked about Accessible Parking Bay Policy in Car Park, with Cllr Brading to follow up with IWC; and Cllr Whittaker noted visits to Berry Hill site re Anti-social behaviour and actions taken, and members agreed request for VJ Flag and members noted ground work at Thearles Green; and Cllr May reported on Bus & Rail Users Group meeting.

#### **46/25-26 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no questions from the public and the Chair thanked members for attending, wished all a good summer break, and thanked the church for meeting arrangements.

#### **47/25-26 NEXT MEETINGS**

The Future Meetings were confirmed as:

Thursday 11 September 2025

Thursday 16 October 2025

Thursday 20 November - 10am Budget Briefing at Broadway Centre

Thursday 11 December 2025

Meeting closed 21.00