



LAKE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 12 MAY 2025

Minutes of the Meeting of Lake Parish Council held on
THURSDAY, 12 JUNE 2025 at Lake Gathering Place at 19.00

PRESENT: Cllr Paul Brading, Chairman

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

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

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

Public Question Time

The Chairman welcomed members to the new venue for meetings, as well as new IW Councillor David Maclean, and there were no questions raised. Cllr Brading thanked Andrew and all at the Gathering Place for the arrangements for the meeting.

18/25-26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Brading noted Cllr Hartley had been admitted to hospital and the clerk recorded his absence accordingly.

19/25-26 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.

20/25-26 TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF MEETING OF 8 MAY 2025

Cllr Byford proposed and Cllr Hardy seconded, and members unanimously agreed, that the minutes of the meeting held on 8 May 2025 be signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

21/25-26 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES NOT REQUIRING RESOLUTION

Members noted amendments to the Asset Register, and also the work of the Clerk to secure a .gov domain, with members recognising the interim arrangements would be more cost effective. Clerk would update members on progress of securing .gov domain, new email addresses for all members and then arrange training session.

22/25-26 UPDATES FROM SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS POLICING TEAM

PCSO May was unable to attend the meeting and a written report would be circulated in due course.

23/25-26 IWALC UPDATE

Cllr Morris updated members on the recent meeting of IWALC, with attendees finding networking opportunities of value, and that the AGM would be on 26 June 2025. The Chair thanked Cllr Morris for the Report, and members also unanimously agreed to nominate Cllr Hardy to be ex-officio Treasurer of IWALC and the Clerk would write to IWALC accordingly.

24/25-26 FINANCES

1. To approve the Payments and Receipts lists as presented for April & May 2025

Members unanimously approved payments/receipts for April & May 2025, and members discussed the landscaped grounds at New Road, and also discussed maintenance arrangements and need to ensure appropriate weeding solution was used by contractors.

2. To receive and note the verified bank reconciliations for April & May 2025

Members unanimously noted the verified bank reconciliations for April & May 2025 and also confirmed investment of some reserves to secure better interest and limit exposure to financial risk.

3. To receive and note the Expenditure against Budget for April & May 2025

Members noted some coding errors which would be corrected for the next meeting, and the Chair noted potential savings on items including Bay Regeneration Funding and thanked the RFO and Back Office for the report, which was unanimously approved.

4. New Road & Lake Slipway Toilets

The Clerk updated members on the landscaping work at New Road, and the Chair thanked members for attending the launch earlier. Members thanked Men In Sheds for their work on the Notice Board and Information Panel and unanimously agreed to contribute £250 towards the costs of the work, from the Parish Improvement Fund.

Members noted that the next phase of the New Road project would be consulted upon in the Autumn.

The Clerk updated members on recent issues at Lake Slipway Toilets, as well as the background to the current arrangements and restrictions on vehicular access to the slipway.

The Clerk would recirculate the contractor information located at the Toilets, as well as the Parish Council information, and also noted neither had been contacted by residents regarding any concerns. Members noted the vulnerability of the site due to its location and the issues regarding the engineering work at the site, and would continue to monitor the situation as part of the longer term approach to future re-tendering, and in the Autumn consider any possible cost effective improvements given the investment made in the pump and other costs.

5. Events Working Party

Cllr Whittaker outlined the potential remit of the Working Party, to include Remembrance Day and Christmas events, recognising the budget that had been

allocated and the arrangements put in place in November and December 2024. Cllr Whittaker noted that the Working Party could invite stakeholders to attend any future meeting, as well as consult with residents, and the new venue for meetings could be available to meet. Cllr Whittaker also noted that Public Realm items could also be considered by the Working Party, and that any decisions would be brought back to the Full Council, such as decorative lighting and flower beds. Members unanimously voted for Cllr Whittaker to chair the working party, and that Cllrs Morris and May would also sit on it, with other members welcome. Members also thanked Cllr Whittaker on working with local Co-op Funeral Company regarding weeds at the War Memorial.

25/25-26 BAY PLACE PLAN

Cllr Brading updated members on Lake's proposals for Manor Road Play Park and a pop up Arts Venue, and members noted that it may be helpful to invite the Bay Regeneration Officer to a future meeting, once the Town Hall Project had been completed and capacity increased. Cllr Whittaker also noted possible Arts and Fresh Water projects were being developed for the Bay, and more details were awaited. The next meeting was planned for Wednesday, 25 June 2025. Cllr Morris noted the possibility of securing grant funds towards projects, and members noted successful applications for Warm Spaces in the Parish, and other initiatives, and the Clerk was working on a Past/Future project.

26/25-26 Planning applications: to resolve comments on applications received

Members thanked Raine for circulating Planning Information and there were no comments. The Chair noted recent guidance regarding forthcoming McDonalds drive-through outlet in Lake, and possible issue with proximity to school, and the Chair outlined way forward to secure employment opportunities as well as other enforcement issues related to the site.

27/25-26 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 28 page edition would balance advertising and articles, with next issue due in July and contain information on new council.

28/25-26 Clerk's Report

The Clerk thanked members for understanding situation regarding submission of Declarations Of Interest Forms, and these were now at County Hall, with correspondence regarding some sensitive information contained therein. Raine noted situation regarding .gov domain, and lap-top procurement was confirmed by members, as part of new arrangements with Sandown Town Council.

Sandown Town Council would continue to provide Back Office Support, with members unanimously agreeing for Raine/Back Office to be included in the arrangement once finalised for future-proofing; and the Clerk's terms and conditions would be in line with previous discussion, 0.4/0.5 WTE at SCP33 consistent with guidance; with total cost within budget and subject to quarterly review.

The Clerk updated members on recent issue with people in the tents at Los Altos, and the Chair also outlined actions that had been put in place; the Chair noted recent VE Day projects with Broadlea, and the Clerk noted grant from Shanklin TC also included provision for VJ Projects, and members agreed, with one abstention, to donate £100 towards the cost of forthcoming Armed Forces Day.

Members noted donation of football kit to school in Uganda, work on Past/Future grant application, including meeting with Head Teacher at the Bay School, which would need confirmation of specific policies at July Meeting, with Clerk in correspondence with IW Council regarding updated Code of Conduct.

The Clerk also highlighted need to ensure accessibility of Website, Tree Survey for Fairway Park, possible consultations on Lea Road Play Area, Slipway Toilets Maintenance, and other issues with Budgetary implications.

Members noted issues raised by the Clerk with Island Roads, including slip hazards at the Slipway, and the reporting of flooding of the footpath at Lake Cliff Gardens.

29/25-26 Isle of Wight Councillors Report

Cllr Brading welcomed IW Cllr Maclean who noted that he had been contacted by concessionaires regarding Slipway issues, as well as overgrowing foliage, and noted correspondence with Cllr Whittaker and actions taken.

Cllr Brading noted issues at Fairway Park and action taken with Adult Social Care, and discussions with local youth football manager; his repeated requests, including to the new Committee Chair, for a plan to address traffic issues at Tesco's junction recognising that funding would delay implementation; issues with 'No-Mow May', including fire risk as at Sandown Marshes, and visual limitations on roads; and Cllr Brading also confirmed his appointment as Chair of Children's Services, Education and Skills Committee.

30/25-26 Parish Councillors Reports

Cllr Brading noted recent correspondence from a resident regarding future funding of grounds maintenance at Los Altos, and members note Los Altos was located within Sandown, and that no request for funding had been received from IW Council who are responsible for Los Altos. Cllr Morris noted value of Community Orchards and Allotments, and Cllr Byford noted issue with steps at Denness Road and would report to FixMyStreet, and issue with barrier on Lake Cliff Gardens and need to report to Environment Officer.

Members unanimously agreed to extend the meeting by 15 minutes.

Cllr Whittaker noted donation of £100 of plants by Co-Op for War Memorial, who also asked for work to undertaken on rose beds next to 'Tommies' in garden, and a quote would be requested and brought back to future meeting.

31/25-26 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from the public and the Chair thanked Andrew for use of the facilities, and confirmed Parish Council would fund additional tables for future meetings.

32/25-26 NEXT MEETINGS

The Future Meetings were confirmed as:

Thursday 17 July 2025

Thursday 11 September 2025

Thursday 16 October 2025

Thursday 20 November - 10am Budget Briefing at Broadway Centre

Thursday 11 December 2025

Meeting closed 21.15