



LAKE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 13 March 2025

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

PRESENT: Cllr , **Paul Brading**, Chairman

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Richard Priest (Clerk)

From the floor There were 3 members of the public present.

Public Question Time

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting, there were no questions raised.

94/24-25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies, with Cllr Parkes apologising for slight lateness due to health concerns.

95/24-25 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS

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

96/24-25 TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF MEETING OF 13 February 2025

Cllr Brading thanked Cllr Whittaker for chairing previous meeting, and 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, noting that he and Cllr Hailston were not at the February meeting.

97/24-25 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES NOT REQUIRING RESOLUTION

Cllr Whittaker thanked members able to attend site meeting at 7th Day Adventist and updated members facilities available, and members agreed to relocate after the May 2025 AGM, with Annual Parish Meeting planned to be first meeting at new location, with Clerk contacting Lake Methodist Church and 7th Day Adventists accordingly, with Cllr Whittaker also noted discussion with Co-Op regarding parking if needed.

98/24-25 UPDATES FROM SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS POLICING TEAM

Cllr Whittaker asked for continued concerns about parking outside the Premier Shop to be taken forward by local Police and Parking Enforcement to avoid potential incidents, Cllr Clapp noted concerns about dangerous parking and Cllr Parkes noted concerns about late

night inappropriate parking. The Chair would contact the Police accordingly and noted they were monitoring the site.

99/24-25 FINANCES

1/ Cllr Brading proposed, and members unanimously approved, bring forward the Agenda item concerning a Bay Breakfast Project at local Secondary School, and members also unanimously voted to suspend Standing Orders to enable Neil Denley, project co-ordinator from local Church, to update members. Mr Denley outlined to members the background to the project and uptake of students at the Bay CE Secondary School, with members asking questions to clarify details. Members unanimously approved, and noted that Sandown Town Council had already made a contribution, local Rotary had supported, and Shanklin TC were considering contributing:

A/ A grant of £1000 from 2024/25, to be transferred before March 31 2025;

B/ A further grant, of £3,000 from 2025/26 Budget, youth provision, with consideration to virements in due course; and

C/ Provision made in 2026-27 Budget Consultation with longer term commitment to enable certainty and potential Match Funding;

2/ Members unanimously agreed to cease suspension of Standing Orders and Members unanimously approved payments/receipts for January 2025.

3/ Members unanimously approved payments/receipts for February 2025.

4 Members noted verified bank reconciliations for February 2025.

5/ Members noted expenditure against budget through February 2025.

6/ Members discussed the Reserves Paper with concern regarding risk and potential liability to the Council, with members also noting the limits of the Financial Services Compensation Scheme. Members also noted the forthcoming receipt of the 2025/26 precept, and the prudent management of accounts to make provision for future reprovision of facilities without possible need for a further loan. Cllr Whittaker asked for a named vote, seconded by Cllr Parkes. Members voted en bloc for the 3 recommendations contained in the paper and the votes for the recommendation (7) were Cllrs Clapp, Hailston, Young, Hardy, Hicks, Goodall & Brading, with 3 Abstentions recorded as Cllrs Whittaker, Byford and Parkes. **Members, therefore, agreed a/ to invest 50% of their monies in the PSDF; b/ to move instant access savings to Hinkley & Rugby Building Society and monitor any changes in rates; and c/ to consider transferring funds to Nationwide Building Society if they re-open applications and continue to have a rating over -A.**

7/ Members thanked the Clerk for circulating details of the forthcoming Parish and Town Council Elections, planned for Thursday 1 May 2025, and discussed possible unplanned costs, and members resolved, with 1 abstention, not to request provision of Polling Cards, and the Clerk would advise IWC accordingly and circulate any further information once received.

100/24-25 NEW ROAD & LAKE SLIPWAY TOILETS UPDATE

The Clerk updated members on repairs to Lake Cliff Gardens Toilets, with further parts in transit, and also updated members on the damage to Lake Slipway Toilets.

101/24-25 BAY PLACE PLAN

Cllrs Brading and Whittaker updated members on the previous meeting and the forthcoming meeting later in March. Members noted that provision had been made in the budget, including for Bay Business Project, Art Project, and Water Fountains Project, as well as other initiatives, and would require further details before confirming funding, and the Clerk was instructed to email the lead officer accordingly.

102/24-25 PLANNING

Cllr Brading updated members on planning appeal, and involvement of the Planning Inspectorate, with any outcome to be circulated once received. Members also noted correspondence regarding concerns regarding an application for a phone mast near Sandown railway Station, and noted this was not in the Parish, with members and residents advised to submit any comments in a personal capacity.

103/24-25 RIPPLES

Members thanked Dave Lupton for work on the publication and noted sensitivities on content prior to May Elections, and Cllr Hardy updated members on work with invoices and possible need to clarify some outstanding matters.

104/24-25 IW COUNCILLORS REPORT

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

105/24-25 CLERK AND COUNCILLORS REPORTS

The Clerk reported on correspondence with Sandown Green Town Volunteers regarding a Bay Wide Clean-Up planned for Saturday 22 March 2025, starting at 10am and finishing at Lake Cliff Gardens, and unanimously agreed to purchase litter picks to the value of around £50 to support the initiative. The Clerk also updated on correspondence with residents regarding personal benches on the Cliff Path, as well as discussions on plant donations for Thearles Green.

The Clerk noted continuation of Danfo maintenance and servicing of Toilets, with members discussing review of contract, and working with Shanklin and Sandown, who had continued their contract, on future re-tendering of service, noting provisions of the Procurement Act; and the new Council would consider way forward at future meeting.

Cllr Brading proposed, with Cllr Whittaker seconding, extending the meeting and members unanimously approving. Cllr Brading updated members on frustration with delay in receipt of planned Highways proposal for Road Safety at Tesco's Junction.

Cllr Clapp noted traffic issues subsequent to painting of lines along the Fairway, Cllr Hardy updated Cllr Whittaker and Members on planned IWALC training after Elections, and thanked Parish Council for re-joining IWALC; Cllr Byford noted concerns at Lake Cliff Gardens and easily removed bollard, and Cllr Brading noted invitation for Julian Wadsworth to attend future meeting, or brief all Bay Councillors. Cllr Brading also thanked all members for their support over the previous 4 years, noted there would be an update on future administrative arrangements at the next meeting, and thanked Cllr Young, who indicated not standing in elections, for contribution during term as Councillor.

106/24-25 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from the public.

NEXT MEETING

The Clerk noted the uncertainty regarding May 1 2025 Parish Council Elections, and that next meeting, and AGM of the Parish Council, was scheduled for Thursday 8 May 2025, at Lake Methodist Church with Annual Town Meeting to be arranged later in May, at 7th Day Adventist Church.

Meeting closed 21.25