



Item 3 - Paper A

LAKE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY 12 MARCH 2026

Minutes of the Meeting of Lake Parish Council held on
THURSDAY, 12 MARCH 2026 at Lake Gathering Place at 19.00

PRESENT: Cllrs Paul Brading (Chair), Julie Byford, Tim Clapp, Naomi Goodall, Mike Hailston, Sue Hardy, Robert May, Sarah Morris and Adrian Whittaker.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Richard Priest

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

Public Question Time

Cllr Brading apologised to members of the Public for slight delay in start of meeting, due to installation of new .GOV.UK email addresses for all Parish Councillors; and also noted the annual Parish meeting was being arranged for 6pm on Thursday 23 April 2026. Members of Men In Sheds thanked the Parish Council for support in 2025/26 and noted the official opening of the new facility on Wednesday 8th April 2026 at 10am, and would forward accounts to the clerk in advance of request for help in 2026/27. Cllr Brading responded to an enquiry about the absence of the dog bin in Churchill Close, and the efforts to ensure replacement by Island Roads, with Clerk also contacting Island Roads, with Parish Council still funding collection, and requesting quote to secure replacement.

125/25-26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Hartley, as well as Raine Elliss and Dave Lupton (Ripples).

126/25-26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chair and members confirmed that there were no items on the Agenda requiring further declaration.

127/25-26 TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF MEETING OF 5 FEBRUARY 2026

Cllr Whittaker proposed and Cllr May seconded, and members unanimously agreed, with Cllr Hardy abstaining as they were not at the meeting, that the minutes of the meeting held on 5 February 2026 be signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

128/25-26 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES NOT REQUIRING RESOLUTION

Cllr Brading noted the ongoing correspondence regarding the lights at Newport Road, correspondence with the School over UKSA, Books, Book Bags and other projects supported by the Parish Council; the support given to Breakfast in the Bay at both Broadlea and Secondary School; and correspondence with Men in Sheds.

129/25-26 UPDATES FROM SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS POLICING TEAM

PCSO May sent apologies, and members noted the shortage of resources in the Bay, with Cllr Whittaker attending a drop-in event earlier in the day; PCSO May noted work with rough-sleepers in the Bay, as well as forwarding details of ASB (5), Shoplifting (8), Drug Related Offences (2), Criminal Damage (4), Public Order (3), and Other (2), with members noting monthly drop-ins at Morrisons and Aldi on second Thursday of the month, but greater publicity would be helpful and could ensure greater participation. Cllr May noted significant increase in shoplifting, especially blatancy, with a reduction in abusive shoplifting; and members also noted issues at Finns and ASB in New Road.

130/25-26 FINANCES

1. To approve the Payments and Receipts lists as presented for February 2026

Members noted and unanimously approving the list for February 2026 with Chair signing accordingly, with Cllr Whittaker abstaining.

2. To receive and note the verified bank reconciliations for February 2026

Members unanimously noted the verified bank reconciliation for February 2026.

3. To receive and note the Expenditure against Budget for February 2026

Members unanimously noted the report.

4. Ripples 2026-2027

Members thanked Mr Lupton for ongoing work on the Ripples, and noted the Parish Council fully funded the publication, with honorariums for editor and distribution, with frequency of publication at Editor's discretion and in line with pre-election guidance; and members also thanked Mr Lupton for seeking contributions towards the costs of production, and Cllr Hardy noted work to maximise contributions recognising some Lake Organisations were no longer in operation, and Mr Lupton would be unable to follow up and collect contribution.

5. Financial Risk Assessment

Members thanked Jenn, Raine and the Clerk for the Assessment and noted that, due to volume of anti-social behaviour and other significant parish priorities, other documents would be developed, or reviewed, in due course and recognising the resource available, and confirmed Cllrs Brading and Hardy as signatories for funding transfers as previously agreed.

6. GDPR Training

Members thanked IWALC for arrangements and Cllr Hardy reported on attendance, with knowledge of GDPR and the investment made in securing .GOV.UK email addresses for the Parish Council part of the ongoing compliance commitment of the Parish Council.

7. Broadlea School Projects

Members noted recent correspondence from Broadlea, and also noted provision for further support in 2026/27 Budget.

8. Lake War Memorial Projects

Members discussed potential projects, working with the local schools, and Cllr Brading noted it was timely to remove the wreaths, and the Clerk would action in the week; and members also noted possible Anzac Day Service with Sandown Town Council in April.

9. Manor Road Playground

The Chair outlined the work, with the school and other stakeholders, and that, although delays in responses from IW Council caused increased in costs, the contribution of £44,720 by the Parish Council secured best value under the framework agreement, with other grants also being sought; Cllr Brading thanked all involved for taking the project forward, and that the VAT refund covered the cost of the project. Members also noted the correspondence with HMRC regarding VAT reclaims and that further guidance would be sought if appropriate, but HMRC had not highlighted a need for an alternative approach for reclaiming VAT, noting that most of the claim if related to provision of Public Conveniences.

10. Christmas Arrangements

Cllr Hailston noted correspondence regarding possible trees at New Road, and had arranged a site visit for Tuesday 17 March; Cllr Whittaker outlined his preferred option for a permanent tree, and its location taking into account power supply, and temporary tree until the permanent tree took root and was of sufficient size to decorate; members noted need to ensure health & safety issues met, and a report would be available at next meeting. Members also noted tree at Co-Op and no other matters were raised.

131/25-26 116/25-26 REVETMENT, NEW ROAD & LAKE CLIFF GARDENS TOILETS

Members thanked Clerk for circulating details of the fire and criminal damage overnight at Slipway Toilets, with report to Police, the site being secured for scenes of crime, and unisex provision at adjacent ladies toilets. Members noted issue of press statement, and supported in making the safe the facility before reopening, hopefully in time for Easter, the Clerk was meeting with Police on site and would update by email.

132/25-26 BAY PLACE PLAN

Cllr Whittaker updated members on the Bay Place Plan Public Art project, and circulation of draft art work from Lead Member for Art, with members feeding back on concerns for both designs, asking for the Slipway design to better reflect the nature of the Bay, and that the design for New Road would need to get permission from the owners of the wall, with members unanimously indicating that a further draft of the proposed art work would need to be provided before any funding agreed, especially as both sites are subject to vandalism.

133/25-26 PLANNING APPLICATIONS: RESOLVE COMMENTS ON APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

Members were supportive of charging points outlined in application 26/00192/FUL and the clerk would submit comment accordingly.

134/25-26 RIPPLES

Members noted earlier discussion in absence of Mr Lupton and hoped he got well soon.

135/25-26 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk updated members rough sleepers at County Ground, ongoing liaison with the Police on issues of anti-social behaviour in the Parish; correspondence with IWC regarding delayed request for funding for Enhance Environment Officer post, with increased costs for Playground project noted as caused by same department, and members supported the Clerks proposed way forward, and also noted positive support for Davide and his responsiveness to parish issues; the Water Project application had been submitted; Play in the Bay project progressing well with several events planned in coming months; Bay Project Officer invoice received and to be paid in April 2026; correspondence regarding utilities in hand, and PWLB Fairway Park payment noted; members thanked Cllt Hartley for attending Lake Methodist Church event and subsequent publicity; and Clerk noted leave planned for end of March and early April 2026.

136/25-26 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cllr Brading reported on welfare checks for rough sleepers and short-term caravan provision in place; ongoing frustration with Lake Traffic Lights due to damage; and use of Fix My Street to report Parish issues.

137/25-26 PARISH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Cllr Goodall reported on damage caused by vehicles parking on grass near to Tesco's and reporting to Fix My Street with any pictures, and Cllr Clapp supported need to report; Cllr Hardy noted greater involvement with Ripples going forward and popping into Broadway Centre for checks on accounts, and need to progress street lights concerns with NDL; Cllr Whittaker reported on concerns about use of illegal drugs in the parish; Cllr Hailstone noted possible use of IW Council land as allotments near to Berry Hill, and this could be developed when the site is disposed off by IWC and Cllr Morris supported provision of allotments, and also noted progress of Reading projects in the Bay; and Cllr May noted concerns about new electric bus fleet with reduced downstairs seating inconsistent with local demographic.

123/25-26 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no public questions.

138/25-26 NEXT MEETINGS

The Future Meetings were confirmed as:

Thursday 23 April 2026, Thursday 14 May 2026, Thursday 11 June 2026

Thursday 9 July 2026, Thursday 10 September 2026, Thursday 8 October 2026,

November Budget Briefing, and Thursday 10 December 2026

Annual Parish Meeting at 6pm on Thursday 23 April 2026.

Meeting closed 21.20