



LAKE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY 23 APRIL 2026

Minutes of the Meeting of Lake Parish Council held on
THURSDAY, 23 APRIL 2026 at Lake Gathering Place at 19.00

PRESENT: Cllrs Paul Brading (Chair), Naomi Goodall, Sue Hardy, Tony Hartley, Sarah Morris and Adrian Whittaker.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Richard Priest

From the floor There was 6 members of the public present.

Public Question Time

Cllr Brading apologised to members of the Public for slight delay in start of meeting, following the Annual Parish Meeting.

139/25-26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs May, Byford, Hailston and Clapp.

140/25-26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

141/25-26 TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF MEETING OF 12 MARCH 2026

Cllr Whittaker proposed and Cllr Hardy seconded, and members unanimously agreed, with that the minutes of the meeting held on 12 March 2026 be signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

142/25-25 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES NOT REQUIRING RESOLUTION

Cllr Brading noted the conclusion of the temporary lights at Newport Road, and also the migration issues regarding transition to .GOV email addresses and new website, with appropriate NALC policies to be adopted, and updated at May meeting.

143/25-26 UPDATES FROM SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS POLICING TEAM

PCSO May sent apologies, and members noted the continued shortage of resources in the Bay, with details of forthcoming Police events on the Parish Notice Board. Members thanked PCSO May for ongoing welfare checks on rough sleepers and response to the arson attempt in the slipway toilets.

144/25-26 FINANCES

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

Members noted and unanimously approved the Payments and Receipts list for March 2026 with Chair signing accordingly.

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

Members unanimously noted the verified bank reconciliation for March 2026, and thanked Cllrs Hardy and Brading for ensuring accuracy, and Raine and Jenn for providing a positive year end position, given workload pressures.

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

Members unanimously noted the report, and noted positive position. Members noted loan repayments, and that the Fairway was nearing conclusion, there were several projects, including Manor Road Playpark and Play in the Bay, that would be concluded in the 2026/27 financial year.

4. Broadlea School Projects

Members noted involvement of Broadlea Pupils in development of Manor Road Project, and Cllr Brading noted they would be involved in the opening when arranged. The Chair also noted that the school appreciated the donation supporting new books for the Library, and that there was provision in the 2026/27 budget for further support, with the school also likely to benefit from addition external grant support. Members also unanimously supported the Chair's proposal to allocate £100 from his allowance to fund planting at Lake Railway Station by students.

Raine updated members on the book bag project, and that the school had identified key stage 1 and 2 designs, and production was in hand. Members thanked Raine for taking this project forward.

5. Lake War Memorial Projects

Members noted the removal of wreaths, and Cllr Goodall asked if weeds could be removed from flower troughs and pavement, and members noted it was IWC property, and the clerk would visit the site and take appropriate action. Members noted that Cllr Hartley would be attending an ANZAC Day service in the Bay, and that plans were being developed to commemorate the centenary of the memorial, and the clerk was seeking a grant.

6. Manor Road Playground

The Chair noted the progress of the project and the funding secured by the Clerk, and details of works, when implemented by IW Council, would be circulated to all members.

145/25-26 REVETMENT, NEW ROAD & LAKE CLIFF GARDENS TOILETS

Members thanked Clerk for continued monitoring of the locations, and for regular banking of monied collected. Members also noted recent flytipping at sites, and the work undertaken, following the fire and criminal damage, to open for Easter. The clerk also noted that Legionella Tests had been commissioned, and that the annual servicing and maintenance check was also in hand, including checks on the pit, and other areas of the facility.

146/25-26 BAY PLACE PLAN

Cllr Whittaker updated members on the Bay Place Plan Public Art project, and lessons to be learnt from the project. Cllr Brading outlined progress at recent meeting,

including success of Water Fountain Grant Application for Lake Cliff Gardens, with members confirming £500 budgeted support for Website, and contribution to the funding for the Bay Regeneration Officer, which is less than budgeted. Cllrs Brading and Whittaker also outlined the concerns about additional Parish/Town Councillors being appointed to the Steering Group, with members supporting Cllr Morris representing appropriate group, with vacancies identified and councils due to review membership in May 2026. Cllr Brading also highlighted need for progress with second phase of the revetment project and this would be a future agenda item for the Bay Place Plan.

Members also confirmed support for the 'Way of Working' for Area Town Centre Regeneration Programme Manager role; and discussed proposal for a local Blue Plaque project, and members highlighted need for additional information.

147/25-26 PLANNING APPLICATIONS: RESOLVE COMMENTS ON APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

Members noted support of charging points outlined in application 26/00192/FUL and the Chair updated members on current situation, and thanked Raine for circulation of TPO correspondence.

148/25-26 RIPPLES

Members noted delay in publication due to pre-election guidance, and that articles had been sent to the editor for next edition, and members thanked Cllr Hardy for work secure contributions towards the cost of publication.

149/25-26 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk updated members of renovation of Merrie Gardens Notice Board and Chair confirmed funding through Parish Improvement, and thanked all involved in the project; members thanked Raine and Clerk for successful Water Fountain Application, and Dolphin design and this matter would be on future agenda; Members thanked Raine for work on IT Project and noted background to delays; and members also noted end of year information sent to Internal Auditor; Members thanked Cllr Hartley for work on Play in the Bay project, and involvement of students in the Bay, with forthcoming Bowls Centenary event planned for May; the Clerk noted correspondence from Men In Sheds and this would be on next agenda, and Chair noted possible for support of local volunteers involved in public realm clearances, such as along Cliff Path; and Clerk also updated members on welfare checks on rough sleepers; and work on underpass.

Clerk also noted meeting with Cllrs Whittaker and Hailston, and contractor, at New Road, and discussion regarding potential Xmas Tree or Trees, with a permanent tree requiring removal of existing planting and potentially having a base spread of 20+ feet, and need to instal power supply, and taking in the order of 10 years to mature. Members also noted temporary tree in other area, and clerk would ask contractor for updated details. Cllr Hardy asked about tree in Thearles Green, and the Chair outlined background to the current situation.

150/25-26 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cllr Brading reported on the conclusion Lake Traffic Lights, and current issues with Southern Water and traffic near to airport; actions taken on flytipping issues at Alresford Road and Oaklyn Gardens; the progress on restoring dog-bin near Porter Club; discussions with Lake & Sandown FC regarding Fairway Park in the longer term, and potential joint projects; visit to Lake Methodist Church and the appreciation of the food bank for the support of the Parish Council.

151/25-26 PARISH COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Cllr Goodall noted residents concerns about the War Memorial and thanked clerk for actions taken; members thanked Men In Sheds for invitation to the opening event, and noted most of workshop installation completed; Cllr Morris noted concerns about concerns at Alresford Road and flytipping, and issues about bins on the beach in the Bay; Cllr Whittaker also thanked Men in Sheds, and local residents for organising clearance of Cliff Path planned for later in April.

152/25-26 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Members discussed the public's suggestion of a pride in the parish project, and that this may be something to be developed in the June meeting, with Chair thanking residents for attending.

153/25-26NEXT MEETINGS

The Future Meetings were confirmed as:

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 20.45