



LAKE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 11 June 2026

Minutes of the Meeting of Lake Parish Council held on
THURSDAY, 11 June 2026 at Gathering Place, at **19.00**

PRESENT: Cllr Paul Brading, Chairman

Cllrs Adrian Whittaker, Robert May, Sarah Morris and Tim Clapp.

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

From the floor There were 11 members of the public present.

Public Question Time

The Chairman thanked residents for attending the earlier meeting with Men in Sheds and Public Realm Volunteers, and welcomed 11 parishioners to the meeting. Mrs Hayes thanked Cllr Whittaker for his help regarding the hole in Cliff Road, involving Southern Water and Island Roads, and outstanding issues, and the Chairman agreed to write to the IWC Ward Councillor for an update of actions taken and planned way forward, and would share response at next meeting. Merrie Gardens resident thanked local PCSO's for action taken on anti-social behaviour in that area.

21/26-27 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were accepted from Cllrs Hartley, Hardy, Hailston, Goodall and Byford..

22/26-27 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS

There were no further declarations in addition to those already registered, and members confirmed they had previously signed acceptance of office forms, and forms would be updated, to reflect guidance from IWC Monitoring Officer. There were no written requests for dispensation.

23/26-27 TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF MEETING OF 14 May 2026

Cllr Whittaker proposed, and Cllr Clapp seconded, and members unanimously approved the minutes as a true and accurate record, and the Chair signed accordingly, Cllr Morris abstained as she was not at the meeting.

24/26-27 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES NOT REQUIRING A RESOLUTION

Cllr Brading updated members on plans for Fairway Junction, with Tesco's, and ongoing discussions with IWC Highways Directorate.

25/26-27 TO WELCOME STEVE REED IOW DEFIBRILLATORS

The Chair welcomed Steve Reed to the meeting, and Mr Reed outlined his background and involvement in providing defibrillators across the Island, and summarised the number of units in Lake, noting that all needed maintenance and access was advised via '999'. Members discussed the Tesco's defibrillator, including relocation, and unanimously agreed to fund replacement in current location, due to footfall and updated guidance for access to equipment. The Chair thanked Mr Reed for attending, and would welcome an article for Ripples.

26/26-27 UPDATES FROM SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS POLICING TEAM

PCSO May sent apologies due to workload, and a report was circulated before the meeting.

27/26-27 FINANCES

Accounts

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

Members reviewed and unanimously approved the payments and receipts for May 2026.

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

Members reviewed and unanimously approved the bank reconciliation for May 2026.

3. To receive and note the expenditure against budget through May 2026

Members reviewed and unanimously approved the expenditure against budget for May 2026, and noted the underspend on administration, and noted need to address capacity given increased demands and transitional arrangements going forward, and this would be discussed as a confidential item.

4. Men in Sheds Correspondence

Members noted the discussion earlier in the evening, and establishing Lake Tidy Team, and unanimously approved funding of £1000, towards the initiative under the Men In Sheds charitable umbrella, with receipts to the Parish Council, and the group would meet again at 6pm on 9 July, before next Parish Council Meeting; and members also confirmed reimbursement of costs towards planting of War Memorial, to Mrs Hayes, and Chair thanked all for setting up much needed Parish project.

5. Members unanimously agreed to work with Sandown and Shanklin Town Councils on joint Re-Tender for maintenance and servicing Bay Public Conveniences in 2027, with stand alone option built into specification.

28/26-27 Installation Of Manor Park Playground.

The Chair updated members on correspondence with IW Council, and the current situation, as well as presenting pupils with Book Bags following recent project funded by the Parish Council; and hoped the Park would be reopened before the end of June.

29/26-27 New Road, Lake Cliff Gardens & Lake Slipway Toilets – update

The Clerk updated members on the on-going anti-social behaviour at the 3 locations, such as 'Hot-Boxing', and actions taken to report to appropriate authorities, and members noted the time taken to protect the community assets.

30/26-27 Planning applications: to resolve comments on applications received

Members thanked Clerk for circulating applications, and noted no concerns about current applications.

31/26-27 Ripples

Cllr Brading thanked the voluntary Editor for their work on the Ripples, and the nature of community events being reported on in the publication..

32/26-27 Clerks Report

The Clerk updated members on handrails issue at Cliff Path and actions taken, as well as dangerous surface water; reporting of dangerous trees at Lake Cliff Gardens and subsequent removal; submission of AGAR; new meter at Lake Cliff Gardens; recent meeting with Lions Club and planned meeting with Lake & Sandown FC; forthcoming event with roadsweeping team; and positive correspondance with Gathering Places.

Raine Elliss updated members on VAT submission of £11,209.21; ongoing actions to update website; resolution of Business Rates issue at New Road Toilets; and other correspondance, including arrival of water fountain planned for Lake Cliff Gardens.

33/26-27 CHAIRMANS REPORT

Cllr Brading updated members on plans for Tesco's junction; securing a £5,000 grant towards Parish Projects; and outlined 4 phase project at New Road, with Flag Pole, Benches, and Parish Pictures, with members unanimously support project, with funding allocated for support of Xmas tree at Co-Op and new lights at Thearles Green if required for Christmas 2026, with members unanimously agreeing not to proceed with removal of plants at New Road to enable Christmas Tree to be planted.

34/26-27 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Cllr Morris confirmed acceptance of IWALC nomination, and members unanimously supported Cllr Hardy as Treasurer at IWALC and Cllr Redpath as Chair; Cllr Whiattaker asked members to consider installing Pride Flags at New Road and Thearles Green; and Cllr Morris asked for update on removal of decorative street lighting, and the clerk updated members of emails to contractor.

The Chair asked members to bring forward Public Questions, which was unainmously supported and residents thanked the Chair for a very productive and positive meeting.

35/26-27 Exclusion of Press and Public

Members unanimously supported the Exclusion of the Press and Public under Section 100 (A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, to discuss 2026/27 Confidential Budget Matters. The Clerk outlined Budgetary issues as discussed during the Parish Council Meeting and members unanimously agreed:

- 1/ To advertise, appropriately, for additional administrative support, within budget, to increase capacity and enable transition, with Clerk, Chair and Deputy Chair to progress before the next meeting;
- 2/ To note the need to clarify the distinction between Parish Council and IW Council responsibilities, following issues raised by residents and recent correspondence;
- 3/ To note, and action, request from CCLA for confidential information from Parish Councillors as part of application to open account;
- 4/ To note, and action, proposed protocol for Election of Chair/Vice Chair for 2027/28 Annual Meeting; and
- 5/ To note, and support Clerk, trying to address removal of Decorative Street Lighting.

36/26-27 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

NEXT MEETING

Thursday 9 July 2026

Thursday 10 September 2026

Thursday 8 October 2026

Thursday 10 December 2026

Meeting closed 21.20