



LAKE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 9 July 2026

Minutes of the Meeting of Lake Parish Council held on
THURSDAY, 9 July 2026 at Gathering Place, at **19.00**

PRESENT: Cllr Paul Brading, Chairman

Cllrs Adrian Whittaker, Naomi Goodall, Tony Hartley, Sue Hardy, Robert May, Sarah Morris and Juli Byford.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. Richard Priest (Clerk)

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

Public Question Time

The Chair congratulated Cllr Hardy on her 50th wedding anniversary and Cllr Hartley on attending the meeting on his birthday.

The Chairman thanked residents for attending the meeting and read out a reply from the IW Ward Councilor regarding a resident's question about Cliff Road and a blind gulley soaking into the cliff, and Cllr Brading also thanked Cllr Whittaker and MP Joe Robertson for site visit and trying to resolve the matter. A resident from the Fairway, opposite Roseway, raised a concern about road safety and overtaking on the brow of the hill, with Cllr Brading noting previous responses from Island Roads, and a resident of James Avenue raised concerns about vehicles parking causing obstruction of views when egressing from properties, with Cllr Brading seeking responses from the appropriate agencies or ward Councilor.

Cllr Brading also thanked Lake Tide Teams, led by Elaine Hayes, for their voluntary work in Lake, on the Public Realm, and noted the conversation prior to the meeting with Men In Sheds involved, and noted a further meeting in the Autumn.

Cllr Brading welcomed Laura Cansdale, Bay Regeneration Programme Manager, to the meeting and to update residents on projects, prior to the start of the formal meeting. Laura outlined the Bay Wide Projects being progressed, and success of initiatives such as Sandown Town Hall; and Laura detailed plans for Fairway Park, New Road, as well as funding secured for Water Fountains at Lake Cliff Gardens. Laura took questions and Cllr Brading thanked Laura for ongoing work on behalf of Lake.

37/26-27 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were accepted from Cllrs Hailston and Clapp.

38/26-27 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.

39/26-27 TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF MEETING OF 11 June 2026

Cllr Whittaker proposed, and Cllr Goodall seconded, and members unanimously approved the minutes as a true and accurate record, and the Chair signed accordingly.

40/26-27 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.

41/26-27 UPDATES FROM SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS POLICING TEAM

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

48/26-27 FINANCES

Accounts

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

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

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

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

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

Members noted difficulties accessing the document and it would be re-sent. Cllr Brading thanked Cllr Hardy for checking accounts and members noted the paper.

4. Tidy Teams Correspondence

Members noted the discussion earlier in the evening, again thanked all involved for the progress and impact made, the volume of social media coverage, and Cllr Clapp forwarded his thanks to all volunteers. Cllr Brading highlighted the need not to take on responsibilities of other agencies, or unsustainable projects, and noted a further informal meeting in the Autumn.

5. Appointment of the Responsible Finance Officer

Members unanimously approved the appointment of Raine Elliss, as Responsible Finance Officer for Lake Parish Council, with effect from 1 July, and the Clerk to forward details to payroll provider. Cllr Brading thanked Cllrs Hardy and Whittaker for their involvement in the interview process and recommendation of appointment. Members noted review in the Autumn, that appointment was within Budget and there would be a review of the SLA in due course.

6. Bay Youth Project

Members confirmed payment of £5,000 contribution towards the Bay Youth Project, and noted need to ensure consideration of support towards Lake & Sandown Youth FC, Breakfast Club and Hamper projects with local school and churches, UKSA project, School Projects and Railway Station planter project.

49/26-27 Installation Of Manor Park Playground.

The Chair updated members on correspondence with IW Council, and the current situation, and next steps.

50/26-27 New Road, Lake Cliff Gardens & Lake Slipway Toilets – update

The Clerk updated members on the continued on-going anti-social behavior 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.

51/26-27 Planning applications: to resolve comments on applications received

Members thanked Clerk for arranging opportunity to comment on 26/00617/FUL, and the neutral comment agreed was:

Loss of Tourist Accommodation, Over-development of site, harm to residential amenity, failure to promote sustainable and balanced communities; with further concerns about the management plan, including warden on site, refuse and recycling, and fire arrangements.

4 Members voted to object on the grounds of the loss of Tourist Accommodation, with the casting vote supporting neutral comment, but record objections and that timescales were a factor.

52/26-27 Ripples

Cllr Brading thanked the voluntary Editor for their work on the Ripples, and that the next edition would include a feature on the work of the Tidy Team.

53/26-27 Clerks Report

The Clerk updated members on correspondence with the auditors; visit to Men In Sheds; egress at slipway toilets; open day for Bay Youth Project; correspondence with CCLA; Play in the Bay projects; Year of Reading initiatives; publication of accounts deadlines; and other correspondence.

54/26-27 CHAIRMANS REPORT

Cllr Brading updated members on correspondence with IWC regarding Tesco's junction; progress with McDonalds and securing playground provision; request for £3,000 funding contribution from Building the Bay, for NEET research and grant application,

and Chair confirmed, and members unanimously supported, would be subject to Shanklin and Sandown contributing, and Cllr Brading would write to chair accordingly. There were concerns about overgrown grass areas, bus shelters and other war matters, and would be dealt with accordingly.

55/26-27 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Cllr Morris updated members on IWALC matters; Cllr Byford on fly tipping issues and would contact ward councilor; Cllr Hardy on overgrown hedges at Rugby Club and actions to be taken by Island Roads; and Cllr Whittaker commented on the Building the Bay meeting, and attendance of Shanklin Mayor in the Parish.

56/26-27 Exclusion of Press and Public

Members unanimously noted that matters had been addressed under the main agenda and there was no need to exclude the public and press for the remainder of the meeting.

57/26-27 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday 10 September 2026

Thursday 8 October 2026

Thursday 10 December 2026

Meeting closed 21.00