

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
TOTLAND PARISH COUNCIL
Held on Wednesday 14 September 2005 in
The Council Offices, Winchester House, The Broadway, Totland

Present: Councillors; Mr J Howe (Chairman), Mr J Honeychurch, Mr V Fennell, Mrs A Smith , Mrs C Bryan and Mr A Jones.

Apologies: Councillors: Mr D Filby and Dr B Hinton.

Also present: Councillor G Cameron, Mrs S Jennings (RFO), Mr J Holsburt and 4 members of the public.

The evening began with a talk by Matthew Chatfield of The Countryside Agency. He explained the set up of the department and how they manage the IOW countryside owned by the Council. They are also responsible for protected species, such as the red squirrel and bats etc and also the protection of trees. They give advice to the Planning Department and to the public where these issues are required. They also manage estuaries and have two projects at the moment on the Yar and the Medina.

Matthew was asked by council about the clearing of brambles on the Totland Meadow which would give sea views from the seats. Matthew said it was their intention to clear this but it would be done a long way in the future.

Matthew also answered questions on the protection of trees from the public and left the following brochures in the office for public use:

“A Guide to Tree Preservation Procedures”.

“High hedges: complaining to the Council”.

“Western Yar circular walk”.

Councillor Howe thanked Matthew for his very interesting talk.

88/05 Public Question Time

There were no questions from the public.

89/05 Declarations of Interest in items on the Agenda

Councillor Howe declared he had an interest in the St Saviour’s School Planning Application and abstained from voting.

90/05 Planning Matters

- a) To receive declaration of interest in planning matters ;-
- b) To consider the following planning applications :-

(i) Location: Fort Warden Heights, Hurst Point View.
Council believe there should be a minimum of 2 parking spaces per unit and ask that they be maintained by yellow lines.

(ii) Location: Land adjoining Tuckenhay, The Avenue, Totland.
The Council had no comment to make on this application.

(iii) Location: 26 The Avenue, Totland.
The Council had no comment to make on this application.

(iv) Location: Land abutting the southern boundary of West Wight Nursery, Summers Lane, Totland.
The Council had no comment to make on this application.

(v) Location: Nodes Country Hotel, Totland.
The Council had no comment to make on this application.

(vi) Location: 47 The Avenue, Totland
The Council had no comment to make on this application.

91/05 To confirm the Minutes of Meetings of the Council on 13th July 2005

These were confirmed as a true record. Prop. Councillor C Bryan. Seconded Councillor V Fennell, all were in favour

92/05 Report on matters relating to Open Spaces

John Holsburt issued a copy of his Totland Recreation Ground Initiative Plan to each member of the Parish Council and Councillor Cameron of the Isle of Wight Council.

John outlined his plans for the recreation ground and asked for the support of The Parish Council. It was agreed that Council would read and discuss his Plan and would invite him back to our next meeting on October 12th.

93/05 To Receive the Report of the Turf Walk Regeneration SubCommittee

It was agreed that Totland Parish Council would cut the hedges on the road side twice a year.

John F. Howe
 Chairman
 12 October 2005

On the seaward side the hedge would be cut down to 3ft. The hedges on the other side were not ours and therefore we would be unable to cut these down to 3ft.

94/05 To report on matters arising from the agenda - for information only

Application for Churchyard maintenance grant.

It was agreed to a grant of £1390 to assist with the maintenance of the Churchyard. Proposed: V Fennell, seconded A Jones and unanimously agreed.

95/05 Accounts

To consider the payment of the following accounts :-

V Gallard	£455.79	Salary
Inland Revenue	£ 51.47	Tax & NHI
S.Jenkins (RFO)	£162.00	Salary (setting up accounts – salary from April to July, plus payroll from July to September).
Petty Cash	£ 50.00	
BT	£ 98.94	
P E Sexton – Elec Contractors	£411.25	To supply and fit electrical works on Turf Walk.
L Forrest Plumbing Services	£ 70.00	Make connections, stop cock and tap for Turf Walk.
W Hurst & Son	£ 47.40	6 large dustbins for Art on the Turf Walk.
B & Q Warehouse	£ 59.94	Hosepipe, elec cable, extn lead for Art on the Turf Walk.
V.Gallard (Waitrose)	£ 18.99	Repayment of first instalment for Broadband.
WBS	£ 53.49	Stationery
Zurich Insurance	£1,191.23	Policy renewal.
JHowe	£ 22.48	Expenses

The Council resolved to pay these accounts. Proposed Councillor C Bryan, Seconded Councillor V Fennell and unanimously agreed.

96/05 Correspondence

E-mail from Mr Whitehouse regarding hedge maintenance on the Turf Walk. (see 93/ 05 Report on the Turf Walk).

Councillor Howe read out a letter from Rachel Bradley about the work she was carrying out to improve the roundabout in Totland. It was agreed by Council to send her a letter of thanks.

The Clerk read out an email from HM Coastguard on the two boats that were washed up on the beach at Totland Bay confirming that there was no danger attached to the vessels.

John commented on a letter from the Parks Officer at Isle of Wight Council regarding current procedures to be followed if intending to hold an event on any open space or recreation ground maintained by the Council.

97/05 Report from County Council Councillor George Cameron.

George reported that he had got the forms to fill in for play equipment at St Saviour's School up to £10,000 for which he was very hopeful.

Totland Pier – George confirmed that Mike Allsop of the Totland Pier Café had got the keys to the toilets and would be responsible for them and their use. This is a pilot project only.

The yellow lines at Totland have been left on hold at the moment.

George gave an outline of the time-table for yellow lines in The Avenue.

Parish Plan – George brought the forms for a grant for £5,000 to start the Parish Plan off. He said he would like to fill in these forms in the Parish Office together with Councillor John Howe and the Clerk. He welcomed any ideas or suggestions and said that a committee should be formed from which various members of the public, of all ages, should be involved.

George told Council that the planning in Alum Bay New Road had been declined.

George further explained that he had been informed by Planning that the state of Uplands Road and The Mall cannot be looked at when deciding planning. He said he would carry on fighting this one.

98/05 Question and Information Time

Councillor John Howe asked Council if they were aware of the impending move of the amenity site to Golden Hill. The Council is selling off this land for housing (not social housing) to raise money. John said that at a meeting the

Leader of the Council said he intended to involve Parish and Local Council in any decision making but neither Totland or Freshwater Parish Councils were consulted.

Council agreed to write and express their concerns to the Leader of the Council and encourage Freshwater Parish Council to do the same.

West Island Printers are also relocating to Cowes which will mean less jobs for the West Wight.

Councillor Howe said he had spoken to Parks and Beaches about letters sent regarding Colwell esplanade. Totland Parish Council are concerned regarding the concrete owned huts which are constantly being vandalised. He was advised that Council are planning to demolish these at the end of the season and it is proposed that individual plots are let and tenants will erect their own Council designed huts.

Cycling along Colwell esplanade – evidently the ‘no cycling’ signs could have been removed from the gates at each end of the esplanade as it has been deemed a “cycling route” in accordance with the Council’s Transport Policy. Council feel this is exceedingly dangerous both to cyclists, sunbathers and walkers, especially those with prams, pushchairs, wheelchairs or on mobility scooters.

Councillor John Honeychurch said he was not happy with the criticisms of schools by the Isle of Wight Council and felt that we should have moved to a 2 tier system instead of a 3 tier system.

Councillor Howe informed Council that Robin Day would be coming into the office to assist the Clerk to set up a web site for Totland Parish Council.

There being no other business the chairman closed the meeting at 9.05pm.