

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
TOTLAND PARISH COUNCIL
Held on Wednesday 11 January 2006 in
The Council Offices, Winchester House, The Broadway, Totland

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

Apologies: Dr. B. Hinton and Jacqui Darby, Lead Dog Warden.

There were 8 members of the public present.

1/06 Public Question Time

Mrs Angela Morgan brought up the subject of Planning consent being given for the new house being built in The Mall, The Broadway, Totland. The residents were very upset at Planning for allowing a 3 storey house to be built amongst bungalows. She said she was very concerned that Parish Councillors comments were not taken notice of. Councillor David Filby agreed and said Council were also frustrated that their decisions were not being listened to also.

Councillor George Cameron had been to the site, which he agreed was an “eye-sore”. He has asked Andrew Ashcroft, Head of Planning, to attend site and also he will request that a building inspector visits site to check that the original details have not changed concerning height and windows.

Councillor John Honeychurch told Council that he was “fed-up” with lack of considerations. It was agreed that we would ask Mrs Sally Honeychurch to publish our planning decisions each month in the Beacon under the Parish News. Proposed Councillor J Honeychurch, seconded Councillor Alastair Jones and unanimously agreed.

A copy of a letter was also received from Dr and Mrs Whitehouse expressing their disappointment with Planning for allowing this building to go ahead.

Mrs Deakin requested that we call a Public Meeting and invite Andrew Ashcroft to talk about Planning matters and answer residents questions and concerns. Councillor John Howe said the meeting should be held at the Church Hall, Totland and asked the Clerk to arrange this.

Mr Peter Garlick informed Council that he had received a letter from the Head of Consumer Protection, IOW Council, informing them not to feed wildlife on Lanes End. Mr Garlick said they regularly feed the foxes and badgers and does not agree they are a problem. Councillor John Howe asked Councillor George Cameron to take this up with Paul Creer.

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The Clerk read out a letter from the Lead Dog Warden on the Island regarding their monitoring of the Turf Walk.

Patrols were carried out on 15, 19, 21 and 22 December 2005 and 9 January 2006. She said dog fouling was very light. She has agreed to carry on patrolling this area at the same time as they patrol Stroud and Totland Recreation grounds.

The Clerk then read out a report from Mr Deakin who pointed out that it is incumbent upon the Parish Council to impose measures to mitigate the problem. He said that under the provisions of the Totland Parish Council's Bylaws (1971/ Article 12) there is already in existence a regulation to meet this requirement. He asked that to meet the requirement to exercise proper control that all dogs being exercised on Turf Walk should be kept on a lead.

Following a very heated debate it was agreed that the Parish Council would check the Bylaws to see if notices could be put up at various points on the Turf Walk and Stokes Green stating that dogs must be kept on leads. Councillor Howe said it would be very difficult to enforce this. However, Mr William Shaw said he would be happy to volunteer to get up early twice a week to see if he could find the irresponsible people who were making it difficult for the responsible people but he would need volunteers to help him. Councillor John Howe thanked him for this gesture and asked if there were any other volunteers. Proposed Councillor Vince Fennell, seconded Councillor Carol Bryan and unanimously agreed.

Mr Terry Dodds said he was having problems with dog fouling outside his house and the footpath by the side of the Coast Guard Station in Lanes End, leading down to Stokes Green. Councillor George Cameron said he would take this up with the County Council.

It was agreed to look at this again in three months time to see if there was any change.

2/06 Declarations of Interest in items on the Agenda

There were no declarations of interest

3/06 Planning Matters

a) To consider the following planning applications :-

- (i) Location: The Sentry Mead Hotel, Madeira Road, Totland Bay.
Council had no comment.

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4/06 To confirm the Minutes of Meetings of the Council on 14 December 2005

These were confirmed as a true record. Prop. Councillor John Honeychurch, Seconded Councillor Alastair Jones, all were in favour.

5/06 Report on matters relating to Open Spaces

There were not matters relating to Open Spaces.

6/06 To Receive the Report of the Turf Walk Regeneration Subcommittee

Councillor John Howe reported to the Council that it had cost £141 of tax payers money to remove the debris that had been 'dumped' on the Turf Walk. It was agreed to ask Mrs Sally Honeychurch to put this in the Beacon with a request to residents not to deposit their rubbish on the Turf Walk.

The Clerk informed Council that the contractors were now working on the Turf Walk, grinding tree stumps and cutting the tree on the bridge.

7/06 To Receive the Report from Councillor George Cameron

Councillor George Cameron reported that although no decision had yet been taken, Weston Manor may become a Drug Rehabilitation Centre. He said that residents in the West Wight were extremely concerned at this and asked Council for their support. Councillor John Howe said he would have our total support and that a public meeting should be called at the Memorial Hall for people from the West Wight to air their views. Councillor Cameron said he would arrange this.

He also informed Council that if necessary, he would get a Section 125 for Totland Beach, and that he was trying to sort out the problems with the concrete beach huts and toilets at Colwell Bay.

8/06 To report on matters arising from the agenda - for information only

The Parish Plan was discussed and Councillor George Cameron said the first application was rejected but he now had a new Parish Plan Application which should go ahead. He said a steering committee was required.

9/06 To accept the resignation of Councillor Mrs Audrey Smith

The Clerk read out the resignation letter from Councillor Mrs Audrey Smith. He then gave a brief outline of the procedure as follows:

1. Inform the Electoral Services Office.
2. Put Notice in window of office giving 14 days for ten electors to give notice of their wish for an election. A copy of the Notice to be sent to Electoral Services.
3. Electoral Services will inform us as soon as the relevant date has passed to whether an election needs to be held or not.

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Council agreed that we should acknowledge Audrey's many years of commitment to Council. This will be decided at a later date.

10/06 Accounts

To consider the payment of the following accounts :-

V Gallard	£455.79	Salary
Inland Revenue	£ 64.17	Tax & NHI
Petty Cash	£ 20.00	
V Gallard	£ 18.99	Broadband
WBS	£107.27	Stationery (Ink Cartridges)
IOW County Hall	£251.45	Stationery (Letter headings)
Brighstone Landscapes	£141.61	Removal of debris from Turf Walk

The Council resolved to pay these accounts. Proposed Councillor Vince Fennell, seconded Councillor David Filby and unanimously agreed.

11/06 To agree the Parish Council Precept 2006/2007.

The Parish Council Precept was discussed and agreed at 2.3%.

Proposed Councillor Vince Fennell, seconded Councillor Carol Bryan and unanimously agreed.

12/06 To agree amendments to Annual Audit Return.

The amendments to the Annual Audit Return was discussed and agreed.

Proposed Councillor John Honeychurch, seconded Councillor Vince Fennell and unanimously agreed.

13/06 Correspondence

None.

14/06 Question and Information Time

Mr Garlick mentioned that a lorry had badly churned up the grass on the recreation ground, possibly a contractor employed by the County Council. Councillor George Cameron said he would take up the matter.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50p.m.