

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
TOTLAND PARISH COUNCIL
Held on Wednesday 13 December 2006 in
The Council Offices, Winchester House, The Broadway, Totland

Present: Councillors; Mr J Honeychurch (Vice Chairman), Mrs C Bryan, Mr A Jones, Dr B Hinton, Mr V Fennell and Mrs S Jennings (RFO).

A reporter from the County Press attended the meeting along with seven members of the public.

Apologies: Councillors Mr J Howe, Mrs V Cooke and Mr G Cameron.

131/06 Public Question Time

There were no questions.

132/06 Declarations of Interest in items on the Agenda

There were no declarations of interest.

133/06 Planning Matters

To consider the following planning applications:-

- i) Location: Land at the rear of 12-14 The Avenue, Totland.
Proposal: Development for 7 houses plus internal and external alterations to No 14 The Avenue.

Council strongly opposed this for the following reasons:

- *Over development of the site.*
- *Access on to an already busy and dangerous road (already identified by Highways as dangerous).*
- *Parking – there are only spaces for one car per property, if there are two car families it means one car will then park in The Avenue causing even more problems.*
- *Loss of privacy to various surrounding properties.*
- *Drainage.*
- *Covenant on the land (supplied to you by local resident).*
- *One way road system in and out of site would cause problems for emergency services as and when required.*

- ii) Location: Island View Chalets, Fort Warden Road, Totland.
Proposal: Pair of 2 bedroom holiday chalets in lieu of approved 3 bedroom warden's accommodation.

Councillors had no comment regarding this application. Council feel however the access should be further investigated.

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- iii) Location: Land adjacent Meadow Barn, Weston Road, Totland.
Proposal: Detached house with garage and alterations to vehicular access.

The Council strongly opposed this application for the following reasons:

- *The Barn is a Grade 2 Listed Building which will have no access if this goes through.*
- *Over development of the barn site which is detrimental to any long term plans for it.*
- *States 2 bedroom house but the plans show 3.*
- *Yew Tree Cottage, Western Farm House and Chevertons all face the road, the new property will be built sideways and will therefore overlook these properties – loss of privacy.*
- *Increased traffic – this is a main route to two schools.*
- *Parking facilities.*

- iv) Location: Afton Gallery, The Broadway, Totland.
Proposal: Demolition of existing building and construction of one office and four self contained flats.

Councillors had no comment regarding this application. Council feel it would be nice if a stipulation could be put on for “affordable local housing”.

134/06 To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council on 13 December 2006.

These were confirmed as a true record. Prop. Councillor Mrs C Bryan, seconded Councillor A Jones and unanimously agreed.

135/06 To receive the report from George Cameron.

Councillor Cameron was unable to attend the meeting but sent in his apologies and said he would email his report. (Not received).

136/06 Report on matters relating to Open Spaces

The Clerk reported that a large tree had been blown down in Turvilles Field and was lying across a residents driveway therefore she made immediate arrangements to have the tree cut and removed.

137/06 To Receive the Report of the Turf Walk Regeneration SubCommittee

The Clerk reported that the dangerous trees over the bridge had now been cut down and removed.

138/06 To report on matters arising from the agenda - for information only

There were no matters arising from the agenda.

139/06 Accounts:

Mrs V Gallard	£469.40	Salary
Inland Revenue	£ 52.87	Tax and NHS
Waitrose.com	£ 18.99	Broadband
Petty Cash	£ 30.00	
Southern Electric	£ 17.94	Shed on Turf Walk
B.T.	£ 87.18	Telephone
Living Landscapes	£240.00	Removal of dangerous trees on Turf Walk.
I W Beacon	£117.50	Advertising – Parish Plan.
Wade Brand	£ 80.00	Village Christmas Tree.
Mr Sloper	£650.00	Rent for office (2 nd half year).
Mrs S Jennings	£129.50	Salary (4 months)
Headon Hill W.I.	£ 37.96	Refreshments – torchlight procession
V Fennell	£ 9.60	Expenses: Induction day.
S.L.C.C.	£ 85.00	Annual Subscription.

There were no questions and Council resolved to pay these accounts. Proposed Councillor V Fennell, seconded Councillor A Jones and unanimously agreed.

Mrs Jennings passed a copy of her budget figures to Council and informed them that we were on target.

140/06 Correspondence

A letter from the IOW Fire and Rescue Service was read out regarding the public meeting on Tuesday 9 January 2007 at 7 pm in the West Wight Sports Centre. It was agreed by Council that their Precept Meeting be held at 8 pm to enable councillors to attend the Public Meeting

The letter from Clive Joynes regarding the Graveyard grass cutting grants was read out and it was agreed by Council to make this an Agenda item for our next meeting.

A letter received from Mrs Hartley regarding the siting of a bench on Turvilles Field in memory of her parents, was agreed by Council.

An invitation to their Christmas Buffet, from the Memorial Hall Arts & Leisure Co, was gratefully accepted by all Council Members present.

141/06 Question and Information Time

Councillor John Honeychurch advised Council that the Trust Committee was under way regarding the anticipated Village Hall Trust Project, with himself, John Howe and Vince Fennell as the main committee members to set up items but every parish councillor would be a director of the Limited company which have liability. Mrs Susannah Jennings agreed to do the accounts.

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Councillor Honeychurch advised that we would have to find a small grant for planning purposes and then apply to the Heritage Lottery Grant for approximately £700,000 to build the Hall. He would also like to include a stainless steel toilet outside the complex for use by residents and the general public which he anticipated would cost a further £20/£30,000.

Disabled access and car parking – it could be both sides of the car park and the back forming a ‘U’ shape, other amenities were also to be incorporated.

Tony Walton will be dealing with the Lease.

Councillor Brian Hinton asked why Cliff Road was closed without any warning notice. The Clerk was asked to address this.

Councillor Hinton pointed out that now Wilmington was complete, it looked worse than it did in the plans.

Brian also asked if anyone had any local postcards or knew of where he could get some for the archives.

Councillor Carol Bryan pointed out that the left hand side of the bank, on the road down to Totland Pier was sliding. The Clerk was asked to check this.

Councillor Vince Fennell brought up the subject of the allotments and it was agreed to make this an Agenda Item at our next meeting.

Councillor Fennell informed Council that we shall be having a New Year ‘get-together’ with a presentation to Audrey Smith on Saturday 13 January at 7pm.

Councillor Fennell asked Council to agree a Christmas gratuity for the Clerk, Councillor Bryan proposed £100, seconded by Councillor A Jones and unanimously agreed by Council.

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