

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
TOTLAND PARISH COUNCIL
Held on Wednesday 14 March 2007 in
The Council Offices, Winchester House, The Broadway, Totland

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

Also present: Councillor Ms Jilly Wood, Ms Liz Murray and 4 members of the public.

Apologies: Councillor Mr B Hinton MBE and Mrs S Jennings (RFO).

Councillor Jilly Wood, Cabinet Member for Resources and Town and Parish Council Empowerment introduced herself and Ms Liz Murray to Council and gave a brief description of her responsibilities and duties and those of her team, within the Isle of Wight Council. She informed Council that at the moment the Council had a large programme specifically for upgrading or rebuilding toilets around the Island. She said that where toilets were designated to be demolished, they would be rebuilt before they were handed over together with the funding to maintain them, to Quality Parish Councils. Councillor Wood said Totland Parish Council should apply for this. A pilot scheme will start in Wootton in April and others will follow from early 2008.

Councillor Wood emphasised that once Totland had obtained "Quality" status they could apply for a number of things to enhance Totland including: new street furniture, bollards, street lighting, etc. She said there were five different styles (the catalogue can be looked at at County Hall) and we should include a village design in our Parish Plan (e.g. Victorian).

Councillor John Howe mentioned that the maintenance of the footpaths in Totland had been taken away from us by County and that we had received many complaints of them not being properly looked after. Councillor Wood told Council she would look into why these footpaths were taken away and also try and find out the situation regarding Totland Recreation Ground, the showers and the toilets and would report back to us.

Councillor Wood thanked Council for inviting her and promised that Totland had much to look forward to, once they had obtained their "quality" title, and asked if we would invite her back again in two months time.

Councillor Howe thanked Councillor Wood for a very interesting and informative presentation and said the Parish Council looked forward to working together with her and her team, for the benefit of Totland and its' residents. He also thanked Liz Murray for her help and for always being 'on the end of the phone' when we

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had any problems to sort out.

126/07 Public Question Time

Mr Peter Garlic asked Councillor Cameron the following questions

- a) In view of the meeting tomorrow night the IOW Council statement made today when Mr Benyon said “no matter what discussion takes place a decision has already been made”. Councillor Cameron said he had not heard that statement but would find out and report back.
- b) Cars parking on double yellow lines in Granville Road. Councillor Cameron said he would ask IOW Council to repaint the yellow lines as a priority.
- c) Footpath between T19 and T24 Lanes End, had not been trimmed for 3 years. Councillor Cameron said he would action this.
- d) The yellow buoys need to be moved to one either side of the pier. Councillor Cameron said he would arrange for this.
- e) The grass bank where the orchids grow in the Recreation Ground has been mowed by the IOW Council’s contractor (normally left at this time of year). Therefore we will have no orchids this year. Councillor Cameron will take this up and report back.

127/07 Declarations of Interest in items on the Agenda

There were no declarations of interest.

128/07 Planning Matters

To consider the following planning applications:-

- i) Location: Briar Bank, Weston Road, Totland Bay.
Proposal: Retention of vehicular access and hardstanding (revised scheme).

Council had no comment regarding this application.

129/07 To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 14 February 2007.

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

130/07 To receive the report from George Cameron.

Councillor Cameron informed Council that he had taken up with the IOW Council the state of the shop front at the old hardware shop, and that they will try and enforce their previous Notice.

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Council owned beach huts at Colwell Bay – Councillor Cameron said a new package had been put together and will be offered to Gary Sheath, hopefully within the next 10 days. If not forthcoming he will chase.
Needlemakers – there continues to be problems here but an eviction order is due to be served soon.

Suffolk House – There are two tenants left who need to be re-housed. When the South Wight Housing lease runs out it will go up for sale. An offer has already been received from a developer.

Totland beach – the “wheelie bin” had been removed and the beach had been cleared, there was a litter pick-up as well.

Councillor Cameron said he would chase the Planning Department about the bottom of Uplands Road, where a condition to make up the unmade road was included in the planning application.

Wilmington Towers - Councillor Fennell said there was a triangle in the road and one side dips very badly. He asked Councillor Cameron if this could be reinstated properly. Councillor Cameron will take this up.

Eden Road – Councillor Cameron said he will deal with the tree that has come down and lying on the grass verge.

131/07 Report on matters relating to Open Spaces

Councillor D Filby informed Council that a Steering Committee consisting of himself, Mrs Rachel Bradley, Mr and Mrs Newman had been set up and that they had agreed a colour scheme of yellow and blue for the “Village in Bloom” competition. They had ordered eleven more planters which the Parish Council will pay for. Council were also informed that they were awarded a grant of £2,000 to spend on flowers from the “One Million Blooms” project.

132/07 To Receive the Report of the Turf Walk Regeneration Subcommittee

There was nothing to report on the Turf Walk apart from the continuing problem of moles.

133/07 To report on matters arising from the agenda - for information only

Councillor Howe invited Council to read the various publications displayed on the table.

134/07 Accounts:

As our RFO, Mrs S Jennings was unable to attend the meeting through ill health no copies of the balance sheets were presented at this meeting.

Mrs V Gallard	£424.21	Salary
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Mrs S Jennings	£148.00	Nov/Dec/Jan Accounts.
Inland Revenue	£ 66.18	Tax and NHS
Waitrose.com	£ 18.99	Broadband
Petty Cash	£ 30.00	
BT	£ 89.88	Telephone.
Viking	£ 57.46	Stationery – Paper & small items.
Southern Electric	£ 18.76	Shed on Turf Walk.
WBS	£ 85.57	Ink Cartridges & Archive Boxes
Audit Commission	£293.75	Audit Fee

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

135/07 Correspondence

Quote for Totland Parish Walks – Councillor D Filby declared an interest and refrained from voting.

Councillor J Howe read out four quotes for the eight Totland Parish Walks and it was agreed to accept the lowest quote from the IOW Council and have 1,000 copies printed for the sum of £986.00. Proposed Councillor V Fennell, seconded: Councillor A Jones and all agreed.

Councillor Fennell asked that we minute our thanks to Dave Bryan for his help and advice on the printing of both the Walks and the Parish Plan.

Allocation of street name – “Woodlands”. Council opposed this name due to the large amount of trees that were felled with the loss of wildlife and habitation.

IWAPTC – it was unanimously agreed by Council to rejoin the Association.

Memorial Hall Arts & Leisure Company – Council agreed to the first half payment of Precept/Archive rent and Memorial Hall Refurb Agreement in the sum of £2,321.82.

136/07 Question and Information Time

Councillor V Fennell asked for volunteers to help paint the outside of the office sometime next month. Everyone offered to help, if possible.

The Clerk read out a copy of the article for the Parish News section in the Beacon by Sally Honeychurch.

Councillor J Honeychurch said he had received an Inland Revenue Corporation Tax Form for the newly formed Trust.

Councillor J Honeychurch recorded his thanks to Joan and Jim Newman who had planted 32 Hawthorn whips at the back of the Church Hall.

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Councillor J Howe told Council that the inspector from the IOW Council was surprised at the state of the roundabout. The bollards were damaged and the fingersign needed to be removed. He said he would arrange this.

Councillor Howe thanked everyone for a very informative and relaxed meeting. The meeting closed at 9.05 pm.

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