

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
TOTLAND PARISH COUNCIL
Held on Wednesday 13 June 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, Mr B Hinton MBE, Mr A Jones, Mrs V Cooke, Mrs S Jennings (RFO) and Councillor Mr G Cameron.

In attendance: One member of the public.

Apologies:

There were no apologies.

168/07 Public Question Time

There were no questions.

169/07 Declarations of Interest in items on the Agenda

There were no declarations of interest.

170/07 Planning Matters

To consider the following planning applications:-

- i) Location: The Pines, Heatherwood Park Road, Totland Bay.
Proposal: Erection of extension.

Council had no comment regarding this application.

171/07 To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 14 March 2007.

These were confirmed as a true record. Prop. Councillor V Fennell, seconded Councillor D Filby and unanimously agreed.

172/07 To receive the report from George Cameron.

Councillor G Cameron gave a brief update as follows:

- The telephone mast by Turvills Field will be going to Committee on 26 June, George asked for a Councillor to attend and speak. John Howe agreed to go and Dave Filby offered also.
- Cliff Road: there will be new paving laid down and also along the verge.
- Totland Recreation Ground and toilets – no news from Council as yet however the Bowling Club are responsible for maintenance to the outside of their premises.
- Totland Toilets (by pier): negotiating a new deal with the owners of the Café on the pier for cleaning and locking them for the season.

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- Beach huts at Colwell Bay: these will not now be offered out for tendering. The IOW Council have now employed someone responsible for their buildings and these will now come under their "Spend to Save" programme. They will be demolished, new ones erected and let out to local people for 10 months per year. The money from these will go towards funding other amenities in Colwell Bay.
- Needlemakers – George confirmed he had met with Stephanie Morgan (Police) who will bring this up at their next Strategy Meeting.
- Elm Close: the rubbish here has been reported to the S.W.Housing for action.
- Uplands Road: The builder is in dispute with the Council over the tarmacing of this road, however it will be done.
- Telephone Pole in Amos Hill: it appears that this pole is shared with BT and they have been requested to attend and fit cover plate properly.
- Lanes End footpath: George will ask the IOW Council to cut the hedge on the other side of the recreation ground where it is blocking the footpath.

173/07 Report on matters relating to Open Spaces

The Quotation from Brighstone Landscapes to remove overhanging branches and fell two dead elms in Turvills Field and fell and remove broken Birch at the Memorial Site was accepted. Proposed Councillor V Fennell, seconded Councillor D Filby and unanimously agreed.

Councillor Howe informed Council he had spoken with Simon Goodenough regarding The Million Blooms project, who informed him that due to excessive work loads he was behind with the planting and that the plants would now be put in during Autumn ready for next year.

174/07 To Receive the Report of the Turf Walk Regeneration SubCommittee

Council were pleased the seats and shed on the Turf Walk had been repaired.

175/07 To Receive Quotes for Painting Exterior of Office

Three quotes had been received in the sums of: £550/£580, £200 and £375. It was agreed to accept the middle quote for £375. Proposed: Councillor B Hinton, seconded Councillor C Bryan and unanimously agreed.

176/07 To report on matters arising from the agenda - for information only

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

177/07 To review the Clerk's Salary

The Clerk was asked to leave the room whilst Council deliberated the review. It was agreed that the Clerk should be on Scale LC1 – **SCP 26**. Proposed: Councillor B Hinton, seconded: Councillor C Bryan and unanimously agreed. The Clerk was then asked to return to the meeting.

178/07 Accounts:

Our RFO, Mrs S Jennings handed Council a copy of the up to date accounts and gave a brief report on the financial situation.

Mrs V Gallard	£511.67	Salary
Inland Revenue	£ 77.17	Tax and NI
Mrs S Jennings	£163.20	Feb/Mar/Apr Acc/payroll/year end.
Mrs S Jennings	£ 10.00	Travelling re: CILCA
Mrs S Jennings	£ 18.69	Ink Cartridge.(Staples)
Waitrose.com	£ 18.99	Broadband
Petty Cash	£ 30.00	
Rachel Bradley	£ 24.00	Plants
J Howe	£ 23.40	Mileage & light bulbs for office.
V Fennell	£ 30.00	Travelling expenses.
BT	£ 99.99	Telephone
Norton Internet	£ 49.99	New security 2007 upgrade.
Motorcade	£ 59.90	Repairs
IOW Council	£986.00	Printing 8000
Afton Garden Centre	£147.18	Compost, gravel and plants
Southern Electric	£ 19.37	Shed on Turf Walk.
Stonecraft	£352.00	Lion faced planters
V Gallard Travelling to	£ 70.00	IOW Council for CILCA Training.
V Gallard Training.	£445.26	CiLCA for Quality Council.
A Drain	£526.40	Part writer of the Parish Plan (Parish Plan).
Totland Parish Council	£154.00	Totland Parish Council (Parish Plan)
IOW Council Print Unit	£705.00	Digital Artwork. (Parish Plan).
J Medland	£500.00	Part writer of the Parish Plan (Parish Plan).
IW Beacon Ltd	£117.50	Advertising in July 2007 edition. (Parish Plan).
J Holsburt & H Goff	£126.60	Expenses for producing (Parish Plan)

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

Councillor Fennell proposed a vote of thanks to Susannah Jennings for the hard work she does in keeping our accounts in order.

179/07 Correspondence

Councillor J Howe read out a note from Linda Barnes at the Memorial Hall enclosing 2 x 288a forms for any new Totland Parish Councillors not on the Memorial Hall Arts and Leisure Company. It was agreed to make this an Agenda item for our next meeting when we will have sufficient forms for all our Parish Councillors.

Council discussed the letter from the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group asking for a donation. They declined on this occasion.

The Clerk read out a letter from Jim Fawcett of the West Wight Landscape Partnership regarding the contribution to West Wight Landscape Partnership Scheme. Council asked the Clerk to write and ask for details of their proposed plans for renting part of our offices. This will then be an Agenda Item for our next meeting.

The Clerk informed Council of a letter received from a resident who was not impressed with the intertidal fish on Totland Beach. Councillor Howe said he had been to see the gentleman and dealt with the problem.

Councillor Howe gave a brief outline on a proposal for a "Planet Way" in West Wight. Council were unsure of this based on the lack of information and knowledge of this project.

John Medland sent an email informing Council that his book on Alum Bay and the Needles was about to be reprinted and a number of photos were taken from the Parish archives. He would like permission to use them again and physical access to them to make new digital versions for reprinting. Council agreed to this and Councillor B Hinton (our Archivist) asked for a signed copy of his book for our archives and if John would like to get in touch with him he will accompany him and show him where the documents are.

The Clerk advised Council of a new "clerk temping agency" now available at £12.50 per hour plus travel at 40p per mile. It was agreed by Council that the Chairman and Clerk would work together to make arrangements for a "temp" to cover the Clerk's holiday in November. Proposed Councillor B Hinton, seconded: Councillor V Fennell and unanimously agreed.

The Clerk read out a letter from Robin Day thanking the Parish Council for their splendid gift of a picture of Freshwater Bay for his 70th birthday. This is in recognition of all the work, help and assistance Robin gives of his own free time to Totland Parish Council.

180/07 Questions and Information Time – at Chairman's discretion

Councillor D Filby commented on the semi-abandoned car parked by the Common advertising the Café at Colwell Bay. He said although it was taxed it did have to 2 flat tyres and also that it was parked the wrong way round. Highways to be advised.

Councillor C Bryan thanked the Clerk for the work she had put in on the CiLCA Course as part of the evidence for Totland becoming a "Quality" Parish.

Councillor V Cooke commented on the state of the signs around Colwell Common and leading down to the beach. She said they had been spray painted and were unreadable. The Clerk to notify the IOW Council.

Councillor Howe closed the meeting at 8.45 pm.