

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
TOTLAND PARISH COUNCIL  
Held on Wednesday 11 July 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 and Councillor Mr G Cameron.

In attendance: Three members of the public.

Councillor John Howe welcomed our speaker, Mr Rapley the designer of the West Wight Planet Way who gave a full explanation of his idea to provide way-side markers along existing 'Rights of Way' along a route which shows basic information about Planets and their relative position within the Solar System.

Council found his idea very interesting and agreed in principle for Mr Rapley to take this forward. Proposed: Councillor D Filby, seconded: Councillor V Fennell and unanimously agreed.

Councillor Howe thanked Mr Rapley for his presentation and Mr Rapley left the meeting.

**Apologies:**

Apologies were received from Mrs Susannah Jennings our R.F.O.

**181/07 Public Question Time**

Mr Ray Clarke asked Councillor Cameron what the latest position was on Needlemakers, especially the fencing as he felt a small child could fall through the broken fencing and as there is a slope on the other side, could be injured. Councillor Cameron reported that all complaints should be forwarded to the S.W. Housing Association with the complainants name and address. Council agreed to provide this service as long as action was taken by the S W Housing Association so that the complainant did not keep returning to the Parish Office for information or to register no action was being taken. Council made it quite clear that they would not become a "buffer" for the S W Housing Association. Councillor Howe asked Councillor Cameron if a Health and Safety check and Risk Assessment could be carried out on the fencing in view of Mr Clarke's comments regarding small children.

Two residents from Madeira Road raised the subject of the Telephone Mast in Turvill's Field. They were extremely upset that planning had been given with no thought to the residents, children and people who play and picnic in the field and elderly residents in the Nursing Home opposite. Councillor Cameron informed Council the reason this planning was granted was because of cost implications if it should go to appeal. For the reasons stated above the Parish Council feel that this should have been challenged regardless of cost. Council also feel that a Risk Assessment on the Mast should be carried out. After a long discussion on this it was agreed by Council to seek advice from our Solicitor who holds the

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Deeds to Turvills Field. It was agreed that the Chairman and Clerk would release a statement to the County Press. Proposed: Councillor B Hinton, seconded: Councillor A Jones and unanimously agreed.

### **182/07 Declarations of Interest in items on the Agenda**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **183/07 Planning Matters**

To consider the following planning applications:-

- i) Location: Little Hayes Residential Home, Church Hill, Totland.
- ii) Proposal: Change of use, 4 domestic flats to residential care use, plus extension to link block to existing home and form 12 additional bedrooms and associated facilities.

*Council had no comment regarding this application.*

- iii) Location: Pine Tops, Heatherwood Park Road, Totland Bay
- iv) Proposal: Demolition of bungalow; 2 storey block of 5 flats to include accommodation in roof space and balconies on west elevation, parking and vehicular access off Heatherwood Park Road (revised scheme).

*The Council strongly opposed this application for the following reasons:*

1. *Over development of the site from one accommodation to five. With this increase we need to look at:*
  - a) *Public Services*
  - b) *We consider that the access to the property does not meet the condition in TR7.*
  - c) *Drainage, especially surface water.*
  - d) *Setting Planning precedent on demolition of single occupancy buildings, i.e. bungalows etc, and replacing them with multi occupancy buildings.*
  - e) *Out of keeping with the area.*
  - f) *Loss of privacy.*
  - g) *We consider this 3 storeys and not 2 as in application.*

*Council feel a re-assessment of sewerage capacity subject to over capacity on Church Hill (Heatherwood Lodge) should be carried out.*

### **184/07 To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 13 June 2007.**

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

### **185/07 To receive the report from George Cameron.**

Councillor G Cameron gave a brief update as follows:

- He has spoken to the IOW Council regarding the continual cutting down of the Orchids growing on the bank at Totland Recreation ground. They will tell the grass cutters to take more care.
- S.W. Housing Association require names and addresses and details of complaint from local residents to be sent to them direct in future.
- Hamilton Lodge, Colwell Chine Road – the owner has been served with a Section 215.
- Lanes End – the broken fencing will be replaced.
- Pine Tops and 14/16 The Avenue are going before Committee on 24 July. Speakers will be required. Councillor D Filby offered to speak for 14/16 The Avenue and Mr John Veal has offered to speak for Pine Tops.

**186/07 Report on matters relating to Open Spaces**

*The fencing on Stokes Green has been vandalised twice within a week. Brighstone Landscapes immediately put in new 8ft posts and sunk them 4ft into the ground and repaired the original fencing to avoid any accidents occurring.*

**187/07 To Receive the Report of the Turf Walk Regeneration SubCommittee**

There was no report.

**188/07 To report on matters arising from the agenda - for information only**

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

**189/07 To Discuss the AWA Telephone Mast**

This item was discussed under Item 2 Public Question Time.

**190/07 To Discuss the Youth Club Presentation Evening**

Councillor Howe, now Chairman of the West Wight Youth Centre, gave a brief outline on the Presentation Evening to promote the Youth Club in an attempt to encourage the youth of West Wight to come along. Council agreed to support this event by donating £50 to cover the cost of refreshments for the evening.

Proposed: Councillor V Fennell, seconded Councillor B Hinton and unanimously agreed.

**191/07 To Discuss rental of office by West Wight Landscape Partnership and Match Funding**

Council agreed in principle to the West Wight Landscape Partnership renting the end office and to their request for funding of £3,150 per annum from Totland Parish Council for the next three years. Proposed: Councillor D Filby, seconded: Councillor C Bryan.

**192/07 To Adopt Paragraph 12(2) to the New Code of Conduct**

Paragraph 12(2) which allows members to speak when they have a prejudicial interest, was adopted to our New Code of Conduct which was duly accepted at our Annual Meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2007. Proposed: Councillor C Bryan, seconded: Councillor V Fennell and unanimously agreed.

### **193/07 Totland Parish Walks**

Council were informed that 120 Walks had been delivered to Yarmouth Tourist Office, 24 to The Needles Park, 10 to The Broadway Inn and 10 to the Granville Hotel. Councillor B Hinton of Dimbola and Councillor A Jones of the Totland Pharmacy both agreed to take packets of the walks on a sale or return basis.

### **194/07 Accounts: To Consider the Payment of the Accounts (listed below)**

In her absence, Mrs S Jennings provided the Clerk with copies of the up to date accounts for circulation.

### **195/07 To Obtain approval to Pay Invoices during the August break**

Council agreed that the Chairman and Clerk had their approval to pay any invoices received until their next Parish Council Meeting in September.  
Proposed: Councillor V Fennell, seconded: Councillor C Bryan and unanimously agreed.

### **196/07 To Approval the Annual Return for year end 31 March 2007**

These were duly approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk. Proposed: Councillor V Fennell, seconded: Councillor C Bryan and unanimously agreed.

### **197/07 Accounts**

#### **Payments:**

Mrs V Gallard	£627.17	Salary
Inland Revenue	£329.65	Tax and NI
Waitrose.com	£ 18.99	Broadband
Petty Cash	£ 30.00	(July)
IW Beacon	£102.23	Delivery of Newsletter
Zurich Insurance	£ 36.75	Insurance to cover Art on Turf Walk (Regeneration Partnership).
Cllr B Hinton	£ 9.60	Mileage
Viking Direct	£ 77.36	Stationery
Southern Water	£ 36.54	Turf Walk (Regeneration)
Mrs V Gallard	£725.28	Salary (August)
Inland Revenue	£174.55	Tax and NI (August)
Waitrose.com	£ 18.99	Broadband (August)
Petty Cash	£ 30.00	(August)
Isle of Wight Sports & Recreational Council.	£ 5.00	Affiliation Fee
Brighstone Landscapes	£340.75	Fell dead trees and overhanging branches.
Brighstone Landscapes	£ 70.50	Repair of fence on Turf Walk.
J Howe	£ 30.96	Expenses.
IOW Council	£667.17	Printing Newsletter/Annual Report.
V Fennell	£ 21.60	Travelling Expenses IWAPTC

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

### **198/07 Correspondence**

A letter from Kelvin Currie, Chairman of the Freshwater and Totland Carnival Committee, was received thanking the Council for their generous donation.

The Forms for the Memorial Hall Arts & Leisure Company (288a) were duly completed and signed by Councillors C Bryan, D Filby, V Cooke and V Fennell.

The latest Footpath Surveys carried out by Mr Charlie Davidson who forwards them to the Isle of Wight Council, were noted by Council who offered their thanks for the hard work and considerable effort he puts into these surveys.

### **199/07 Donations**

It was agreed by Council to forward a cheque for £50 to the Carisbrooke High School and Sports College to send five 6<sup>th</sup> form students (one from Totland) to Indonesia for two weeks from 2 August to aid academic researchers and scientists from around the world in establishing and sustaining biodiversity conservations programs. Proposed: Councillor V Fennell, seconded: Councillor C Bryan and unanimously agreed.

### **200/07 Questions and Information Time at Chairman's Discretion**

Councillor Howe informed Council that the Clerk had passed her CiLCA Course with 14 distinctions and 12 passes and that we could now proceed with obtaining "Quality Status" for our Parish.

Councillor Honeychurch congratulated Val on her success and also congratulated Pat Howe on producing the Newsletter and Annual Report and proposed a sum of £20 each for a celebration lunch. Seconded: Councillor V Fennell and all agreed.

Councillor V Fennell thanked both John and Pat Howe for their work in packing the Totland Parish Walks.

Councillor A Jones advised that a pharmacy may be built at the West Wight Health Centre subject to planning approval. He felt this would affect the other pharmacies in Totland and Freshwater. It was agreed by Council to monitor this.

Councillor D Filby had obtained 2 quotes for fencing on the corner of Madeira Road. It was agreed that the Chairman and Clerk would select the most suitable. Proposed Councillor C Bryan, seconded Councillor V Fennell and unanimously agreed.

Councillor J Honeychurch informed Council that he anticipated the Lease for the Church Hall would be signed very soon.

Council were asked if they would agree to a recycling bin at the side of the Church Hall. Council unanimously agreed.

Councillor Howe closed the meeting at 9 pm.

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