

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
TOTLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Held On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2007 in

The Council Offices, Winchester House, The Broadway, Totland

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

Mrs Susannah Jennings (Temporary Clerk), Mr B Nelson (Freshwater and Totland Town Manager), Sergeant Mark Lyth, Two PCSO's and approximately fifteen members of the public.

**Apologies:**

Apologies were received from Councillors Mr J Howe (holiday), Mr Brian Hinton (holiday), Mr A Jones (sick) and Mrs V Gallard, Clerk (holiday).

Meeting started at 1930 hrs.

**230/07 Public Question Time**

One member of the public asked what the Council knew about Weston Manor and if any objections/concerns had been raised by the Council. They also said that Weston Manor had been putting in a planning application but they had been legally advised that no planning application or change of use would be necessary. They asked whether the Council had a view on this and whether they would take any action. The Councillors said that they had not received any correspondence regarding Weston Manor and had no further knowledge other than that already stated. Mr J Honeychurch asked the temporary clerk to write to the Planning Department of the Isle of Wight Council asking why there had been no planning application in order for the public to express their views. He also said that, if necessary, a public meeting could be held in the Totland Parish Church Hall. Another member of the public expressed a concern about a possible conflict of interest by Councillor Gill Kennett as she is also a Director of The New World Trust (who are now the owners of Weston Manor). Members of the Public expressed their concern that there were no restrictions on the movement of the future residents. Sergeant Lyth pointed out that any future residents would be there voluntarily rather than being sent there for treatment. Councillor V Fennell proposed that the Council would do all it could to find out what action, if any, the Council could take. A member of the public also requested that the Council ensured nothing further happened until it had found out the latest situation.

### **231/07 Declarations of Interest in Planning Matters on the Agenda**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **232/07 Planning Matters**

To consider the following planning applications;

- (i) **Location: 2a The Avenue, Totland Bay.**
- (ii) Proposal: Alterations and change of use from ground floor opticians with flat over to single dwelling.

*Council had no comment regarding this application.*

- (iii) **Location: Sea Winds, Hurst Point View, Totland Bay.**
- (iv) Proposal: Demolition of bungalow, chalets and garages; construction of 2 storey block of 10 flats including roof space accommodation, and 2 storey block of 2 flats; parking and landscaping.

The Council strongly opposed this application for the following reasons:

*To begin with there is no need for this development in Totland, in the area there are new built blocks of flats which largely lay unsold and empty, therefore demonstrating a lack of demand for this kind of dwelling.*

*Part of the planning application is outside of the development envelope and therefore should not be considered for planning application. It is also in contravention to the Totland Parish Plan.*

*The site is already at its full capacity, with parking for current residents at a premium, The current bungalows are only used as holiday homes and therefore do not greatly contribute to the parking problem but with this high density development of properties, matters can only get worse and will reach critical.*

*The road out of the development meets at a junction with three other major roads, and with approval for 50 additional properties down the road this will become considerably overstretched and a health and safety risk.*

*This is an over development of the site and the area as a whole, with local schools, dentists and in particular doctors surgeries at full capacity and unable to take on more patients.*

*The drainage system is insufficient, and the comments from Southern Water must not be*

*ignored if we are to avoid major problems in the future.*

*Finally, the plans are at best misleading, at worst deceitful, stating the development as a 2 storey block, where in fact it is clearly a three storey block.*

v **Location: Downsview, Granville Rise, Totland Bay.**

vi Proposal: Outline for dwelling, alterations to vehicular access.

*The proposed development is contrary to policies D1 (Standards of Design), D2 (Standards for Development within the site) and G4 (General location criteria for development).*

*The development is located within the front garden of Downsview and will set a precedent for all the houses along that stretch of road to do the same, which goes against the Isle of Wight Unitary Development Plan as outlined in the above policies.*

vii **Location: Land adjacent Tekoa, Princes Road, Freshwater.**

viii Proposal: Renewal: Outline for bungalow.

*Council had no comment regarding this application.*

ix **Location: Hatherwood, Cliff Road, Totland Bay.**

x Proposal: Demolition of house and outbuildings; outline for single/two/four storey block of 13 flats to include lower ground floor parking; alterations to vehicular access.

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

*Development of this site would be out of keeping with the prevailing pattern of development in the immediate locality due to the erosion of space about individual buildings which would be likely to result in an undesirable urbanisation of the area, adversely affecting the quality of the built environment as well as impacting on the current level of amenity enjoyed by the residents of the neighbouring premises contrary to the Strategic Policy S6 (Standards of Design) and policies G4 (General Location Criteria for Development), D1 (Standards of Design) and D2 (Standards for development within the site) of the Isle of Wight Unitary Development Plan.*

xi **Location: R V N Building Supplies, Burtons Yard, Weston Lane, Totland.**

xii Proposal: Demolition of storage buildings and removal of builders merchant yard; two detached two storey dwellings and detached block of 4 garages with log stores, and storage space within roof; vehicular access and parking.

*Council had no comment regarding this application.*

**233/07 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on the 10 October 2007.**

These were confirmed as a true record. Proposed Councillor V Fennell, seconded Councillor C Bryan. Unanimously agreed.

**234/07 To confirm the minutes of the planning meeting held on the 30 October 2007.**

These were confirmed as a true record. Proposed Councillor V Fennell, seconded Councillor C Bryan. Unanimously agreed.

**235/07 Police Sergeant Mark Lyth Report**

The Police and PCSO's have been working closely with Bob Nelson on the Safer Neighbourhoods Partnership. He was pleased with Mr Nelson's role in the community and requested that the Council offer him their full support and welcomed any suggestions to improve the area. He was concerned about the article in the West Wight Beacon, which was unsupportive of Mr Nelson, and hoped that everyone could work together in the future.

The Community Engagement Forum will now be every five or six months instead of the previous every three months as this gives more time to make significant difference and report back. The next Forum is due the end of February / beginning of March. The Freshwater and Totland Community Engagement Forums will be amalgamated in the hope that more people will attend.

The problem of cars speeding along The Avenue is being addressed as a plain clothes officer is currently on patrol on that road.

A member of the public asked what the disturbance at the Conservative Club had been to which he was informed that it had been an 18<sup>th</sup> birthday party at where a fight had broken out resulting in one person being charged with Actual Bodily Harm.

Licensing restrictions were being reviewed in order to prevent a repeat occurrence.

### **236/07 To receive the report from Councillor G Cameron**

The bridge over the road leading to Totland Pier is going to be restored to its original 'rustic' appearance.

Councillor G Cameron expressed his thanks to Mr John Holsburt for his work on producing The Totland Parish Plan and requested the temporary clerk write a letter of thanks from the Council.

Councillor G Cameron was asked to establish the cost of installing the five-a-side football posts, which had been donated, prior to the Council giving its approval for the money to be spent on installation.

Councillor G Cameron said he was delivering a petition against the closure of the Totland Pier toilets, signed by 235 people, to Councillor Pugh of the Isle of Wight Council and requested the temporary clerk to write a letter in opposition to the closure which he would deliver with the petition. Proposed by Councillor V Fennell, Seconded by Councillor C Bryan, unanimously agreed.

Councillor G Cameron advised the Council that there was an opportunity for the streets in Totland to be nominated so that they could be included in the 'banning of cold calling' initiative. The temporary clerk was requested to contact Julia Whitehouse at the Isle of Wight Council and invite her to give a presentation on 'cold calling' at the next meeting to be held in December.

Beach Huts – hoping for quick demolition.

A Planning Committee Meeting was due to be held on the 27 November regarding the proposed development at Pine Tops. Councillor D Filby volunteered to speak on behalf of the Council at the meeting.

Councillor G Cameron will be looking into the issue of residents parking on the green on St. Saviours Road.

Councillor C Bryan asked who legally owned the recreation ground as it was her understanding that when Totland Parish gave it to South Wight Borough Council there was an agreement that when the Island became a Unitary authority it would be handed back. Therefore land registry should be checked and legal ownership established.

**237/07 To report on matters relating to open spaces**

No report on open spaces.

**238/07 To receive report from the Turf Walk Sub-Committee**

No report received.

**239/07 To report from matters arising from the agenda – for information only**

There were no matters arising

**240/07 Report on Memorial Hall Arts and Leisure Company**

No report received.

**241/07 Report from the Isle of Wight Parish and Town Council Meeting**

None – meeting cancelled until 28 November.

**242/07 To consider a donation to the NSPCC**

It was decided a £50 donation should be sent to the NSPCC. Proposed Councillor V Fennell, seconded Councillor C Bryan, unanimously agreed.

**243/07 Report on Yarmouth bridge.**

Councillor V Cooke reported that the bridge at Yarmouth was opening on the hour, every hour, on one chain and that recently a barrier had fallen on a vehicle due to broken springs. Yarmouth Harbour Commission look after the bridge and have said that the barrier will be repaired and it has been suggested surveys are carried out every six to twelve months.

**244/07 Report on new Wightlink ferries**

Following the meeting at Yarmouth the new ferries have now been given the go ahead.

**245/07 Report on pier restoration and the consideration of a donation for a**

**plank**

Councillor V Cooke said that all the planks had been allocated however would the Council consider a donation. It was agreed to bring this matter up at the next Council meeting.

**246/07 To consider the proposal from The Needles Pleasure Park of a Totland firework display.**

The Council thought this was a good idea and asked the temporary clerk to invite Zoe to give a presentation of her proposals at the next Council meeting in December.

**247/07 Report regarding Parish Plan**

All councillors agreed the Parish Plan was excellent and gave their thanks to the Steering Committee, in particular Mr J Holsburt and Mr D Bryan. Two thousand four hundred people live in Totland which equates roughly to one thousand three hundred households. Two hundred and thirty questionnaires were completed and returned. All councillors agreed that the Parish Plan should be fully implemented and that it should be included in the agenda of the next Council meeting in December in order to discuss its implementation.

**248/07 Accounts**

Mrs Jennings (Responsible Financial Officer) circulated up to date copies of the accounts and highlighted a slight overspend on salaries (due to extra training hours) and the printing costs of leaflets (unforecast). Councillors acknowledged that it was only a slight overspend and requested Mrs Jennings to monitor.

Payments:

Information Commissioners Office	£ 35.00	Renewal of Data Protection.
NRG	£ 91.13	Rental of photocopier and reconciliation charges.
IW Council (Sue Chilton)	£ 8.64	Group Advert (Code of Conduct)
John Howe	£ 30.96	Travelling Expenses
D H Fencing	£340.00	Replacement bin stores on Stokes Green and Turf Walk.

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WiserHosting.com (V Gallard)	£ 25.00	Hosting renewal.
WiserHosting.com (V Gallard)	£ 9.90	Domain renewal (2 years)
Totland Parochial Church Hall	£ 16.00	Use of Hall (Parish Plan)
IW Beacon	£119.26	Delivery Parish Plan (Parish Plan)
Viking	£ 92.60	Stationery
I of W Council	£ 350.04	Printing of newsletter
Cllr V Fennell	£ 30.00	Travel expenses.

### **249/07 Correspondence**

The temporary clerk gave a brief outline of the following correspondence.

- i) Letter from Victim Support - Hampshire and Isle of Wight. Councillors agreed to donate £50.
- ii) Official invitation to social evening from MALCO.
- iii) Letter from Boundary Committee – draft recommendations
- iv) Letter from IW Sports and Recreation Council – achievement awards. No nominations suggested.
- v) IWALC Invite to special general meeting and agenda
- vi) E-mail from Mr G Cawood regarding WWLP. Temporary clerk advised the Council that she had replied to Mr Cawood stating that the Council Clerk was on holiday and his issues would be looked into on her return.
- vii) Offer of help with Parish Plan Action Plan from Sue and John Blakemore. Councillors requested that the temporary clerk invite them to the next meeting.
- viii) E-mail from a member of the public objecting to the closure of Totland toilets.
- ix) Question and Information Time at Chairman's discretion – none.

Councillor J Honeychurch closed the meeting at 2200 hrs.