

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
TOTLAND PARISH COUNCIL
Held on Wednesday 12 March 2008 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, Mrs V Cooke, Mr A Jones and Mr B Hinton MBE.

Sgt Lyth, PC Alan Spence, PCSO Chris Dove, Mr Bob Nelson our Town Centre Manager and three members of the public were also present..

Apologies:

Apologies were received from Councillor George Cameron (sick) and Mrs S Jennings (RFO)

145/08 Public Question Time

Mr Chris Jarman told Council that as the public liked having the peacocks about Freshwater were having signs put up (a triangle with an exclamation mark) saying "Take care peacocks crossing". He asked if Totland would also like some. Councillor Howe said we would have 3 or 4.

Sgt Lyth reported on CREW Week and said that it was the most successful one ever held on the Island. He said they had carried out crime surveys both Youth and Adult which were being analysed at present. He would report the results when known.

Sgt Lyth informed Council of crime figures which we down in Totland and said the young people in the area are very good, only a small minority were a problem.

He confirmed there would be a Community Forum for Freshwater and Totland to be held on 30 April at the Memorial Hall. The following meeting would be held at Totland Church Hall.

Sgt Lyth reported that the Youth Club would be getting a flat screen television and two Wii's from the £2500 funding recently acquired.

The MUGA and the Skateboard Park has had various repairs and the latter will be better when the fencing goes up.

Councillor John Howe said that Totland Parish Council had agreed to contribute 50% of maintenance costs on both the MUGA and Skateboard Park, which Sgt Lyth said was fair bearing min mind it was used by the youth of Totland. Sgt Lyth said he was keen to get a youth shelter for those who did not want to use the Youth Club or facilities but just wanted to "chill out" with their friends.

Councillor Howe reported he had got £500 from the RCC and £1,000 from the IOWC towards the "feasibility study" on Totland Recreation Ground. It would then

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need around £5/£7,000 to get a design statement on the recreation ground including the surrounding fields for the benefit of all age groups. Sgt Lyth asked that they be involved as they can “tap” in to funds also.

146/08 Declarations of Interest in items on the Agenda

There were no declarations of interest.

147/08 Planning Matters

To consider the following planning applications:-

- i) **There were no planning applications.**

148/08 To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 13 February 2008.

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

149/08 To receive the report from George Cameron.

Due to Councillor Cameron being ill there was no report:

150/08 To receive a report from Mr Rob Nelson, Town Manager

Mr Bob Nelson produced his report as follows:

Crew 18th to 22nd February

February proved to be a busy month with the Crew Week and Snap Disco taking place. I am pleased to report that both events were highly successful. Members of the public frequently visited the information trailer based at Moa place and obtained useful information from the various agencies that attended throughout the week which included the Fire Service, South Wight Housing, Trading Standards, Police and the Safer Neighbourhoods Team. The inter agency 5 aside football tournament at the Muga pitch was well supported with West Wight Youth club being the victors.

The Crash scene on Thursday evening was a great success with approx 200 to 300 people watching.

The Probation Service completed the work to T1 footpath, and re-painted the footbridge at Turf Walk, both of which I am very pleased with. The Wessex youth offenders carried out removal of graffiti and litter picked in various areas around Totland.

Trading Standards carried out test purchasing of tobacco and alcohol at eight establishments both in Totland and Freshwater. I am pleased to report that all the establishments refused to sell any of the products to the young purchaser.

On Thursday 21st the Safer neighbourhood team, Police and the Fire Service met at the Parish office to talk and offer advice to the local residents.

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The Snap (Say No and Phone) disco was held at the West Wight Sports Centre on Sat 1st March. This clashed with a private party-taking place in Yarmouth and only 35 youths attended the evening. However those that did attend enjoyed the evening with football, swimming and the disco all on offer.

Dog Fouling.

I have identified a few areas of concern around Totland and have requested early and late patrols by the Dog Wardens to try and catch the perpetrators. I was informed recently that a Fpn (Fixed Penalty Notice) had been issued to an offender in Freshwater and I will be able to issue Fpns from the 2nd of April. Dog Waste bins have now been replaced throughout outlying locations in Totland. Generally I am quite pleased that some of the areas that have been poor in the past are very much improved now, perhaps due to the efforts of the Dog Wardens who have carried out regular patrols.

Litter.

An ongoing problem, hotspot areas are mainly situated in the Broadway area, Avenue and Totland Recreation Ground. The litter consists of discarded sweet wrappers, crisp packets, and plastic bottles normally associated with youths. I have planned to address this problem by carrying out a presentation about littering and anti social behaviour at West Wight Middle School. I have not included Weston School, as I have not seen any evidence associated with litter around that area. I have noticed improvements at Totland Pier and Colwell Bay and Common areas. I have requested a clean up of the Broadway Car park area as this area does suffer from excessive litter, especially following weekend periods.

Refuse/Cleansing.

I have asked several households to refrain from putting their refuse bags/sacks out for disposal before 7am on the morning of collection as foxes, cats etc attack these bags at night, and is also unsightly. I am pleased with the cleansing contractor who abide by the contract of cleansing and carry out further cleansing operations at short notice at my request.

Summary.

I am still working closely with the Police, and the Safer Neighbourhoods team to reduce anti-social behaviour around Totland and Freshwater. Youths and Alcohol are an ongoing problem. The C.C.T.V. camera located at Totland recreation ground has without a doubt reduced the number of incidents around the area, however this has displaced youths to other areas around the West Wight which are experiencing some anti-social activity, taking place mainly at weekends. I have assisted the West Wight Youth Centre in successfully obtaining a grant of £1700 from the Safer Neighbourhoods Partnership (Tactical Tasking Coordinating Group) to purchase new equipment to encourage the older youths of West Wight to use the youth club at night. Items such as large L.C.D television, games consoles (Wii's), trophies and funding to organise sports competitions such as an all island youth 5 aside football tournament involving all the youth clubs.

I am pleased with the reaction time of repairs carried out to defects that I report on

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a daily basis and I'm looking forward to helping the Parish Council achieve a cleaner safer parish for all that reside, work and visit Totland during the following months.

Councillor Carol Bryan thanked the police and the Town Centre Manager for all the work they put in for the Youth. Councillor John Howe agreed reporting that the Youth Sport Nights were brilliant with everyone enjoying themselves.

151/08 To report on Grass Cutting and Maintenance Contracts relating to Open Spaces

We sent out six Specifications for the Grass Cutting Contract and four were received back. These envelopes were opened with the following results:

Highest Price:

1. Groundsell Contracting.
2. Floragrove.
3. G D Palmer & Son.
4. Brighstone Landscaping Ltd.

It was therefore proposed by Councillor V Fennell, seconded by Councillor Mrs C Bryan and unanimously agreed that Brighstone Landscaping Ltd be given the contract for the next three years, with thanks to all those who tendered.

152/08 To Receive the Report of the Turf Walk Regeneration Sub-Committee

There was no report.

153/08 To receive report on the wall at Stokes Green following the Water Board CCTV inspection.

Councillor J Howe together with Mr Bob Nelson attended the CCTV inspection which did not reveal any cracks in the pipework. The Southern Water engineer explained there was a problem and water should **not** be back tracking. Evidently the 18ft gully fills up with sewage which forces the manhole cover lid up and spills sewage onto the footpath. The engineer also commented that the drainage cannot cope with all the new developments.

It was agreed that we write to the Water Board regarding this problem. It was agreed also to ask the proprietor of the Pier Café to write as this is a health hazard.

154/08 Report on Yar Bridge – Councillor Mrs V Cooke

Councillor Mrs Cooke informed Council that the bridge had been repaired and the general maintenance carried out. The panels on the bridge are to be replaced during dry weather.

155/08 To report on matters arising from the agenda - for information only

There were no matters arising.

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156/08 Memorial Hall Arts & Leisure Company

Councillor John Honeychurch confirmed that the grant had been obtained to build the extension but had no decent piano for the shows.

157/08 Report from Councillor V Fennell re: Isle of Wight Parish & Town Councils.

Councillor Fennell reported that he had attended the Special General Meeting on 18th February and put forward Totland Parish Council's views on Education.

158/08 Isle of Wight Sports and Recreation Council – Affiliation Fees 2008.

Council agreed to pay the Affiliation fees of £5. Proposed Councillor V Fennell, seconded Councillor C Bryan and agreed.

159/08 A brief outline from Councillor V Fennell on the workshops he attended:

Councillor V Fennell explained that the information collated at these six workshops would be part of the information to be included in the Island Plan Core Strategy which would then be sent out to Parish Councils before going to Government.

Mr David Bryan said the process was draft/consultation/government/objections and then the final plan would be produced.

160/08 Taking forward and implementation of the Parish Plan.

Recreation Ground and Toilets: Councillor Howe said he had spoken to Jim Fawcett who would like to be on the Committee as a local resident and also to John Holsburt who would like to be on the Committee. He confirmed that he had a promise of £500 from the RCC and £1000 from the IOWC towards the £5,000 required for a feasibility study. Councillor Honeychurch asked when we might take control of the ground. Councillor Howe said he would get Mr Bob Edney out to see what his views are.

Church Hall including Youth Club: Councillor J Honeychurch said he was waiting for the lease from the Diocese. He said it had been eleven years since his first approach but was hopeful that it would be soon. He said he would be looking for a long lease of at least 100 years to obtain lottery grants.

Neighbourhood Watch: Councillor Fennell said he was waiting for PCSO Chris Dove to get a meeting arranged.

Planning and Housing: Councillor C Bryan said she had written to Mr Steve Cornwall and Mr Andrew Pegram inviting them to speak and answer questions at one of our meetings.

NHS and Dental: Councillor A Jones said he would be monitoring this to see if a

permanent dental practice could be obtained for Totland.

Footpaths, Trees and Plants: Councillor Mrs V Cooke said she will talk to Mrs Rachel Bradley regarding forming a committee.

161/08 IWALC – Isle of Wight Education Reform

As agreed at our last Parish Council Meeting a letter was sent to Councillor George Cameron asking him to support local residents and the Parish Council, and strongly oppose the closure of any Primary Schools and ask for his support in keeping these schools open and to explore other options. Unfortunately, Councillor Cameron supported the motion.

162/08 Freshwater MUGA and Skateboard Park - expenses

Awaiting further information from Freshwater Parish Council. However, Councillor J Howe to contact Mr David Eccles.

163/08 To renew Lease/Licence for Parish Office for 3 years commencing 1st June 2008.

It was proposed by Councillor V Fennell, seconded by Councillor A Jones and unanimously agreed that we accept and sign the new Lease for the next three years, commencing on 1st June 2008. It was also agreed to put the shop next door on the next Agenda.

164/08 Accounts: To Consider the Payment of the Accounts (listed below)

Payments:

Jayne Jose Wholesale Nursery	£ 58.75	Hedging at Madeira Road.
Southern Electric	£ 18.43	Shed on Turf Walk.
Waitrose.com	£ 18.99	Monthly broadband charge.
Mrs V Gallard	£702.03	Salary
Inland Revenue	£174.78	Tax and NI.
Petty Cash	£ 30.00	
IW Beacon	£ 88.13	Newsletter editorial March Edition.
NRG	£105.97	Photo Copier Rental and copies.
Southern Water	£ 8.57	Offices.
Brighstone Landscapes	£141.00	As quotation 4986 – Madeira Road.
BT	£117.28	Calls and Rental charges – Office.
Cllr V Fennell	£ 61.92	Mileage expenses.
Mrs V Gallard	£ 20.00	IWBSLCC Branch sub and
expenses.		
Mr J Honeychurch	£ 15.00	Totland Village Trust – web filing payment.

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

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- 1 Letter from Councillor David Pugh, Leader of the Council advising that the toilets will open on Monday 17 March and that they will stay open during the winter in future.
- 2 Letter from Mrs Harding re: Lack of parking in the West Wight. *This will be passed on to the Isle of Wight Council.*
- 3 Letter from Mrs Goff re: Freshwater Post Office. *Council agree with most of Mrs Goffs comments however, feel that although Totland has lost some of its shops it can hardly be classed as a "ghost town".*
- 4 Email from John Holsburt re: funding for the Recreation Ground in support of the Parish Plan – *Council thanks John for his help and interest and is happy to report that they have obtained £500 from the RCC and £1000 from the IOWC to put towards a feasibility study. Further funding will be sought.*
- 5 Letter from Mr Glen Ford and Janine Chapel re: Dwelling on Plot 5 on the Waterdip site – not building in accordance with plans. *Council have spoken to Irene Fletcher at Planning and she will be contacting them.*

166/08 Questions and Information Time at Chairman's Discretion

Councillor Mrs C Bryan said she would like it minuted that in the absence of our County Councillor George Cameron, Councillor John Howe was doing an awful lot of George's work in helping residents with their problems and queries with no help at all from County Hall. She also said our Town Centre Manager, Bob Nelson was also doing a lot of George's work. The Parish Council thanked them both.

A reminder was given that The Annual Parish Meeting of The Parish of Totland will be held in The Church Hall, Totland Bay, on Thursday 3rd April 2008 at 7.30pm.

Councillor V Fennell said he had found the Emergency Planning Workshop for Parish Councils very interesting. He said he had spoken to Councillor Mrs V Ottway of Freshwater Parish Council regarding a "get together" to form an Emergency Parish Plan Committee.

Councillor Howe closed the meeting at 9.15 pm.