

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
TOTLAND PARISH COUNCIL
Held on Wednesday 9 April 2008 in
The Council Offices, Winchester House, The Broadway, Totland

Before the meeting, the County Press reporter asked members to introduce themselves.

Present: Councillors; Mr J Howe (Chairman), Mr J Honeychurch (Vice-chairman) Mrs C Bryan, Mr A Jones, Mr B Hinton MBE and Mrs S Jennings (RFO).

Councillor G Cameron, County Press reporter and 4 members of the public were also present.

Councillor J Howe said how nice it was to be able to welcome Councillor Cameron back after his recent illness and operations.

Apologies:

Apologies were received from Councillors V Fennell (holiday) and Mrs V Cooke.

Councillor J Howe welcomed everyone to the meeting and began by announcing that Totland were now a "Quality" Parish Council. Councillor Hinton thanked the Chairman and Clerk for all their hard work in achieving this. Councillor Honeychurch suggested the Clerk should receive some flowers and a small gift to the Chairman. This was unanimously agreed by Council.

167/08 Public Question Time

Mr C Jarman asked if a notice could be put up in the office window for the Wessex Cancer Summer Fair and asked if residents could call into the office and leave their details for collection of any items for the Fair. This was agreed and Councillor Honeychurch said he would arrange for an editorial to go in the Church Magazine.

Mr Jarman then gave an update on the allotments. He said after discussions here and at Freshwater and with solicitors there are legal issues. He said the Footprint Trust "Adopt a Garden Scheme," of which very few gardens were offered from Totland, would need to be for 5 years and not 10 and then after the 5 years change to another allotment for the remaining 5 years for legal reasons.

168/08 Declarations of Interest in items on the Agenda

There were no declarations of interest.

169/08 Planning Matters

To consider the following planning applications:-

- i **Location:** Plot 5, Woodlands, Cliff Road, Totland Bay.
- ii **Proposal:** Retention of alterations to windows on west elevation and conservatory.

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Council objected to this application for the following reasons:

1. *Retrospective planning*
2. *Invasion of privacy.*
3. *Councillor Cameron said he asked several months ago for an enforcement team to attend site as he objected to this also.*

- i **Location:** Heatherwood, Church Hill, Totland Bay.
- ii **Proposal:** Extension to balcony with balustrading on north elevation.

Council were unable to actually follow these drawings for the following reasons:

1. *No location map included with application.*
2. *Wrong address – not in Church Hill.*
3. *As only 2 days remaining for comments would ask for an extension of time.*

- i **Location:** Land at former, Fort Warden Holiday Camp Site, Fort Warden Road, Totland Bay.
- ii **Proposal:** Demolition of chalets; outline for 2 four bed dwellings.

Council would refer you to past decisions:

1. *Look at past reasons for not allowing building on this area.*
2. *Badger sets by the swimming pool.*

170/08 To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on the 12 March 2008.

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

171/08 To receive the report from George Cameron.

Councillor G Cameron gave the following report:

- i Needles – Heritage Coast footpath is privately owned which could cause serious problems if landslip occurs.
- ii Yellow lines outside Christ Church will be in the next review for yellow lines.
- iii Colwell beach huts – are to be knocked down and the area replaced with seats.
- iv The Conservation Officer has asked for a list of areas, together with vital reasons why we want a conservation order put on them. Important buildings should also be put on the list.
- v Mr Will Taylor met with Mr Pocock on site at Hamilton Lodge to discuss demolition.
- vi Student Fares – on the buses have gone up from 50p to £1. Councillor Howe said Weston School was paying £1 per child for the mini bus to travel to the Sports Centre and back, to swim. He said this had now gone up to £2 which was outrageous and that he had been able to arrange a mini bus for £20 per trip.
- vii Councillor Cameron said he had been asked to find out if the Parish Council would agree to Stokes Green becoming a car park. There was a unanimous “no” to this request.
- viii Designated Public Places Order – not enough signs for ‘no drinking’ areas and

he has asked for more. Councillor Howe asked if the Parish Council could have a copy of a map for these.

ix Next Community Engagement Meeting – at Memorial Hall on 30 April at 7.30 p.m.

Councillor B Hinton asked Councillor Cameron if he could find out how many officers in County Hall were on £50,000 + especially as they had had a long meeting with one to only find out at the end that the officer was reading a different document to the rest of them.

Councillor C Bryan asked if he had been able to find the £800 needed for the Youth Shelter in Freshwater. Councillor Cameron said he was still seeking funds. Councillor Bryan asked The Council if not forthcoming would we agree to pay half if Freshwater agreed to the other half. This was agreed.

172/08 To receive a report from Mr Rob Nelson, Town Manager

Mr Bob Nelson was unable to attend and submitted his report as follows:

Dog Fouling.

I have requested early morning and late evening patrols by the dog wardens to areas that I have identified as hot spots. Generally most of the open areas such as Totland recreation grounds and Colwell Common are clean, apart from the odd isolated incident. I am now empowered to issue fixed penalty notices for dog fouling offences. I intend to carry out many early morning and late evening patrols of areas that I have identified.

Litter.

I am pleased to inform the Parish council that all the old open-type basket litterbins have now been replaced throughout the village. I have also had additional litter bins installed at Totland Recreation ground outside the public toilets and an additional litter bin to compliment the existing litter bin located at Colwell Bay to help cope with the volume of litter during the holiday period. Again, I am now in a position to issue F.P.N's for this type of offence..

Cleansing.

I am generally pleased with Island Waste Services that carry out their contracted duty. I am still having some problems with residents putting domestic waste bags out early on collection days and have requested that they refrain from putting their waste bags until 7am on the morning of collection. Any areas that I have found to be below standard are dealt with within one day of my defect report.

Defects.

Street lighting, pot holes, street furniture etc. are generally dealt with in an efficient manner depending on the severity. However, I have noticed some defects that I have reported several months back are still awaiting remedial action to take place. I do however keep a record of my reported defects and the date and time that I reported it in to the call centre to enable a follow up call.

Summary.

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I recently assisted Sergeant Lyth in applying for a T.T.C.G. (IOW. Partnership Tacticle Tasking &Co-ordinating group) bid for £2,500 of which we were successful. This money will be added to the existing £3000 held in trust by Freshwater Parish Council to enable the purchase of a youth shelter to be sited near to the Muga and skateboard park at Moa Place, Freshwater. Additional expenditure will be for the purchase of honeycombed rubber floor matting to form the base, which will be housed on the grassed area, installation, and delivery costs. I have negotiated with the Probation Service and again they have agreed to install the shelter at no cost apart from the materials required. The shelter will cost £5,195.00, rubber matting £450, installation materials approx £150. Delivery fees from the factory in Watford to the Island was £650. We have agreed to seek a local company to collect the shelter from the factory to reduce the cost. The Guarantee will not be affected if installed by the Probation Service as long as it is to the specification of the manufacturer. Planning permission has been sought. Cllr Cameron is investigating and sourcing further funding to enable this shelter to become a reality.

The Villages of both Totland and Freshwater were subjected to graffiti on Wednesday evening 19th March. Many items of street furniture, bus shelters and road signs were targeted with white spray paint, including the road safety trailer depicting Pascia, Tom and Martin, was defaced. The Police and Safer Neighbourhood teams are working together to catch the perpetrators, and an extensive radio appeal was launched asking for information. Early indications have revealed that it was carried out by youths from the Newport area and not local youths. The trailer was moved on the morning following the incident due to the disgust shown by local residents. The remaining graffiti on street furniture etc. was also removed on the same day.

The CCTV camera installed in the Recreation ground has been taken down and relocated to Ryde due to problems around Ryde Town centre. I have however requested the camera to be returned. No reported incidents were reported around the recreation grounds whilst this camera was in place, which proves how useful they are in reducing anti-social behaviour etc.

The public toilet block located at the pier was subjected to criminal damage recently with roof tiles being broken, guttering damaged and windows receiving further damage. A cistern in the gents W.C. was damaged beyond repair. Some of the repairs have now been undertaken. With the summer fast approaching mini moto bikes are starting to re-appear around both villages - The Police are aware of the situation. I am due to receive my bicycle soon to enable me to get around more efficiently. Church Hill will soon have speed monitoring devices, due to be installed on 16th May, to obtain the average speed of vehicles using this road. The idea is to extend the 30mph zone to cover the residential areas especially during the tourist holiday period.

Generally I am very pleased with the progress made to date and will continue to work closely with my colleagues from the Police, Parish Council, and Safer Neighbourhood teams to reduce anti-social behaviour.

Councillor Carol Bryan proposed a vote of thanks to Bob Nelson for the work and

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the results he was getting in Totland

173/08 To report on Grass Cutting and Maintenance Contracts relating to Open Spaces

Councillor Howe said a large hole appeared on Cokes Green and Mr Paul Creer (the Badger officer) would be checking on this. The hole is fenced off at present for safety reasons.

174/08 To Receive the Report of the Turf Walk Regeneration Sub-Committee

There was no report.

175/08 To receive report on the wall at Stokes Green following the Water Board CCTV inspection.

A copy of our letter to Southern Water as follows was sent on 27 March 2008. You recently carried out a CCTV survey of the sewage pipes on Stokes Green which is a piece of land adjoining (Granville Road – Aman Court Flats) in Totland Bay, Isle of Wight.

The survey found there to be no fault or breakages to the pipe work however, we feel further investigation should be carried out to ascertain the reason why the inspection chamber covers located at Stokes Green are forced open by the pressure of raw sewage following heavy rainfall.

As this is at the top of a steep bank the raw sewage and effluent pours down the bank and has contributed to the damage of a concrete block retaining wall. We therefore would ask that further investigation including soil samples are taken from the retaining wall area.

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.

176/08 Report on Yar Bridge – Councillor Mrs V Cooke

As Councillor Mrs Cooke was not present there was no report.

177/08 To report on matters arising from the agenda - for information only

The following communications were put on the table for Councillors attention.

- i) Letter from Mr Hiles to Holt Architects re: Seawinds, Totland Bay.*
- ii) Reply from Holt Architects to Mr Hiles re: Seawinds, Totland Bay.*
- iii) CPD Training Calendar.*
- iv) Monster Youth Shelter in Moa Place.*
- v) Isle of Wight Council Bulletin.*
- vi) Isle of Wight Village Design Statement Guide.*

178/08 Isle of Wight County Training Partnership – Parish Masterclass.

Councillors J Honeychurch and B Hinton were not in favour of this type of training. Councillor C Bryan said she had been on many of the training courses and found them excellent and very informative. Councillor Howe asked the Clerk to send details to each member to read and make it an Agenda item for the next meeting.

179/08 Report from Councillor V Fennell re: Isle of Wight Parish & Town Councils.

As Councillor Fennell was on holiday there was no report.

180/08 Freshwater and Totland United Charities Trust - Donation

It was agreed to send a donation of £100, as previous year, to this Trust. Proposed: Councillor C Bryan, seconded Councillor B Hinton and unanimously agreed.

181/08 Totland Residents Association

The Parish Council agreed to support The Residents Association in their plans to approach the Ombudsman to look at discrepancies in planning.

182/08 Taking forward and implementation of the Parish Plan.

Councillor A Jones –‘Dentist for Totland’ – presented questionnaires for feedback from the Parish Councillors before submitting to the residents of Totland.

Councillor J Howe – ‘Recreation Ground and Toilets’ – He said Mr Wayne Hemingway (a very experienced designer) would be happy to look at the Recreation Ground and prepare a design plan with a view to amenities for all residents in Totland. Councillor Howe said he needed to discuss with the Isle of Wight Council about ownership and money, and that now we have quality status could go out and seek funding and large grants from professional bodies.

183/08 Memorial Hall Arts & Leisure Company

It was agreed to forward a cheque for £2408.76 being the first half year for the precept and archive rent. Proposed: Councillor B Hinton, seconded Councillor C Bryan and unanimously agreed.

184/08 Freshwater MUGA and Skateboard Park - expenses

A copy of a letter from Mrs Brenda Goff to Councillor D Eccles suggesting the addition of tennis and netball markings to the MUGA was read out. It was asked if something like this could be included when looking at Totland Recreation Ground.

185/08 To agree to shop next door lease being added to the Lease/Licence for Parish Office for 3 years.

It was agreed to add this Lease to the Office Lease. Proposed: Councillor C Bryan, Seconded Councillor A Jones and unanimously agreed.

186/08 Accounts: To Consider the Payment of the Accounts (listed below)

Mrs S Jennings (RFO) distributed the latest accounts and said we were slightly over budget.

Councillor J Howe informed Council that anyone receiving expenses could not propose the accounts.

Payments:

Waitrose.com	£ 18.99	Monthly broadband charge.
Mrs V Gallard	£719.68	Salary
Inland Revenue	£177.84	Tax and NI
Petty Cash	£ 40.00	
D.Shaw	£600.00	Internal Auditor
Cllr C Bryan	£ 30.00	Travelling Exp. (Training)
Cllr J Howe	£ 41.28	Travelling Exp. (Training)
Cllr V Fennell	£ 60.00	Travelling Exp. (Training)
Brighstone Landscapes Broadway	£ 52.88	Tree at The Mall/The
MHALCO	£2408.76	Precept/Archive (first half)
Mrs V Gallard	£ 30.34	Frames, food and drink for Mrs Mary Martin presentation evening.
IOWC (Street Trading Licence)	£ 51.00	Art on Turf Walk (Regeneration)
Miss A Harvey	£100.00	Petty Cash “ “ (Regeneration)
IOWC	£344.54	IWALC Annual Sub 2008/2009
IOWC	£ 27.00	LCR Sub 2008/2009 2 copies.
IOWC	£ 20.00	Bid Writing Course – C Bryan and V. Gallard

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

187/08 Correspondence

- 1 Rural Community Council – cheque for £481.75 received towards the recreation ground design project. Unfortunately the £1,000 expected from the Parish Team will not be forthcoming.
- 2 Copy of a letter to Ms Dyer re: 1 Keyhaven Court (permitted development).
A letter from the Parish Council has been sent to Planning regarding this.

188/08 Questions and Information Time at Chairman's Discretion

Councillor B Hinton said he had attended the meeting regarding the West Wight Landscape Partnership and the New Legal Agreement between Parishes. Unfortunately the Officer at the meeting and the attendees were reading from different papers. Councillor Howe said the Agreement had to go to the Legal Department first, after which a copy would be circulated to all members for their comments.

Councillor Bryan asked if the Parish Council would be prepared to purchase a CCTV camera to replace the one removed from the Rec. It was agreed to talk to the police first.

Councillor Hinton said he had attended the Eco Island Conference and found it extremely interesting.

Councillor Bryan had six photographs of road signs in Totland which were in a very bad state and needed replacing. She passed them to Councillor Cameron and

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asked him if he felt ashamed to have such bad road name signs in the Parish he represents. Councillor Cameron said he would talk to Highways.

Mr John Veal asked if the Recreation Ground was registered as a public open space as he had had a call from a resident on this. Councillor Honeychurch asked Mr Veal to direct any such calls to the Parish Clerk.

Councillor Howe closed the meeting at 8.55 pm.