

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOTLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Wednesday 13th January 2010 Starting 7.30pm
The Council Offices, Winchester House, The Broadway, Totland

Present: Councillors; C Bryan (Chairman), V Fennell, J Honeychurch, D Eccles, J Howe (joined 8.30pm), D Filby and V.Cooke.

Also in attendance: Mr Bob Nelson (ENO)
Cllrs Gill Kennett & Clive Fleury who left at 7.40pm.

373/09 Apologies for absence

Cllr A Jones and Police

374/09 Police Report

The Police were called away before the meeting began and gave details of the up-to-date crime statistics for Freshwater, Colwell and Totland as follows.

Crime Statistics for Freshwater, Totland and Colwell 2008															
Type	Mth	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year	Change from 2007
Assault		5	6	3	4	10	4	8	2	5	3	4	5	59	DOWN 12
Burglary Dwelling		0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	3	11	DOWN 18
Criminal Damage		20	10	12	8	8	5	10	5	12	7	8	10	115	DOWN 66
Public Order		6	0	4	5	2	3	1	6	5	1	1	1	35	DOWN 11
Rowdy & Inconsiderate		19	22	19	17	22	25	25	15	6	14	8	13	205	DOWN 202
Theft		5	3	3	7	5	4	5	5	9	4	11	7	68	DOWN 14
Theft of Vehicle		0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	DOWN 10
Theft from Vehicle		0	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	2	1	5	1	13	DOWN 12
Theft Pedal Cycle		2	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	1	7	UP 5
Crime Statistics for Freshwater, Totland and Colwell 2009															
Type	Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec		
Assault		5	2	4	4	6	7	9	4	6	6	3	4		
Burglary Dwelling		0	1	0	1	4	2	1	0	1	0	0	0		
Criminal Damage		12	12	6	8	9	7	10	10	7	11	9	8		
Public Order		3	1	3	0	0	2	0	5	4	2	2	0		
Rowdy & Inconsiderate		9	17	20	21	23	10	6	13	8	16	15	12		
Theft		5	3	5	8	9	5	14	9	2	4	3	2		
Theft of Vehicle		1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1		
Theft from Vehicle		1	4	0	2	1	1	3	1	0	2	0	0		
Theft Pedal Cycle		0	0	0	1	3	0	1	1	1	2	0	0		

They also produced a Beat Report, as follows:

Happy New Year to you all.

I am pleased to report that over the festive period incidents in Freshwater have been few and far between. As you can see from the attached figures rowdy and inconsiderate behaviour have been cut down by 35 reported incidents.

Criminal damage has also seen a reduction of 6 incidents, although only by a small amount it is in the right direction. We are pleased to also report that year on year figures have seen a reduction in crime and statistics are dropping.

Of course there is always room for improvement and we are going to visit the local schools to highlight bike security and safety.

On a negative note however there was a report of a vehicle theft in the area, the offender of this has been caught and dealt with.

We are awaiting figures from the speeding strips to be sent to us so we can identify which areas need concentrating on.

We will still endeavour to attend as many of the parish meetings as possible but again due to operational commitments this may not always be the case.

Carol Bryan
Chairman
10th February 2010

If there is anything you need to discuss with your local Policing team please contact:

SGT Mark LYTH:	07901102396
PC Matt Rumsey	07901102402
PC Andy Fidler	07901102303
PCSO Mike Thornton	07901102385

These numbers can be given out to members of the public. However, if you need to report an incident or crime please use 101, or if it's an emergency call 999.

Or you can email: westwight.snt@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

375/09 Update on Skateboard Park – Cllrs Gill Kennett & Clive Fleury

Cllr Fleury pointed out that the County Press had published an item with regards to the Freshwater Skateboard Park and wanted to make clear that at no point had he referred to it as Freshwater Skateboard Park and that the County Press has printed this themselves. The title is the West Wight Skateboard Park.

The CCTV will need planning permission and this will delay the start and finish date. All amendments are now updated and awaiting the acceptance of the bid for £19148. This has now been sent to the scrutiny panel where this will be looked at by a separate group of people and so the next stage will be contact from a Project Managers who will ask the questions about how this project will be managed. Cllr Kennett added that with regards to the CCTV the youth club and car parks would be contacted with regards to a contribution to the cost, as the CCTV will also benefit them.

376/09 Public Question Time

There were no questions.

377/09 To receive any declarations of interest in items on the Agenda

Cllr Bryan & Cllr Howe declared an interest to item 392/09 Yarmouth Harbour. Cllr Bryan has joint ownership of a boat and Cllr Howe has a family member who works at the Harbour.

378/09 To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on 9th December 2009.

Cllr Cooke wanted an amendment to 365/09 Yarmouth Harbour, minutes to be confirmed 10th February.

379/09 To receive Report from our Isle of Wight Councillor – John Howe.

The Council has been awarded £20,000 of Government monies for young people to spend on a project in Freshwater and Totland. The project is being managed by, Astrid Davies, supported by the Isle of Wight Councillors from Freshwater and Totland.

I have been selected to sit on the Employment Committee and the Adoption Panel of the Isle of Wight Council.

The petition for the public conveniences in the Totland Parish, which was taken during the summer, has been placed on the Agenda for the full Council meeting for discussion tonight, Wednesday 13th January. There were 1349 names of Island electorate out of the 1900+ names on the petition and this exceeded the required number for this to be presented to a full Council Meeting for further discussion.

I have had a few local problems reported to me during the last few weeks, e.g. Trees overhanging garden, trees that are being felled, 1/2 of which were thought may have Tree Preservation Orders on them and a couple of parking queries. I have taken these forward to the appropriate departments of I W Council and Housing Association and await the outcome of their investigations.

380/09 Report from Mr B Nelson, Environment and Neighbourhood Officer.

The Christmas lantern parade held on 11th December 2009 proved to be a great success with many people participating in the event. I would like to congratulate the organisers of this event and wish the lantern parade every success in the future.

The Christmas and New Year period passed by with very few reported calls made to call centres regarding acts of anti-social behaviour and crime. I find this encouraging as usually crime and disorder has a tendency to increase during the festive season.

The bid for funding for the refurbishment and purchase of additional equipment including the installation of CCTV at the skate park, Moa place, Freshwater continues to gain momentum. The planning application has now been submitted and early indications show a favourable planning agreement.

The bid for funding in excess of £20,000 via the Leader Programme (Isle of Wight Economic Partnership) will be assessed during this month; I can only hope that we are successful with our application.

The skate park user group have also lodged a bid for funding of £5,000 via UP2U which again will be heard during this month.

The recent snow and ice has presented many problems to the highway infrastructure in the West Wight area and crews have been working around the clock to make the West Wight accessible. Many roads remain in accessible and efforts are being made to rectify this problem but priority has been made for the major road network to remain open.

The three main highways leading into the West Wight area are now open.

I have delayed the proposed meeting of the residents and motor bike users of the old Fort Warden site until the weather improves as the bikers are not using the site at present. The meeting will be to discuss the issues of usage and noise and the need to make contact with them is paramount to resolving this ongoing issue. I will of course keep the councillors updated of progress.

I am pleased with the tidiness and general outlook of the parish and the continuation of low reported crime in Totland and will continue to support partner agencies in continuing this trend.

The recent bad weather has highlighted problems in Summer Lane – An email will be sent to Highways with regards to a gully for drainage from Saint Saviours Road.

381/09 To report on matters relating to Open Spaces.

On Monday 4th January a resident of Totland was seen taking a Lime Tree down from Turnville field in the 1st copse. At the time it was unsure whether the resident was clearing away a fallen tree but later that day was checked again to find that the tree has been sawn at head height and the tree had twisted as it had fallen. The Police have been contacted and asked if we want to pursue criminal damage. It was agreed to ask the Police to speak to this resident.

A suggestion of a chain on the gate and kept locked was made and a letter will be sent to Southern Water asking for this. Cllr Filby will also look into the cost of fencing the area off and return comment at the next meeting. In the meantime Cllr Filby & Cllr Eccles will clean the area and plant new trees that have been donated.

382/09 To receive the report from the Turf Walk Sub Committee

There was no report.

383/09 To agree precept report to submit to County Press

At the last meeting of Totland Parish Council, it was decided that in view of the current economic situation there would be no rise in the council precept this year. The council will look very closely at all expenditure, and make savings where necessary. The report was agreed by all.

384/09 To receive report from Finance Committee

Cllr Eccles suggested meeting 45 minutes before the TPC March meeting set for 10th March 2010. All members to confirm.

385/09 Report from the IOW Parish and Town Council Meeting – Councillor V Fennell.

Cllr Fennell read a letter to all Cllrs, which will be responded to by IWALC.

386/09 Taking forward and implementation of the Parish Plan Village Design Statement

Cllr Eccles has received names and numbers of interested people who he will contact in due course to confirm best meeting dates. Will also contact Tracy Castle the extended school personnel to see if we can get the schools involved.

387/09 Office Maintenance – Investigate damp.

A nice letter will be sent to Mr Sloper, the landlord, with regards to the damp problem although this has been an ongoing problem since we have taken the property over.

388/09 Latest information from the Skate Park.

See 375/09 and 380/09

389/09 Latest Report from West Wight Landscape Partnership.

Newsletter - Issue 06 December 2009 was made available to all.

8.30pm Cllr J Howe joined the meeting

390/09 An update on the PFI – Report from Cllr Eccles.

A report was made available to all and Cllr Eccles read through the report. Cllrs were concerned that we would not benefit from this and Cllr Eccles explained that our roads are getting worse quickly and we should be positive. The Middle road which has now been completed and has been fairly successful and Cllr Eccles pointed out that although the work would be carried out to the IOW Councils standards it would not necessarily be carried out by the Council. Cllr Cooke recalled that in November 2008 Malcolm Smith commented that the PFI was for resurfacing only and not new roads, Cllr Howe confirmed that the PFI is there to rebuild the existing roads and not resurface or build new roads.

391/09 To receive report from Cllr Howe re Totland Recreation Ground Project

Cllr Howe confirmed that this will be up and running by June 2010. The money is there and ready for this year as this is government money and not Council money– play equipment currently for 5-7 years and the new play equipment will be there for the older children, 7-14 years.

Cllr Fennell asked for the date of the next meeting, Cllr Howe explained this had not been agreed as awaiting designs, but will inform the Clerk who will email the next date.

392/09 Yarmouth Harbour.

Cllr Bryan & Howe have declared an interest.

A report was read through by Cllr Cooke hi-lighting the points against the proposals. Cllr Cooke has asked the Clerk to send a report to the Yarmouth Harbour Advisory Committee – Sylvia Mence saying why TPC are against by 14th January 2010. Cllr Honeychurch pointed out our reasons should be based on the positives rather than the negatives.

Cllr Cooke also suggested that Cllr Howe stand down as Deputy from the Committee as he has declared an interest and nominated Cllr Eccles to take this position - Cllr Filby seconded this. Cllr Howe confirmed that he has no financial interest in the harbour.

393/09 Quotations

None

394/09 To report on matters arising from the Agenda; for information only.

Yarmouth Harbour – Sea level rise committee – no answer as yet.

395/09 Donations

None

396/09 Future of the shop next door

Cllr Bryan has looked into the cost for the shop next door and explains that we would not save any money by losing it, however, Cllr Bryan has suggested that we use it for fundraising for Totland by opening as a 50/50 shop with 50% going to TPC. All liked the idea and Cllr Bryan will contact Mr Sloper to make sure he has no objections. Look into ideas for items to sell.

397/09 AccountsAccounts List

<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Details</u>
2367	Vince Fennell	36.80	Expenses
2368	Wight Cycle Hire	35.00	Annual Maintenance PCSO Bike
2369	Brighstone Landscaping	121.53	Fence repairs
2370	WBS	19.32	Newsletter Paper
2365	V Gallard	10.96	Wages
2366	Window Cleaner	18.00	Window Cleaning
2362	Shide Trees	120.00	Xmas Tree

Council resolved to pay the accounts. Proposed Cllr J Howe, seconded Cllr D Filby.

398/09 To consider any other items arising due to inclement weather conditions

None

399/09 Correspondance.

Earl Mountbatten Hospice

Rural Community Council

Age Concern

Companies House – Clerk to reply as Nil return

400/09 Planning Applications

Application No. TCP/23078/B P/01774/09

Location: The Orchard, Briary Lane, Middleton, Totland Bay

Proposal: Implement store and shed

No comments

Date of next Parish Council Meeting – 10th February 2010 at 7.30pm.

Date of next Planning Meeting – To be advised.

The meeting closed at 9.25 p.m.