

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOTLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Wednesday 10th February 2010 Starting 7.30pm

The Council Offices, Winchester House, The Broadway, Totland

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

Also in attendance: Mr Bob Nelson (ENO)

410/09 Apologies for absence

Cllr A Jones, Cllr D Filby and Police

411/09 Police Report

The Police were unable to attend tonight's meeting and gave details of the up-to-date crime statistics for Freshwater, Colwell and Totland as follows.

Crime Statistics for Freshwater, Totland and Colwell 2009														
Type	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year	Change from 2008
Assault	5	2	4	4	6	7	9	4	6	6	3	4	60	UP 1
Burglary Dwelling	0	1	0	1	4	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	10	DOWN 1
Criminal Damage	12	12	6	8	9	7	10	10	7	11	9	8	109	DOWN 6
Public Order	3	1	3	0	0	2	0	5	4	2	2	0	22	DOWN 13
Rowdy & Inconsiderate	9	17	20	21	23	10	6	13	8	16	15	12	170	DOWN 35
Theft	5	3	5	8	9	5	14	9	2	4	3	2	69	UP 1
Theft of Vehicle	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	UP 1
Theft from Vehicle	1	4	0	2	1	1	3	1	0	2	0	0	15	UP 2
Theft Pedal Cycle	0	0	0	1	3	0	1	1	1	2	0	0	9	UP 2
Crime Statistics for Freshwater, Totland and Colwell 2010														
Type	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year	Change from 2009
Assault	7												7	
Burglary Dwelling	0												0	
Criminal Damage	7												7	
Public Order	1												1	
Rowdy & Inconsiderate	8												8	
Theft	2												2	
Theft of Vehicle	1												1	
Theft from Vehicle	1												1	
Theft Pedal Cycle	1												1	

They also produced a Beat Report, as follows:

Since the last meeting in January there has been very little going on. There has only been a small amount of anti social behaviour 8 in total which have been reported to us. We are continuing to visit schools, homes of children, youth club and even adults to give words of advice regarding their behaviour. We are still visiting addresses to give security advice and reassurance.

Speeding is continuing to be an issue island wide, and we will be doing speed checks in Totland.

On the issues with width restriction most drivers have been given advice on the 6ft 6in limit. We have delivered posters for the ferry ports to display as well as in the surrounding areas.

Your local Policing team will endeavour to attend your parish meetings, however due to operational reasons this may mean we cannot commit to every meeting.

Carol Bryan
Chairman
10th March 2010

If there is anything you wish 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.

You can email: westwight.snt@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

412/09 Public Question Time

There were no questions.

413/09 To receive any declarations of interest in items on the Agenda

Cllr Howe – anything with regards to IOW Council.

Cllr Fennell - accounts

Cllr Bryan & Cllr Howe declared an interest to item 425/09 Yarmouth Harbour. Cllr Bryan has joint ownership of a boat and Cllr Howe has a family member who works at the Harbour.

414/09 To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on 9th December 2009 and confirm the minutes of the meeting held 13th January 2010.

9th December 2009 - The Minutes having been circulated and read were agreed.

Proposed Councillor Howe, seconded Councillor Honeychurch and unanimously agreed.

13th January 2010 - The Minutes having been circulated and read were agreed.

Proposed Councillor Eccles, seconded Councillor Howe and unanimously agreed.

415/09 To receive Report from our Isle of Wight Councillor – John Howe.

Flooding – Cliff Rd

There are some problems with flooding to certain properties in Cliff Road and Eden Road areas. I am currently working with the I W Council Coastal Protection and Highways to liaise with the affected property owners. I am concerned that the flooding coming down from Totland to these areas could also, in the future, affect the Turf Walk.

Public Conveniences in Totland

Following on from my presentation of the Petition about local public conveniences to the Cabinet member, Councillor Edward Giles, I have received a reply from Councillor Giles which, in my opinion, is very negative. My request for the conveniences at both Totland Bay and Colwell Bay was to bring them up to an acceptable hygienic standard including hot water hand washing facilities at Colwell Bay (Totland Bay conveniences do already have hot water facilities). These conveniences are widely used by both local residents and holiday makers. Having seen how much money has been spent on public conveniences in other areas I am appalled that the Council will not consider a few thousand pounds to bring these to a more acceptable standard. Councillor Giles states that “these conveniences are not contained within the Council’s current major capital programme and will be considered on a priority basis for any future programme

that the Council undertakes. However there are currently no plans to have further significant capital investment in public conveniences until the Council has undertaken a complete and thorough review of public convenience provision throughout the Island. This review is underway.”

Footpath T4 to T31 (Steps from Turf Walk to Sea Wall)

It was reported to me that there has been a problem with these steps and I have asked an Officer from Rights of Way to investigate and report back to me.

Scamnesty Boxes

The Isle of Wight Council's Trading Standards service is again teaming up with the Office of Fair Trading to run a scheme called 'Scamnesty'. The month long campaign, which started on 1 February, aims to help end the scourge of mass marketed scam mailings in the UK. It involved the Council putting 'Scamnesty' boxes in several locations around the Island asking for the public to collect any scam mailing and to drop them into the boxes. Nearly half of the UK adult population has been targeted by a scam while almost 3.2 million adults across the country fall victim to a scam involving deceptive unsolicited mailings, phone calls or emails, which are designed to con victims out of their cash. UK consumers lose around £3.5 billion to scams every year. The average amount lost per scam is £850 while those aged over 55 lose an average of £1,261. When I checked, Totland had not been allocated a box but after a phone call I was able to arrange for one to be placed here in the Parish Office, having contacted the Clerk to confirm that this would be OK. The Council amended the publicity to include Totland.

Potholes

There have been some potholes around the village, following the recent bad weather. Thanks to our Highway Engineer for the area, Neil Brown, most of the worst ones have been dealt with. Thanks also to our Environment Neighbourhood Officers Bob and Neil for their vigilance throughout the bad weather.

416/09 Report from Mr B Nelson, Environment and Neighbourhood Officer.

Highways

I have continued to report the defects that I have found on many roads and pavements surfaces throughout the West Wight area. Working in close partnership with the highways inspector, many defects have been repaired, with particular attention to arterial roads. I am aware however, that many potholes and defects remain and I will continue to press for repairs to be made in Totland side roads and streets.

Dog Fouling

I am saddened that some dog owners still disregard the need to keep Totland free of this unsociable act, with blatant disregard to others. I am aware that the majority of dog owners are cleaning up after their dogs and make full use of the dog bag dispensers and dog waste bins that are plentiful throughout the village and outlying areas. I am determined to catch dog owners who fail to pick up and have carried out many late and early morning patrols in known area of dog fouling. I would like to thank all the responsible and competent dog owners. To

all dog owners, they will be caught and they will be issued with a fixed penalty notice for the sum of £75.00. No excuses will be accepted by me or my colleagues.

Skate Park/CCTV Bid

I was delighted to receive the news that the bid for finance from The Leader Programme was been approved, pending planning approval on 19th February. I look forward, like many others, to see the improved layout of the existing equipment and purchase of additional half pipe ramp, grind rail for the Skate Park and to the installation of CCTV in Moa Place, Freshwater which will take place in the coming months. A meeting took place on Monday 8th February between Darren Vaughan - CCTV manager (IOWCC), Cllr J Howe, Cllr C Flury (Freshwater PC), Sergeant Lyth and myself, to discuss options available such as running costs, types of system available etc. Darren will report back with castings etc. in the near future.

Probation & Unpaid Work Projects

I am at present formulating new projects that I would like the Probation Unpaid Work section to undertake in the coming year. Some projects from 2009 have been carried over to this year, such as the quartering of estate roads in Totland and the continuation of refurbishment and painting of the balustrades and handrails located at Totland revetment. If the parish Councillors have any other projects they would like to see undertaken in the coming year, by the Probation service, please let me know.

The trend towards low crime figures in Freshwater and the West Wight area have continued and I will support my colleagues from the Police and other agencies to ensure that this trend continues.

417/09 To report on matters relating to Open Spaces.

None.

418/09 To receive the report from the Turf Walk Sub Committee

There was no report from committee.

Cllr Bryan has been contacted by a resident asking to do some pruning by his property which is on the Turf Walk, a hedge which has bramble sticking out, he would like to remove the brambles and a dead shrub also needs to be removed. There is a Cherry Blossom to be pruned and Cllr Bryan met with the resident and agreed it needed doing and the resident will carry this out with no cost to the Parish. Cllr Bryan will email the resident with the okay to carry on. Cllr J Howe proposed and Cllr V Cooke seconded and was unanimously agreed.

We have had a massive fall on the Turf Walk and Cllr Bryan contacted Peter Marsden who has sent a report to the Parish which was in turn been emailed to all Councillors. A suggestion from this report was the fence will need to be brought in by approximately 1.5m although this can not be done immediately as he feels there maybe more to come and Cllr Bryan suggested this could be something the probationers could take on. There will be no cost to the Council as this land is owned privately. Cllr Bryan will be meeting with Peter Fellows to see if we can

get the funding to complete this. The report says that nothing should be moved from below either as it is still very loose.

Cllr Bryan suggested putting a letter together to be sent to the land owner which includes the details from the report. Proposed Cllr Cooke and seconded by Cllr Fennell and all agreed.

419/09 Finance Committee Report

Cllr Eccles suggested meeting before the TPC March meeting set for 10th March 2010 at 6pm all members agreed.

420/09 Report from the IOW Parish and Town Council Meeting Councillor V Fennell.

Cllr Fennell explained how the minutes had not been completed and so nothing to report back at this time.

Cllr Fennell has attended general purpose meeting of IWALC and they will review update on constitution review and agree a process of secretary arrangements financial impact on Cowes Town Council withdrawn. Update on County Training Partnership.

421/09 Office Maintenance

New locks are needed for the main external door, bolts to be replaced for the external door in the IT Suite and a lock for the internal door into the kitchen. Bob Nelson kindly volunteered to carry this out and will organise the locks needed. Cllr V Cook proposed Cllr V Fennell seconded and was unanimously agreed.

Heating - It was suggested that Peter Sexton be consulted on what might be best as the Clerk was concerned as to another extension lead running. All agreed.

422/09 Latest information from the Skate Park.

None

423/09 Latest Report from West Wight Landscape Partnership.

Cllr Bryan told the meeting that the application had not been completed by the previous RFO and that the previous clerk, kindly completed the application days before leaving. WWLP have £11,000 already allocated to the Parish Council for the local hero's and Cllr Bryan has a meeting with Peter Fellows on Thursday 11th February to talk over what we want and will report back at next meeting the outcome. Cllr J Howe suggested we use all money available and tidy up the verge behind the memorial and make it more of a remembrance garden. The crosses around the memorial can be taken down if they are looking tatty.

424/09 To receive report from Cllr Howe re Totland Recreation Ground Project

A topographical report has been completed and a cheaper quote had been found. Cllr J Howe will send a copy to the Clerk along with the next meeting date.

425/09 Yarmouth Harbour.

A report has been sent and the Clerk will forward this via email to all Councillors. (sent 23rd February 2010 Inner Harbour Reconfiguration – Public Consultation – Summary of Feedback - 8th February 2010 – R P Gribble).

The commission will react to this report and Cllr Cooke will report back at next meeting. Cllr Eccles has been accepted by the group as the Deputy.

426/09 Quotations

None

427/09 Future of the Totland Parish Archives

It was agreed that the archives for Freshwater and Totland should be kept separate and that Sally Wood be contacted to confirm that The Clerk at Totland should be contacted if anybody wants to see the archives. No access should be granted without the Totland Parish Clerk being present. The Clerk will send a letter to Freshwater Parish Council confirming this. The shop next door is not suitable for holding these archives for a number reasons, security and the dampness are just a couple. Councillor Howe expressed how important our archives were and should be kept in our possession – all agreed on this.

428/09 Accounts to consider payments, sign cheques, Clerk Stationery**Accounts**

<u>Cheque No</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Details</u>
2373	H Gibbs	492.14	Wages
2374	HM Customs	3.46	Tax & NI
2375	Window Cleaner	18.00	Window Cleaner
2376	Ground Work Solent	2415.00	Inv 082 Totland Play area consultation
2377	Freshwater PC	242.45	Inv7+8 – skate park caretaker salary, IWCC planning & CCTV, refixing ramps
2378	B'stone Landscaping	376.00	Inv 10953 hedge reducing
2379	Vince Fennell	30.00	Mileage expenses

Council resolved to pay the accounts. Proposed Councillor J Howe seconded Councillor J Honeychurch – Councillor V Fennell sustained.

Stationery

The Clerk produced a list of stationery items needed.

Proposed Councillor Vince Fennell seconded Councillor Val Cooke all agreed.

429/09 Correspondance.

Hampshire Police Winter 10 Newsletter

Rural community Council letter

Solent News Newsletter

February 10 Beacon

430/09 Planning Applications

Application No. TCP/29979 P/00112/10

Location: Overton, Ward Road, Totland Bay

Proposal: 1st Floor Extension built on existing ground floor extension

Council had no comments

431/09 Wightlink Users Association

An email has been received from the Clerk of Yarmouth Town Council details as below:

The Town Council has resolved to support the establishment of a Wightlink Users' Association and I have been instructed to contact you to enquire whether your parish/organisation would support such a move and would wish to be involved. Once the level of support has been established a meeting of all interested parties will be called in order to move things forward.

I shall be pleased therefore if you will kindly place the matter before your organisation and then advise me whether your organisation would wish to be involved. A reply by 1 March 2010 would be most helpful.

Council agreed to reply as an interested party.

432/09 Training

The Clerk proposed that a record be kept of all training Councillors have attended - all agreed. The clerk will send an email requesting details.

433/09 Annual Parish Meeting

30th March 2010 @ 7.00pm

Date of next Parish Council Meeting - 10th March 2010 at 7.30pm.

Date of next Planning Meeting - To be advised.

The meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.