

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOTLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Wednesday 10th March 2010 Starting 7.30pm

The Council Offices, Winchester House, The Broadway, Totland

Present: Councillors; Carol Bryan (Chairman), John Honeychurch, David Eccles, Vince Fennell, and Val Cooke, David Filby
Councillor John Howe arrived 8.50pm having come from an Isle of Wight Council Meeting

Also in attendance: Mr Bob Nelson (ENO)

435/09 Apologies for absence

Cllr A Jones and Police

436/09 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	4											11	
Burglary Dwelling	0	1											1	
Criminal Damage	7	4											11	
Public Order	1	2											3	
Rowdy & Inconsiderate	8	12											20	
Theft	2	1											3	
Theft of Vehicle	1	1											2	
Theft from Vehicle	1	0											1	
Theft Pedal Cycle	1	2											3	

They also produced a Beat Report, as follows:

Since the last meeting in February the majority of crime statistics have either stayed the same or have fallen. There has been an increase of assault, theft of vehicle and theft of pedal cycle by a small amount which has been reported to us. Criminal damage, rowdy and inconsiderate behaviour and theft from a vehicle have fallen. 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 have taken a member of the community out with us on speed checks where a number of motorists were advised on their speed in the Colwell road area. This will also be done in Totland and Freshwater areas which was one of the community priorities.

Our latest newsletters are now available and can be found at the doctors surgeries, shops, and parish offices and can also be viewed on our website.

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

437/09 Public Question Time

There were no questions.

438/09 To receive any declarations of interest in items on the Agenda

Cllr Howe – anything with regards to IOW Council.

Cllr Bryan declared an interest to item 450/09 Yarmouth Harbour & 464/09 Donations.

439/09 To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held 10th February 2010 and report on matters arising from those minutes

Minutes - having been circulated and read were agreed. Proposed Councillor Cooke, seconded Councillor Honeychurch and unanimously agreed.

Matters arising

Office locks have now been replaced.

Archives – Linda Barnes has confirmed that The Clerk will be contacted should anybody wish to see the archives.

Wightlink Users Association – The Clerk and confirmed Totlands interest

440/09 To confirm wording and numbering for the Agenda

The Clerk confirmed the wording should read summoned and not invite to the meeting for the Councillors and that the numbering system ending 09 will stay until the April 2010 meeting and will then change to end 10. Proposed Councillor Filby, seconded Councillor Cooke and all agreed.

441/09 To receive Report from our Isle of Wight Councillor – John Howe.

ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL - BUDGET

As you have probably read in the County Press the I W Council has been dealing with the budget for 2010/11. There have been a lot of meetings/discussions on this very emotive subject. The meeting of the full Council on the 24th February started at 6.00 p.m. and finished just after 10.00 p.m. with the adoption of the Conservative budget. Council Tax will increase w.e.f. 1st April by 2.5%. The concerns from local people included the loss of support for organisations, both in the voluntary and private sector, supporting vulnerable persons. We all hope that, in the coming months, this will be addressed by the Council.

WESTON SCHOOL

Weston School have recently appointed a new head teacher due to the current head progressing to a larger school. Angela Collins will commence her post following the Easter Holidays. Angela has been deputy head at Weston for a period of 18 months previously.

ST SAVIOUR'S SCHOOL

St Saviours School are again participating in Global Rock challenge and it is hoped that their success will continue again this year.

POTHOLES

If people are aware of any new potholes appearing, please let me know and I will take this forward to the appropriate department of the Council.

I have been dealing with a number of issues for parishioners e.g. planning, road and tree problems.

If any Parish Councillor or residents have any problems/queries relating to issues which are the responsibility of the Isle of Wight Council, please contact me on 753414 or via e-mail at john.howe@iow.gov.uk

442/09 Report from Mr B Nelson, Environment and Neighbourhood Officer.FORT WARDEN

I have been active in resolving the issues surrounding the use of a parcel of land at the Old Fort Warden holiday camp concerning mini motorbikes and quad bikes. I have continued to receive complaints from local residents concerning noise levels and unrestricted usage of the land by the bikers. The Environmental Health department has monitored the noise levels and have found them to be excessive. I have continued to work closely with EH to try and find a way forward that is acceptable to both parties.

I am aware that if the user group are no longer permitted to use this parcel of land they will just find an alternative venue in the local area. I have been in contact with a resident who lives close to the site who has direct contact with the owner of the land, who lives abroad. The resident was not willing to pass on the owners contact details to me so that I could make direct contact, but was willing to act as a mediator. He has claimed that the owner no longer wants the land to be used by the motorbikes as many complaints are now being logged with the IOWC and Parish Council. I have requested that the owner contacts the IOWC to discuss a way forward and to place a restriction notice on the land to prevent future usage by the motorbikes.

I must point out that not all the residents were opposed to the motor bike users , it was just that no-one seemed to be in control and that the users would just turn up at will resulting in continual noise levels at times.

I am looking for an alternative venue that will not have such an impact on local residents or wildlife whilst also offering a safe area for the user group to use. I will of course keep the Councillors informed of any development regarding the future use of Fort Warden by the user group.

DOG GLOVES/DISPENSERS

The IOWC (Community Safety Service) have decided to withdraw the free provision of dog glove and dispensers throughout the Island as a cost cutting measure.

All Parish councils have been invited to continue with this service at cost to the Parish and Town councils.

I have been informed that a box containing 800 bags costs around £16 which will fill 4 dispensers and last, based on past usage approximately 3 to 4 weeks.

Totland Parish have at present 5 dispensers located at.

- 1- Court Road
- 2- Colwell/Warden Point Revetment
- 3- Headon Warren
- 4- Turf walk/Cliff Road
- 5- Colwell Common

I have calculated that to continue with this service will cost approximately £200 to £250 per annum.

I have also been advised that the dog wardens and I will no longer refill the dispensers whilst out on our normal duties; this would be for each Parish or Town council to arrange.

At present I have a supply of dog gloves which should last until the end of March beginning April 2010.

If the Parish Council decides not to continue with this service I will arrange that the dispensers are removed from the locations listed above once my supply has been exhausted.

ENVIRONMENT AND NEIGHBOURHOODS OFFICERS

The Isle of Wight Council Street Inspection Review Function has announced organisational change that a cut in funding of £250,000 will change the way that Environment and Neighbourhood Officers, colleagues from Parks and Beaches and Waste Management operate at present.

I am uncertain at this stage how this will directly affect The Parish Council and Totland generally.

Environment and Neighbourhoods Officer roles will change to encompass other duties and I understand posts may be lost, however, every effort will be made to minimise compulsory redundancies of staff.

The proposed new duty requirement has yet to be formulated and interviews will take place in the near future to fill these new positions once the duty requirement has been decided.

I will keep the Parish councillors informed of developments.

GENERAL

I have carried out several early and late patrols around the village to carry out enforcement of dog fouling, during the previous month I have not witnessed any dog owners failing to pick up.

I have noticed an increase in vehicles parked up on many roads in Totland, not displaying a valid excise licence and they have been issued notices.

Repairs to highway and footpaths have continued throughout the previous month and gradually the infrastructure is improving, however I am aware that many potholes remain unrepaired and will pursue the repairs as I see them.

I have now received confirmation that the hoarding board and posts located at the entrance to The Heights will be removed after prolonged investigation as to ownership.

I have requested several projects to be carried out in the coming months by the Probation Service Unpaid Work Team including the renewal of the safety fence located at Turf Walk.

The Parish of Totland remains a clean and safe environment and I will continue to support the Parish Council, Police and partner agencies in the desire to keep Totland a desirable parish to reside in.

From the ENO's report it was agreed that after April 2010 the dog dispensers would be taken down. Proposed Councillor Filby, seconded Councillor Honeychurch. The Clerk will also put a poster up in the window warning residents about this, it will also appear in the Spring Newsletter and Councillor Bryan will add it to her report to the Beacon and County Press.

Councillor Eccles added how very valuable the ENO's are and proposed a letter be sent to the IOWC reminding them how valuable this department is to the parishes and the working partnership with the police and the parishes. All agreed.

443/09 To report on matters relating to Open Spaces.

None.

444/09 To receive the report from the Turf Walk Sub Committee

Councillor Howe addressed the members with the background details relating to the Regeneration Partnership which started from the Isle of Wight Initiative 1998/99 and ceased in 2005 when the Regeneration Group was formed with the residents of Totland. A constitution was written and is in the process of being updated. Councillor Howe has also received a reply with regards to the steps on the Turf Walk confirming they are safe for use by the public. (details attached)

445/09 Finance Committee Report

A meeting was held this evening and a report will be made available for April 2010.

**446/09 Report from the IOW Parish and Town Council Meeting
Councillor V Fennell.**

Cllr Fennell confirmed the next meeting would be 18th March 2010 and will report back at the next meeting.

447/09 Latest information from the Skate Park.

The next Skate Park meeting is Thursday 11th March 2010. The planning for CCTV has not yet been confirmed.

448/09 Latest Report from West Wight Landscape Partnership - War Memorial

The War Memorial has almost been completed and all agreed that it looks fantastic and a letter will be sent praising the work carried out. Before and after photographs are now being sought to forward on to Peter Fellows. Cllr Bryan to ask Peter Fellows to attend a meeting.

449/09 To receive report from Cllr Howe re Totland Recreation Ground Project

Councillor Howe confirmed that an update would be reported at the next meeting.

450/09 Yarmouth Harbour.

A meeting has been called and Councillor Eccles will be attending Monday 22nd March.

451/09 Quotations

Brighstone Landscaping has sent a quotation for the 2010/11 which has increased by 2.4% to £4493.11. The Clerk will look into the details relating to this and report back at the next meeting.

452/09 Shop

A resident has asked if she can use the shop for 1 week from 22nd March 2010 and will give a donation to the Parish. The Clerk will check the insurance cover and providing all is covered all agreed to this.

453/09 Regeneration - Village Design Statement

Those that attended the 1st VDS meeting on Saturday thoroughly enjoyed and thanked Councillor Eccles for his input into this day. The next meeting will be 17th April 2010 again all welcome. At the finance meeting earlier that evening it was proposed that a budget of £100.00 be set for the VDS business. Councillor Bryan proposed and Councillor Honeychurch seconded - all agreed.

454/09 Archives

The Clerk received an email and read to all Councillors regarding to the West Wight Youth Club Historical Documents. It was agreed to pass to Councillor Hinton as are Archivist.

It was also agreed that we should move forward on opening up our archives once a month in the Memorial Hall. Councillor Eccles would speak to Councillor Hinton.

455/09 Parking on The Broadway

Councillor Eccles suggested that the 30 minute restriction be changed to 1 hour. It was however, agreed to leave for now.

456/09 Bank Card & Signatures

The Clerk has applied for a bank card as fewer suppliers are taking cheques. The application will be completed and returned to the bank as soon as possible. Councillor Eccles and The Clerk also need to be added to the cheque signatures.

457/09 Clerk Pension

To be discussed at the next meeting

458/09 Correspondence

Island Business Magazine February & March 2010

Clerks & Councils Direct

LCR Spring 2010

IOW Council - PFI

IOW Sports & Recreation Council Annual General Meeting

459/09 Military Road

The Clerk received an email with regards to the Military Road and the latest fall. All agreed for the Clerk to send a letter to Cllr Edward Giles before 30th March with our views of the importance of this road and our concerns.

460/09 Planning

Minutes from the planning meeting held 24th February were agreed.

An Appeal on 6 Manor Villas has been received.

Letter from the RSPCA with regards to York Lane land has been received along with the surrounding residents. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to the Head Office of the RSPCA stating the disgust of the Will not being carried out to the wishes. Councillor Bryan proposed and Councillor Fennell seconded. Councillor Bryan will also inform the County Press and add to the Spring Newsletter.

461/09 Wighlink Users Association

None

462/09 Training

None

463/09 Annual Parish Meeting

Agreed date 30th March 2010. Posters have been put up around Totland.

Councillors Cooke and Filby sent apologies and Councillor Bryan confirmed Councillor Gill Kennett will do a short talk on IWALC.

464/09 Donations

Councillor Bryan declared an interest at the start of this meeting.

A donation letter from Freshwater SMBC has been received. It was agreed that with the precept being frozen no donations will be considered this year. Clerk to send letter.

465/09 Accounts to consider payments, sign cheques,**Accounts**

<u>Cheque No</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Details</u>
2380	Cancelled		
2381	H Gibbs	704.18	Wages
2382	H M Customs	42.32	Tax & NI
2383	Hurst	40.67	Office locks
2384	Jim Phillips	18.00	Window Cleaning
2385	Viking Direct	90.58	Stationery
2386	Memorial Hall	2562.16	1 st 1/2 Precept/ Archive
2387	Freshwater PC	214.17	Caretaker Salary/ Annual Inspection
2388	Southern Electric	22.79	Shed, Cliff Road
2389	Ricoh	344.81	Photocopier and copies

Council resolved to pay the accounts. Proposed Councillor Eccles seconded Councillor Filby. All agreed

Date of next Parish Council Meeting - 14th April 2010 at 7.30pm.

Date of next Planning Meeting - To be advised.

The meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.