



News and Updates from Totland Parish Council October 2015

Sea Wall: It has finally opened. On Sunday 13th September people who have been supporting the campaign to repair the seawall from Totland to Colwell celebrated and walked along the new path with tunes from the FaT Samba band and the Brighstone Barnacles. The weather held and a great afternoon was had by all.

Car Park: As promised last month 'The Broadway' car park was discussed at the September meeting and Councillors were very keen to work with the Isle of Wight Council and to look how best this car park can be utilised to suit local businesses and residents. The Isle of Wight Council have commissioned WYG Ltd to prepare a parking strategy for 2016-2021 and when agreed will set out the council's overall future approach to parking issues across the Island. With regards to the street parking and comments relating to dangerous parking on Church Hill, Ward Councillor John Howe has arranged for a 'Safety Inspection' to be carried out at the bottom of Church Hill. Information from this, I hope, will be available for the October meeting if not before.

Open Spaces: Tree works on Cokes Green, Stokes Green and Turf Walk will take place September/October weather dependant. There is a five year plan and this is the first phase of works to keep the trees healthy. The Committee has sought and agreed a quotation for the removal of the moles on Turf Walk, and the Council has applied to Natural England for another licence to interfere with the badger setts.

Colwell Common: September/October will see the top area cut and these cuttings will be left for a week before being removed. During July and September I was lucky to meet with botanist and they have been able to show me the many orchid species we have on Colwell. There were also lots of butterflies and bees in the area. This project has been successful and as agreed this will remain until July 2016 when Councillors will decide whether to keep as a wild meadow and add to it, or return back to the regular cutting. Please let the Councillors know what you think by either writing a letter or emailing the Clerk.

Police Beat Surgeries: Beat Surgeries continue and you are urged to drop in and speak to your local Neighbourhood Policing Team if you have any concerns between 11.00am and midday on Monday 5th October.

Councillors also took the opportunity to welcome Verena Wilson who was co-opted in July. Councillor Wilson will become a member of the Memorial Hall Committee and also has an interest in the Open Spaces.

Parish Office Services

The Parish Office continues to offer a photocopying and laminating service and the Computer Suite is available for all Totland residents to use.

Garden Waste Bags are available at £1.30 each

****NEW**** The Parish Office now stock good quality dog mess bags 50p for 10.

Recycling Bags Collection Point – The Parish Office is a designated Collection Point for Recycling Bags on behalf of the Isle of Wight Council. To use this service you will need to telephone the Isle of Wight Council 'Contact Centre' (823777) to be given a unique reference number before you can collect them.

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The Parish Council meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, except August, and all residents are welcome.