



News and Updates from Totland Parish Council June 2015

The Parish Council held its Annual Meeting in May and Councillor Vince Fennell was elected as your Chairman for 2015/2016. Councillor David Filby was elected as the Vice Chairman. Councillor Fennell has lots of ideas for the parish and we will work together for the best in Totland.

Notice has been given that a vacancy has occurred in the parish for a Councillor to serve on the Parish Council. If ten local government electors for the Totland Parish give notice in writing on or before the 2nd June 2015 to the Proper Officer of the Isle of Wight Council at County Hall, that they wish an election to be held to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held. If notice is not given as above, the Totland Parish Council will proceed to fill the before-mentioned vacancy by co-option. For further information please talk to the Parish Clerk.

To update you on the Sea Wall, a report will be taken to the Procurement Board of the Isle of Wight Council mid May, which seeks to award the contract. Once this has happened there will be more information available. Discussions are ongoing with Natural England as their consent is needed before work can commence.

The Annual Parish Council Meeting for Totland Parish Council was held on Tuesday 5th May and the Freshwater & Totland Archive Group presented members and residents with a good display. With generous donations of material to copy, the Group have accumulated a wealth of fascinating photographs, documents and maps to track the development of our villages. They are currently housing at Freshwater Library, however, space is sadly confined and the Group continue to seek a larger, permanent base where community events and activities might be possible. If you can help please contact them. They also have a new 'Supporters of Archive' group who will receive advance notification of displays and events with free or reduced admission. Subscription is £2.00 per annum and applications are available in the parish office.

Open Spaces – Just a reminder that the badgers on Turf Walk have been busy, however, the Parish Council are unable to carry out any works until July, please take care in this area. The Committee are pleased that the new signs have been erected on parish land and look very good.

The Annual Best Kept Village Awards runs between April and June and judges will be looking for clean and tidy villages, no litter and dog mess.

Police Beat Surgeries will be changing from the last Friday of the month and will now take place on a Monday. If you have any concerns and would like to talk to your local Neighbourhood Policing Team drop in between 11.00am and midday on Monday 15th June.

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

Recycling Bags Collection Point – The Parish Office is now 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.

West Wight Arts Association tickets can be purchased or reserved for monthly concerts held in the Memorial Hall. There is an additional concert on Sunday 24th May at 2.30pm with The Heath Quartet, tickets available now on a first come basis.

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