



News and Updates from Totland Parish Council January 2017

Happy New Year to you all and I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. We have a number of exciting projects planned again for this year and will continue to keep you updated monthly.

What the Parish Council achieved in 2016

The Parish Council held an Open Day last year asking for your opinions on the Parish Council

1. Taking on the responsibility for the Public Toilets in Totland.
2. Supporting the West Wight Sports & Community Centre.
3. Colwell Common grass cutting.
4. The Broadway Car Park.

The Parish Council listened and acted accordingly. We are coming to the end of our first year looking after the two Public Toilets. Totland Beach block has been painted and new lighting was installed making them brighter and more pleasant for users. (A letter made it into the County Press a couple of months ago praising the cleanliness of these toilets). We have also continued to support the West Wight Sports & Community Centre and agreed to cut Colwell Common completely. The Parish Council are still talking to the Isle of Wight Council with regards to the Car Park and are still aiming to take control of this in the future.

In addition the Isle of Wight Council has also agreed to split the Weston School site into two, the main building as one part and the field and car park the second part. The Parish Council has agreed to maintain the field and car park and will be available for use by the Community. We are hoping to have the contract completed by the end of this month.

Open Spaces

The committee have met recently and I can confirm phase II of the parish tree maintenance will start early this year with phase III following on. Turf Walk, where the badger work was carried out, will not be turfed as reported last month but reseeded early Spring. The Parish Council were advised to deal with the moles before this took place and a contractor has been working with them on this matter. Sadly, the mesh weld fencing which was taken without permission from Turf Walk has not been returned and this theft has been reported to the police. The overgrown brambles on the Recreation Ground will be cut back soon, in time for spring.

Garden Bags; Better quality garden waste bags are now in stock at the parish office at £1.30 each. To pre-book this collection please telephone 823777 and give at least three working days' notice to help guide the route. If you have any problems with this service please let the Clerk know.

Reminder: We have now moved into the Winter Timetable

Afton Marsh Recycling Centre open days and times:

- Three days a week; Saturday, Sunday and Monday, including bank holiday Mondays.
- Winter 7.00am to 6.00pm. (1st November 2016 to 25 March 2017)
- Summer 7.00am to 8.00pm. (26 March 2017 to 30 October 2017)

West Wight Arts Association - tickets can be purchased or reserved from the Parish Office for monthly concerts held in the Memorial Hall.

Other 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.

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