



News and Updates from Totland Parish Council March 2017

The main topic from the February meeting was the setting of the 2017/2018 precept and although an increase is unavoidable Councillors want to ensure they keep giving residents of Totland value for money.

It has been a year since the Parish Council took over the maintenance of the Public Toilets in Totland and Councillors are very pleased with the condition of the toilets and the cleanliness has improved 100%. The Recreation Ground is working well; repairs have been carried out to the play-builder equipment recently and further work is required to the matting around the small play area. The outdoor gym equipment also remains well used. One Horse Field is being managed and maintained with the help of Natural Enterprise and we are hoping for a management plan to be agreed very soon for this area. Colwell Common will be hosting several Car Boot Sales this year and Councillors are working with the 1st Freshwater and Totland Scout Group for these events. Long term support for the Sports and Community Centre has also been agreed as their service is a large part of the West Wight Community. The Weston School playing field and car park will also be maintained by the Parish Council and the contract will be signed soon.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be Tuesday 25th April at 6.30pm and will be held in the Church Hall on The Broadway. All residents are encouraged to attend this meeting as it gives you a chance to speak to Councillors and to see what they have been doing over the year.

Summers Lane

Councillors are still working with Island Roads and the Isle of Wight Council on reducing the speed on this road. We have been successful with adding this road to be gritting this year, however, reducing the speed is key. Salt socks have been placed on sections of Summers Lane but sadly some have been taken; Island Roads have agreed to replace these and keep them maintained. It is important we all take responsibility and watch our speed at all times and drive carefully.

Foodbank & Soup Kitchen

The Parish Office is now a Collection Point for the Foodbank and welcome donations for this very good cause. You can still drop off for the Soup Kitchen and we will ensure your donations are passed through to them. Please support if you can.

Police Beat Surgery

The next surgery will be in the Parish Office on Wednesday 15th March 2017 at 11am. Please come along and meet and speak to your local Police Officers and Police Community Support Officers and let them know your concerns.

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: 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.

CONTACT DETAILS: Parish Clerk – Mrs Helen Gibbs - Telephone 756028
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The Parish Council meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, except August, and all Totland residents are welcome.