

Totland Parish Council

Minutes of the **TOTLAND PARISH COUNCIL** meeting held on the **Wednesday 8th April 2015 at 7.30 pm** in the **PARISH OFFICE**, Winchester House, The Broadway, Totland.

PRESENT: Councillors: Vince Fennell (VF), Colin Bradley (CB), David Bryan (DB), John Howe (JH), David Filby (DF) and Jan Cave (JC)

Also Present: Helen Gibbs (HG) Parish Clerk & RFO

PUBLIC FORUM: None

100/15 APOLOGIES

Councillors: John Honeychurch (JHC)- holiday
Adrian Bolton (AB) – another meeting

101/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Bryan
Yarmouth Harbour – Boat Owner

Councillor Howe
Yarmouth Harbour – Family member Harbour Commissioner

102/15 TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS

The minutes of the last meetings, as below, were approved as a true and accurate record and were duly signed by the Chairman.

RESOLVED

Planning Thursday 5th March 2015.

Proposed Councillor Bradley, seconded Councillor Howe – all agreed.

Full Council Wednesday 11th March 2015

Proposed Councillor Filby, seconded Councillor Cave all agreed.

103/15 PLANNING

Application: TCP/24632/B

Location: The Youth Hostel, Hurst Hill

Proposal: To vary the roof profile on block B to a gable roof to be increased in height – variation on approved application

Comments: No Comment

Refused: Former Seawinds Holiday Bungalows, Hurst Point View
Demolition of two units proposed pair of semi-detached houses with provision of parking for one dwelling.

Granted: None

Appeals: None

Ivylands Development

The Quantity Surveyor met with the Clerk to compare the original plans to those the builder had supplied and found the only change was showing the soakaways, therefore, the problem seems to be with information available on the Isle of Wight Councils website. There had been no further complaint from the resident and Councillors agreed no further action would be taken.

RESOLVED.

104/15 FINANCE

1. The bank reconciliation and balances up to 31st March 2015 were accepted.
2. The schedule of payments, up to 8th April 2015 and listed below were approved.
3. An email from the Isle of Wight Council confirming the precept of £59664.00 plus grant for 2015/2016 will be credited to account on 13/4/15 was noted.

RESOLVED: Proposed Councillor Filby, seconded Councillor Howe all agreed.

<u>Cheque</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2854	Freshwater PC	314.68
2855	Isle of Wight Council	1924.09
2856	Landscape Group	1287.48

105/15 REPORTS – only written reports accepted

1. Isle of Wight Councillor – Councillor Howe verbal report.
There is a problem with works carried out on Alum Bay Old Road and a mound of earth revealed broken glass within. JH took a sample to Island Roads and is waiting feedback. Clerk to send a letter expressing their concerns and supporting JH.

Question: Councillors asked if there was an update on the path along the sea wall and how much money was in the budget for these works. A FOI had been received which showed £180,000 was available but this amount was not shown in the budget. JH confirmed that at the Executive meeting £200,000 was approved and asked if the FOI could be forwarded to him.

The Clerk had received an email that morning confirming a preferred tenderer would be identified today, 8th April 2015. The decision would need to go through an internal approval process, this is likely to take a couple of weeks, they will then give a clear statement on where they are but as soon as available they would be in touch.

Question: Clerk asked if a copy of the Safety Audit and Risk Assessment was available for the parking spaces by the Pier Café along with the size of these spaces as requested at the March meeting. JH confirmed that the size of the spaces were correct and would follow up on the Safety Audit and Risk Assessments. DB informed members that the Pier Café would not be open this year.

Question: Clerk asked if the 'Dogs on Beach' signs had been replaced on the Esplanade and the new railings as requested at the March meeting.

JH confirmed this was being looked into.

DB mentioned that a parking charge sign for Monday – Friday was initially installed by the Pier and this was replaced very quickly to 7 days a week. Clerk to check the original Parking Order to confirm parking charges would be in place 7 days a week.

2. Open Spaces

Badgers are continuing to cause problems on Turf Walk and DF asked the Clerk to speak to the Badger Group for our options as the damage is seriously weakening the cliff edge. We are looking towards the end of the summer to have works carried out on the Turf Walk to level and reseed. Tree works will also need to be carried out.

3. Time Bank Information Event

Defer to May meeting.

106/15 TELEPHONE BOX

The telephone box that currently stands on The Broadway has been an 'Information Point' for a while and works well. Councillor Honeychurch would like to look into having books in the box as seen in the County Press within another parish. Councillors agreed the Information Point was good and that the Charity Shop have books next door and should leave it as that. The Clerk mentioned the telephone box could do with a tidy and repaint – Clerk to obtain quotations.

107/15 TOTLAND REGENERATION PARTNERSHIP

The Clerk reported back to members that she had contacted to relevant groups on the Recreation Ground and had only heard back at this time from the Bowling Club. They have 2 games happening on the afternoon of the event and would need parking for the away teams. This could cause a large problem and so Colwell Common was once again suggested.

108/15 CLERK'S REPORT

A resident had raised concerns at Colwell Bay to the left towards 'The Hut' with a sign that had been ripped and protruding and was in a dangerous state. Rights of Way were contacted and dealt with the matter quickly.

Development Control are regularly contacted regarding the dangerous scaffolding poles around the pier. DB told the Clerk that what looked like Council officers were recently seen taking photographs of the pier.

The hedge on Weston Road/Cokes Green has now been cut back

The Clerk attended the Island Roads Annual Asset Management Workshop last month which was interesting. Asked why the roundabout on The Avenue/Colwell Road/The Broadway/Hurst Point View kept being deferred and now booked in for night work in August – the Manager will be looking into this. Also enquired about the poor condition of Princes Road and this is also being looked into.

109/15 PARISH OFFICE

Licence expires 31st March 2015 and landlord has agreed to a further 3 years. All Agreed to sign contract for a further 3 years.

110/15 CONSULTATIONS

1. Secondary (11-16) and Post 16 A-Level Education.
After fully reading consultation Councillors agreed to comment individually. It was noted that no parents had made any comments to the Parish office regarding this consultation.
2. Second Tranche of Marine Conservation Zones (MCZ)
Councillors agreed to the recommendations supplied by Councillor Bryan.
3. Island Plan Core Strategy Policy SP2 (Housing) Review – Draft Review Consultation Parish & Town Councils 27/3/15 – 11/5/15.
Councillors comments: There is no affordable housing in Totland and this should be prioritised. There is no need for more luxury housing.

111/15 TOTLAND RECREATION GROUND EASEMENT REQUEST

Subject to Contract: agreement between the Isle of Wight council and parish council to allow the proposed £15,000.00 to be used for the drainage in the football pitch area has been accepted. Noted: This money is ring-fenced for this project only.

112/15 COLWELL COMMON

The Isle of Wight Council would like to propose a licence to maintain Colwell Common in the first instance, this is happening in other areas, and then move into lease discussions when things have settled down. The Clerk requested a copy of the proposed licence, but has not received anything to-date. Councillor Howe agreed to arrange a meeting with officers at the Isle of Wight Council, himself and the Clerk to discuss this matter. No decisions will be made until brought back to full council for agreement.

113/15 CORRESPONDENCE

1. Councillor Fennell requested permission to look after the Archives.
Councillor Fennell explained that although he had no experience he would be willing to learn and that the Freshwater & Totland Archive group have offered help. Clerk to make contact with R Tyrell for advice and to see if he would overlook the Archives with Councillor Fennell and help with an initial set up, to make computerised with proper training for Councillor Fennell.
£2,000.00 ring-fenced for this this project. All agreed.
2. Freshwater & Totland Archive Group letter requesting a community grant for purchasing of equipment and much needed

room for the public to view the archives. £250.00 was agreed by Councillors.

3. Volunteer Nomination. Councillor Cave to forward information to Clerk as soon as possible.
4. Local Swimmer. It has been brought to the attention of the Parish Council that a local girl had won several medals at the Island Games last year. Councillors were not aware of this young girl and had not been informed through the swimming club of her achievements. However, now they are aware they agreed to follow her career with great interest. Clerk to make contact with family.

Noted Correspondence:

1. Somerset Partnership – NHS – Community Dental Services, Isle of Wight
2. Isle of Wight Council, Tree Works at Heatherwood, Church Hill
3. Confirmation of new Street name at Ivylands Development
4. Street Trading Notification – Consent Issued Jules Ices, Island Wide

114/15 TABLED ITEMS - Noted

Totland Beat Report March 2015
Wight Rural West Neighbourhood Policing Team
Way out West – West Wight Community Partnership
Press Release – Changes to IoW NHS Trust Board
Yarmouth Harbour Commissioners Draft Minutes March 2015

115/15 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF TOTLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Date confirmed as Tuesday 5th May 2015 at 7pm in the Church Hall.
The Freshwater & Totland Archive Group have agreed to guest speak.

AOB

Councillor Fennell reported that the Neighbourhood Watch team had signed more roads in Freshwater and all is going extremely well.

Meeting Closed 9.25pm