

Totland Parish Council

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

PRESENT: Councillors: Vince Fennell (VF) Chairman, David Filby (DF), Colin Bradley (CB) and Jan Cave (JC)

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

1 Member of the public

PUBLIC FORUM

None

159/15 APOLOGIES

Councillors: John Howe (JH), County Hall Meeting
Adrian Bolton (AB) work commitment.

160/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

161/15 REVIEW REGISTER OF INTEREST

All Councillors present reviewed their Register of Interest with no changes.
RESOLVED

162/15 TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS

The minutes of the last meeting, as below, were approved as a true and accurate record and were duly signed by the Chairman. Proposed Councillor Bradley, seconded Councillor Cave all agreed. **RESOLVED**
Full Council Wednesday 10th June 2015

163/15 PLANNING

Applications as below were considered:

Application: TCP/28428/A

Location: Beckfield, Weston Lane

Proposal: Alteration and conversion of storage buildings to form 2 units of holiday accommodation

Comments: No Comment

Planning Granted:

TCP/23380/E to allow amendment to approved garage for Plot 4.

Other Planning:

Two further applications will be advertised on Friday 10th July 2015 for Totland. A meeting will be called within the next 3 weeks should the need arise.

164/15 FINANCE

1. There was no bank reconciliation to 30th June 2015.
2. The schedule of payments up to 8th July 2015 and listed below were approved. Proposed Councillor Filby, seconded Councillor Cave all agreed.

Cheque	Payee	Amount
2874	The Sheriffs Office	£696.00
2875	C Starr	£82.00
2876	Wight Stonemasonry	£540.00
2877	D Shaw	£750.00
2878	Freshwater Parish Council	£152.10
2879	Petty Cash	£50.00
DC	Avast	£9.99
BT	Computer Geek	£490.00
DC	Staples	£108.98
DC	Staples	£7.23
DC	Mutts Butts	£96.15

165/15 REPORTS, Verbal reports accepted

1. Isle of Wight Ward Councillor John Howe – not present
2. Open Spaces: Tree quotations for the 1st phase of works had been requested and with only The Landscape Groups received the Committee recommended this quotation be accepted. Councillors accepted this quotation. Proposed Councillor Filby, seconded Councillor Cave all agreed.
Councillor Bradley had repainted the edge of the steps from Stokes Green to the Pier. A quotation had been requested for repair work to be carried out on the handrail, Clerk authorised to deal with this.
Purchase order had been given to carry out works on the remaining memorial seats and this work was expected to commence later this month.
No further action required regarding the trespasser.
3. Notes from the joint IWALC and Isle of Wight Council Planning meeting were circulated and the Clerk gave a brief summarise of this. As from 1st September the Planning Department of the Isle of Wight Council will make some changes which could cause problems, the main problem would be that parish councils will no longer receive paper copies of the applications. The Clerk is hoping by September she would be able to resolve this problem but would keep Councillors updated.

166/15 CLERK'S REPORT

Matters Arising

Website has been started by the IoW Computer Geek

Dog Bags had been received and now available from the parish office.

Colmar Way ditch work had been carried out, however, the Ramblers have complained calling it a 'pitiful attempt'. Further details will be circulated when received and Clerk will pass this information to the Ward Councillor.

Armed Forces Flag: This was purchased and displayed during Armed Forces week.

Island Roads: The Clerk had contacted Island Roads regarding the concerns Councillor Filby had witnessed when an Ambulance was unable to access Inglefield Nursing Home easily.

Report

Recreation Ground: Isle of Wight Council carried out an inspection of a bench and the zip wire which needs repairs, they have taped the bench up while repairs are being carried out and the zip wire has been taken away, they will let the Clerk know if this can be repaired or it needs to be replaced. Also the following gym equipment need repairs: Caloo Leg Press – cracked tube

should be repaired and Caloo Air Walker - One item also has a cap missing. Clerk requested a quotation from supplier.

One Horse Field: On the Northern edge of the field there is a bank of blackthorn hedging on the cliff top. There is a gap in this hedge, behind a bench, where historically the locals hang out. It isn't a footpath as it ends at an abrupt end at the very cliff top. A regular litter pick of cans and bottles in this area is carried out and recently the tally was 55 cans and 23 bottles (beer and spirit). The warden has in the past attempted to block the access but they are persistent and the area is actually a useful part within the management of the reserve. Clerk will be meeting with Warden.

Police Beat Surgery 15th June: Concern for speeding cars on The Broadway. Police responded with the speed laser gun later that week, nobody was speeding, various other days will be sought.

Faith, Hope and Charity shop handed the ramp over to Christ Church on 19th June 2015.

Scouts Fun Day: This was a very successful event for the group, however, there had been problems with the Bowling Club being very unhappy with users and visitors parking. They had a bowling match that day and had limited parking. Clerk was in attendance and explained that this space and area was for everybody to use and that they had no rights to any parking spaces. This could be a problem in the future for others who may want to hire the Recreation Ground and recommend the situation be dealt with.

Local Community Magazine: a monthly update continues with this magazine which is beginning to reach more residents.

Pier: Scaffolding is continuously being monitored as further poles seem to be hanging quite precariously after recent weather.

Chairman Board: Sign writing quotation to update the boards had been received £180.00 – Clerk to arrange.

167/15 PARISH COUNCIL OPEN DAY

Feedback was circulated to Councillors from the open day held Tuesday 30th June 2015 between 2pm and 4pm and then again between 6pm and 8pm. The event was very successful and Clerk recommended a working party to review the completed questionnaires in order that feedback to residents could be given. The Clerk also suggested holding another event early December. Councillors agreed with the suggestion and thought it could encourage people to attend and building on this event would obtain valuable information for the Parish Council. Next event would be December and Councillor Fennell suggested the Annual Meeting of the Parish after that.

168/15 TOTLAND BAY – COLWELL SEA WALL

Equipment has arrived on site and work has commenced. Clerk will keep residents updated with window displays.

169/15 COLWELL COMMON

1. No update has been received from RJR Solicitors who are dealing with the Heads of Terms: Lease Agreement (Subject to Contract and Formal Council Approval) for Colwell Common & area around the Madeira Road Toilets. The Clerk had received one letter from a resident who was concerned with regards to the top area not being cut and felt it was currently a mess. The Clerk also received a telephone call from the County Press expressing the same residents' concerns. A statement was given explaining that this had been agreed by parish council initially for one year to keep as a wild meadow and to see what flowers grew. The area would be cut once a year with cuttings being taken away.

Councillors noted the letter received and would watch the Common closely. The Clerk had not received any other complaints put had received verbal praise for how lovely it was looking.

Ditch Clearance

The quotation had been received for annual ditch work of £167.50 + VAT and Councillors accepted this. Also a requote for the maintenance of Colwell Common as per the current specifications and the grass around the pier toilet block at £960.80 +VAT was received and accepted. Proposed Councillor Filby, seconded Councillor Cave all agreed.

170/15

EASEMENT REQUEST

A request for an easement over Turf Walk had been received by Mr Parker. He wants to put gas/electricity into Pilots Point and has asked if the Parish Council firstly would allow this and secondly arrange between solicitors for this to happen. Councillors looked at the plan and felt there may be a better way to do this and asked the Clerk to enquire further. Councillors were not against this but would like the information before agreeing. The Parish Council will not be responsible for any cost occurred should this go ahead. Clerk would send details to Solicitor to deal with.

Questions: How deep will the gas pipe be?
Why is the pipe dog leg and not following the shortest route off Beach House?

171/15

CONSULTATION

Supplementary Planning Documents on Minerals and Waste Safeguarding in Hampshire and Oil and Gas Development in Hampshire were circulated to Councillors. **Noted**

Libraries Consultation – Councillors to respond individually.

172/15

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Councillors were informed that as Councillors they could be members of the Memorial Hall Arts & Leisure Company Ltd and Totland Village Trust Ltd. Totland Village Trust is a dormant company, however, an annual meeting for the Memorial Hall could be attended if they became members. Councillor Cave completed both and Councillor Bradley completed Totland Village Trust Ltd. The Clerk also circulated the Memorial Halls three year business plan and will copy for all Councillors for the September meeting.

173/15

PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY

Three applications had been received and were considered. Verena Wilson left the room whilst Councillors discussed applications and returned after. It was agreed to co-opt Verena Wilson to the Parish Council and this position was accepted and will sign the Declarations of Acceptance of Office and to complete the Register of Interest. Clerk to thank the two other applicants for their interest.

174/15

YOUTH MONEY

Councillors agreed to the remaining funds to be handed over to the Senior Youth Worker of the West Wight Sports & Community Centre to be spent solely on activities or equipment for the children and young people in the area. The exact figure was unknown at this time but Clerk would ask for further feedback.

175/15

SKATE PARK

Aprons on the equipment may need replacing before the competition in August. There is a Skate Park meeting on Monday 28th July and the Chairman will make this decision according to the Constitution.

176/15 CORRESPONDENCE

The Pensions Regulator – Noted: Clerk to investigate
South Coast Tree Surgeons – Noted: Clerk to keep on file

177/15 TABLED ITEMS - Noted

Totland Beat Report June 2015
Beacon July 2015
Island Business July 2015

178/15 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

AOB

Invitation to the Best Kept Village Wards on Thursday 24th September 2015 – Councillor Fennel will attend.

Invitation to Freshwater Village Association Newcomers Lunch on – Saturday 12th September 2015, noted.

Invitation to the official opening of the West Wight Timebank on Saturday 22nd August 2015 at the West Wight Sports & Community Centre – Councillor Fennel will attend.

Ventnor Councillor Harry Rees will shortly be writing to the European Parliament to press for a review of our NUTS classification in order to get more much needed money for the Island. He would like to have the support of all town and parish councils as was the case for Assisted Area Status. Totland Parish Council agreed they would give their continued support.

Tree Works at Beulah, Cliff Road: T1 Lawson Cypress Gold and T2 Cherry; consent has been given to improve tree stock in the garden.

Colwell Chine Road has had a sewerage smell for a few weeks, Councillor Cave had contacted Island Roads, the Water board and Environmental Health and is waiting to hear back. Drains had been checked and all was fine. Clerk to make enquiries.

Councillor Filby making enquiries as to whether Royal Mail would delivery Newsletters to all houses in Totland Bay.

Councillor Cave donated a Tower of London Poppy to the Parish Council and asked if the Parish Council would consider purchasing the case to display. Councillors agreed to this and thanked Councillor Cave for this donation.

Meeting Closed 9.35pm