

Totland Parish Council

Minutes of the **TOTLAND PARISH COUNCIL** meeting held on **Wednesday 14th September 2016 at 7.00pm** in the **PARISH OFFICE**, Winchester House, The Broadway, Totland.

PRESENT: Councillors: Vince Fennell (VF), Steve Blamire (SB), John Howe (JH), Verena Wilson (VW), Jan Cave (JC) and David Filby (DF)

Also Present: Helen Gibbs – Parish Clerk & RFO
Sergeant Lyth
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Presentation to Sergeant Mark Lyth of the Wight Rural West Policing Team

Councillor Fennell presented Sgt Lyth with a leaving gift from the Parish Council and Clerk and thanked him for all he done for the West Wight, especially Totland. He thanked the Councillors and Clerk for this and went on to talk about the 9 years he had been in the West Wight and the great experiences. He has enjoyed working with Totland Parish Councillors and the Clerk.

Sgt Lyth openly pointed out he would need to declare these gifts in accordance with procedures set out by Hampshire & Isle of Wight Constabulary.

Councillor Howe thanked Sgt Lyth for everything he had done in the West Wight and how he would be missed. "We have lost somebody very special in our Community who is respected everybody".

All Councillors wished Sgt Lyth well with his new role and hoped to see him back in the Community where he is best placed very soon. Sgt Lyth left the meeting at 7.15pm.

Public Forum

Nothing

199/16 APOLOGIES

Councillor Sandra Allen - Accepted

200/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Howe

203/16 Planning - a member of the Planning Committee on the Isle of Wight Council

216/16 Sponsorship – West Wight Nursery – Trustee

Councillor Blamire

216/16 Sponsorship – West Wight Nursery – Son attends

201/16 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as a true and accurate record and were duly signed by the Chairman. **RESOLVED.**

Full Council Wednesday 13th July 2016

Proposed Councillor Filby, seconded Councillor Blamire all agreed.

Extra Ordinary Meeting Thursday 18th August 2016

Proposed Councillor Howe, seconded Councillor Cave all agreed

202/16 FINANCE

1. To receive bank reconciliation and balances to 31st August 2016; **Noted**
2. Approve schedule of payments to 15th September 2016 and listed below with agreement to Bank Transfers as listed below and to include the

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12th October 2016

purchase of two wreaths from the Royal British Legion with a donation of £50.00.

Resolved: Proposed Councillor Howe, seconded Councillor Cave all agreed.

3. Reminder: Bank Mandates had been received by Cllr Filby only. Councillors asked to complete and return to her not the bank as soon as possible.

Cheque	Payee	Amount
BT	Island Cleaning Solutions	£638.00
2978	Age Concern IOW	£100.00
2979	A Wilson Decorator	£54.74
2980	Royal British Legion	£50.00
BT	R Nelson	£218.00
BT	SSE Electric Colwell toilets	£133.84
BT	SSE Electric	£192.82
BT	Southern Water Colwell toilets	£678.05
BT	Southern Water Totland toilets	£449.37
BT	IOW Geek	£39.50

203/16 PLANNING

It was noted firstly with the changes to the way the Planning Department now deal with plans, neighbouring properties are not always aware of any proposed planning applications. Councillor Howe suggested the Parish Council use IWALC to convey our concerns before the Parish Council consider other options.

Agreed.

1. Consideration was given to the following planning applications.

Application No.	Location	Proposal
P/01156/16 - TCP/32785	Greenfield Cottage, Colwell Lane	Demolition of cloak room; alterations; proposed two storey rear extension to form additional living accommodation ; single storey side extension to form porch
Comments: Noted no comments had been received from residents. Councillors had no objections.		
P/01081/16 - TCP/09789/Y	Down House, Alum Bay New Road,	Alterations and change of use from care home to 1 residential unit to include single storey extension on north west elevation to enlarge garage with storage/home gym over within roof space, single storey extension on south east elevation and balconies at 1st floor level on south east elevation
Comments: Councillors had no objection to the change of use from a care home to 1 residential unit. Comments to the proposed planning: Councillors noted the single storey extension on the north west elevation is noted as an existing garage, and it is Councillors understanding these are currently bedrooms not a garage and would like this amended and noted. The gable height to the proposed extension is considered high and out of proportion, this could be scaled down with the use of one garage door rather than the two proposed. The proximity to neighbouring property should be considered by the size of the proposed extension.		
TCP/31409/B. P/00806/16	land adjacent to Westlands Bungalow Westlands	Demolition of workshop/store proposed detached dwelling new vehicular access and parking proposed detached log cabin bin store
Comments: Councillors stand by previous comments and in addition are concerned with the proximity to adjacent properties and considered an over development for this site. This proposal is still incorrect as the proposed demolition has already taken place.		

2. Planning Permission Granted:

Location	Proposal:	Decision
1 Rose Cottage, Summers Lane TCP/08109/M - P/00921/16	Householder Application Proposed demolition of existing Conservatory and construction of single storey rear extension to form Dining Area and enlarged Bedroom	Approved
Needles Pleasure Park, Alum Bay TCP/26549/Z - P/01041/16	Alterations to conservatory on The Pantry restaurant to include replacement roof and canopies on north east and north west elevations	Granted Plan Permission (or issue Cert)

3. Planning Permission Refused:

Location	Proposal	Decision
Land adjacent to Country Garden Hotel Church Hill TCP/32712 - P/00867/16	Proposed detached dwelling with parking	Refused

204/16 REPORTS

Open Spaces: The hedges on Turf Walk have been cut well over a couple of days, it was queried why the hedges were cut by machine one day and then trimmed by hand the next and felt it would make sense to have somebody following at the same time.

Turvills Field hedges are very overgrown, SB & DF will inspect next week and update the Clerk.

An avenue of trees along The Broadway has been looked into further and an Autumn Blaze tree has been recommended. The next stage would be to ask residents for their thoughts on this and then contact Island Roads.

Roundabout at the bottom on The Broadway needs work urgently. Clerk to find a gardener who will cut this all back and remove the quaking grass.

SB has spoken to a couple of residents who would like to be involved with the Open Spaces of Totland and asked Councillors if they would be happy for this. All agreed for residents to be involved, however, it was noted that no financial decisions could be made by them.

IWALC: Councillor Howe would be attending a meeting tomorrow.

205/16 CLERK'S REPORT

1. The melted bin on the Esplanade has been reported and will be replaced soon.
2. The Clerk and Councillor Howe met with representatives of the Isle of Wight Council in an attempt to move several outstanding items on. Firstly, they confirmed the grass around the toilet block on Madeira Road would be added to the lease for the Totland beach toilet contract.
 - a. The land known as Fort Warden Field: The clerk will contact the legal department requested the owner's details and then directly contact them on behalf of the Parish Council.
 - b. The Car Park on The Broadway is on hold for the time being as the Isle of Wight Council will not move this forward as they do not want to 'give away' any more car parks.
 - c. They are looking into the possibility of splitting the lease on the Bowls Club away from the 'known as' Boxing club in order that the Scout Group will become the tenants under the parish council. This will help them with grants and insurance purposes to allow them to hire the area when not being used by the Scout Corporation.
 - d. Colwell Common; The Clerk will look at the draft lease and

add/remove our needs for the Parish Council and return back for the Isle of Wight Council to agree. The cutting regime regarding the Orchids has been forwarded and the Orchids should be cut later. This will be added to the contract.

3. The Local Community Magazine continues to receive monthly updates.
4. Open Spaces: The Recreation Ground trees behind the gym equipment to be cut back away from the houses. Isle of Wight Council to be asked to look into this.
5. One Horse Field: The Clerk has spoken to users of this area comments made were as follows:
Money available would be better spent on the current area and not arches leading from the Recreation Ground.
Roots on display need to be covered as can be slippery.
Signage could be updated
Clearing the path ways and removing ragwort
A new environmentally friendly bench
6. Clerk to contact Tree Surgeon for 2nd quotation.
7. Signpost Express has now completed all signage works.
8. Island Roads have been in contact regarding the trees and hedges leading down to the Pier. Works need to be carried out as soon as possible.
9. The Fire extinguishers have now been installed in the Parish Office.

206/16 MATTERS ARISING

This item has been added to give updates on current matters and now need resolution/ or updates on ongoing matters.

1. Agreed to write and send a letter to SSE recorded delivery confirming Totland Parish Council are not responsible for the meter on the Recreation Ground which is believed to be the pumping station. Proposed Councillor Blamire, seconded Councillor Cave, all agreed. **RESOLVED**
2. Totland Beach Toilets window design. Clerk has not been able to speak to H Goodman. An email was sent but no response as yet – SB gave the Clerk a contact number.
3. Badger Licence is imminent. Clerk confirmed the 21 day survey with gate is not now needed and a pipe between holes and back out to the cliff has been agreed.
4. Art & Craft on Turf Walk; this has been cancelled twice and the Clerk suggested a different location and to reinvent this event on Colwell Common as Craft on the Common. This was agreed by Councillors.
5. The easement on Turf Walk is with the Solicitors – confirmation has been received that legal costs have been paid in advance by Marine Leisure. A cheque for £500.00 has been donated to the Parish Council.
6. Skate Park works had been carried out and the Competition went ahead very successfully. The cost for works came in under budget. Councillor Howe thanked the Clerk who worked hard with the Chairman of the committee, K Lloyd, for all their hard work arranging these works to be carried out in order that this competition went ahead successfully.
 - a. Competition invoices have been received and agreed for payment. Proposed Councillor Filby, seconded Councillor Blamire all agreed. **RESOLVED.**
 - b. Pictures of the day are on display on the Parish Councils Facebook page.
7. Planters/Troughs. The Clerk has a brochure from the prison for new/additional troughs. VW continues to ask local residents to adopt a trough. The Clerk has received 1 interested resident.

8. Recreation Ground Drainage; The Clerk met with the Isle of Wight Council to discuss the possibility of 'Verti Draining' the football pitch. It was felt trying a year with this system would be a good idea rather than spending a large amount of money on the French Drainage which would only help and not solve the problem. The estimated cost would be £500.00. Councillor Howe proposed the Parish Council tried this for 1 year and Councillor Fennell seconded this with all agreeing. Clerk would arrange this.
9. Flag Poles on Cokes Green – It was agreed the purchase of two 6m, glass fibre flag poles with internal halyard, and to be installed either side of the War Memorial at a cost of £690.00 + installation. Clerk to obtain quote to install. Proposed Councillor Blamire, seconded Councillor Fennell all agreed.
10. The Rights of Way Improvement Plan Consultation had been completed on line by Councillor Blamire and the Clerk.

207/16 MEMORIAL HALL

- a. It was agreed to amend the lease of the Memorial Hall and add the Responsibility for External Repairs and Insurance to Freshwater and Totland Parish Councils. Michael Mills has agreed to act for the Parish Council and the Memorial Hall committee should ask a solicitor to act on their behalf. Proposed Councillor Fennell, seconded Councillor Wilson all agreed.
- b. Agreed the previously ring-fenced S106 money be used to stabilise the back wall. Clerk has asked R Nelson to quote for this work. Proposed Councillor Wilson, seconded Councillor Filby.
- c. Agreed the remaining S106 be used on works/repairs needed to the front of the building. Proposed Councillor Blamire, seconded Councillor Filby all agreed.
- d. Agreed for a report to be commissioned on the condition of the Memorial Hall to ascertain works required. Freshwater Parish Council has used a surveyor to carry out a similar survey on the Library recently. Councillor Blamire proposed this went ahead and Councillor Filby seconded this, all agreed.
- e. The Memorial Hall Committee has cancelled the event for the Isle of Wight Day.
- f. Councillors agreed to another joint meeting with Freshwater Parish Council early October.

208/16 ABANDONED CARS

- a. The Clerk informed Councillors on what was considered an abandoned vehicle and the vehicles parked on the Recreation Ground area all had owners and were not abandoned.
- b. The Clerk would put a notice on four vehicles asking owners to move them within 14 days and would also contact the DVLA for owner information and write asking them also to move these vehicles. The Police and DVLA had been notified on the current status of these vehicles no vehicle taxation or Ministry of Transport Certificate.

209/16 WEST WIGHT SPORTS AND COMMUNITY CENTRE LTD

An invitation had been received inviting all Councillors to the AGM on Thursday 22nd September at 7pm in the Sports Centre. Councillors agreed they would attend if available.

210/16 IWALC

a. Planning Enforcement

Further information had been received and circulated on the Enforcement carried out in Totland and Councillors agreed to support and contribute towards the Discretionary Service Support Proposal for the Isle of Wight Council Planning Enforcement agreement at a cost of £847.00/year providing all Town & Parish Councils also contributed to this. Proposed Councillor Howe, seconded Councillor Filby, all agreed.

b. Transport

Councillors agreed this was a waste of resource due to the limited ability of influence in respect of transport issues. Proposed Councillor Cave, seconded Councillor Fennell, all agreed.

211/16 CONFERENCES/TRAINING

1. '20 mph' Conference 5th October 2016 at the Riverside Centre - £20.00 per head. No attendees.
2. Social Media training at a cost of £40.00. Councillors agreed for the Clerk to attend this training.

212/16 ISLE OF WIGHT DAY

This event will take place on Saturday 24th September 2016. Councillors to be on site at Colwell Common by 8.00am if they are able to help with setting up. The event will start at 9.30am.

213/16 PUBLIC TOILETS

Repairs were required and carried out on Colwell toilets earlier this month. The Wallgate unit in the men's toilets is currently switched off waiting for the service engineer to attend.

214/16 JAPANESE KNOTWEED

A report was circulated from the Isle of Wight Council relating to the Japanese Knotweed on the sea wall by the proposed 'Colwell Bay Beach Hut Project'. This work has commenced and is currently fenced off.

215/16 CONSULTATION

Solent Combined Authority

Councillors agreed sadly there was no choice with this and the Isle of Wight Council would receive further funds being part of the Combined Authority and therefore supported.

216/16 SPONSORSHIP

1. West Wight Nursery – This was brought back to the Councillors as originally thought this was a Limited company, however, the Clerk was informed they were a registered charity with limited liability for the Trustees. Councillors asked for this to be put back on to the Agenda in October for consideration and to resend the application.
2. Help through Crisis – Councillors extended an invitation to a meeting.
3. St. Johns Ambulance – Councillors considered their request and asked the Clerk to look into having a defibrillator in Totland available for all to use.

217/16 BUS SERVICE

Councillor Wilson talked about her recent experiences of the bus service particularly the cost and was concerned for the affordability for all. It was also noted that lack of promotion for the Bus Service on travel passes. Councillors would like to see costs reduced and more people would use the service also to tie in ferry services. Clerk to write to Southern Vectis asking why

they are not promoting the travel passes and pass on Councillors views.

218/16 CORRESPONDENCE

Email received regarding the grass cutting variation around Totland and felt Colwell Common was not a good standard. Clerk to arrange a meeting with current contractors.

A thank you letter received from West Wight Youth Football Club.

219/16 TABLED ITEMS

Freshwater Flyer

Solent News Issue 40 Summer 2016

Island Business July/August 2016

220/16 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No future items

Councillor Filby - Double yellow lines on Church Hill – still waiting. JH and Clerk to both chase this.

Councillor Blamire – Looking at a Regatta for Totland Bay

Councillor Howe – The different speed limits running down Church Hill varies.

Clerk to ask the Police to attend this road with the Speed Laser Machine.

Meeting closed 10.05pm

Date of next Parish Council meetings:

Full Council Wednesday 12th October 2016 – 7.30pm