

**Annual Parish Meeting  
Chairmans Report  
Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018 @ 6.30pm**

The Parish council met 18 times from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 as follows:

Full Council & Extra Ordinary x 13 meetings

Finance x 1 meetings

Planning x 4 separate meetings

And attendance of your Councillors has been as follows:-

Councillor	No. of Meetings	Resigned or Co-Opted
Steve Blamire	15	
Jan Cave (Vice Chairman)	18	
Vince Fennell (Chairman)	17	
David Filby	11	
John Howe	13	
Iain McKie	5	Resigned December 2017
Helen Wood	14	
David Bryan	0	Resigned May 2017
Gareth Wyre	10	Co-opted September 2017
Hilary Bennis	1	Co-opted March

I was elected as Chairman for a third year by my fellow Councillors at the May meeting last year and I have once again enjoyed this year working with old and new Councillors and the Clerk.

We started May 2017 with an Election and 8 Councillors were elected by residents of Totland to serve you on Totland Parish Council. These were myself, Councillors' Jan Cave, John Howe, Helen Wood, David Filby, Iain McKie, Steve Blamire and David Bryan.

Mr David Bryan resigned before taking his seat and the Parish Council were able to co-opt and we welcomed Gareth Wyre. In December sadly, Mr Iain McKie resigned due to other commitments and again the Parish Council were able to co-opt and we welcomed Hilary Bennis. I would like to thank Iain McKie for his contribution whilst in post and we wish him well.

### **Newsletters**

We continue to keep in touch with monthly reports which are published with the Freshwater, Totland & Yarmouth Island Magazine available in the Parish Office and we continue to make these available on our website, a copy is also displayed in the Parish Office window. Our Facebook page has grown over the year and more people have liked the page which we keep them updated regularly.

### **Archives**

Lois Cooper has again been working very hard with sorting the Parish Archives this year and the Freshwater & Totland Archive Group are still producing a Totland Reflections similar to the Freshwater Reflections a couple of years ago.

### **Community Support**

Councillors agreed that Totland would continue to financially support the West Wight Sports and Community Centre for the foreseeable future. We also hold car boots on Colwell Common and last year supported 1<sup>st</sup> Freshwater/Totland Scouts group. They will continue to run Car Boots Sales this year whilst the Parish Council support West Wight Nursery. We have been able to attract many sellers and we need to support this by ensuring the whole Island are aware of Car Boot and attend.

### **Colwell Common**

A full survey has been carried out to the upper part of the Common and a cutting plan has been actioned. The orchids, some of which are rare, will be allowed to grow and be enjoyed by many before they are cut late summer. Whilst some people do not like this grass to be left for this purpose we have just as many residents who do enjoy looking at the orchids. The lower section will be kept cut as before.

### **Summers Lane**

It is hard to believe I reported on this last year, however, I am pleased to inform you all that we have now got a 20mph zone along most of Summers Lane. The Parish Council have worked tirelessly with the Ward Councillor John Howe, Isle of Wight Council and Island Roads to make this happen. The Parish Council suggested last year the speed reactive sign that had been on Weston Road should be moved to Summers Lane where it was felt it would be beneficial. This had been agreed and we are pleased to announce last week this all happened.

### **Public Toilets**

Totland Parish Council clustered with Freshwater Parish Council last year and had agreed to continue this working partnership. We can confirm Island Cleaning Solutions will continue to clean these toilets until 2020, they will continue to receive a monthly deep clean and during the summer months there will be two visits per day. Last year we had the broken roof tiles replaced and guttering renewed, on going maintenance remains in place.

### **Mosaic Project**

The Community Mosaic Project continues to run and we now have 1 completed with the 2<sup>nd</sup> just being finished. Panel three has already been started and signs have also been started. These panels will enhance the Totland Beach block of public toilets and we are very thankful to all residents who have been involved. The Clerk obtained a grant to help with this project and we hope for this to be completed this year.

### **West Wight Community Parade/Carnival**

The Parish Council agreed to work with the West Wight Carnival Committee and formed the West Wight Community Parade. The event took place in July last year slightly earlier than previous and we tied this with the Freshwater LIVE. It was a very successful event and many shop keepers asked to be involved the next year. We are delighted that we will again run this year and work has started already. There is a lot of preparation for this and anybody can be involved.

### **Art & Craft on Colwell Common**

We brought back the Art & Craft formerly run on Turf Walk to Colwell Common and received a lot of praise for the return of this event. We held this on Isle of Wight Day, late September, but this year we are going to hold on 11<sup>th</sup> August. We hope this will bring more people to the event. Applications are now available from the Parish Office.

### **Men in Sheds**

The first year has been successful and we have financially helped replace the roof and supported them. They worked hard during the winter at Fort Victoria but they are back on Turf Walk now. They meet every Thursday 2-4pm at Turf Walk.

### **Remembrance Sunday**

The Royal British Legion West Wight Branch annual Service of Remembrance was held on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November at Christ Church, Totland and again this was very well attended.

### **Skate Park**

The Skate Park at Moa Place which is looked after by both Totland and Freshwater Parish Councils continues to have maintenance carried out regularly and last year we must thank Simon Kefford who put a great deal of time and resources into helping us. This type of maintenance will take place each year due to the weather conditions and the use of the park.

We have also agreed to be part of the MUGA and maintenance cost will be considered on an as and when basis. We have recently replaced 9 rotten skirting panels and expect the ground to be clean soon. We hope the Annual Competition will go ahead on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August.

### **Keeping Totland Blooming & Best Kept War Memorial**

A huge thank you to Caryl, Rachel, Annie and Verena and to all the volunteer planters for their continued support with the wonderful floral displays around Totland. Caryl will be leaving us soon and we would like to thank her for all that she has helped us with over the years. We are always looking for volunteers to help plant and or water these troughs, please speak to the Clerk if you can help.

### **Christmas Market & Lantern Parade.**

This was a fantastic event and thank you to all who came along and supported this. Totland Parish Councillors wanted to help the shop keepers of Freshwater's Avenue Road during the long, but much needed road works that took place from September to December last year. Although these shops are in Freshwater, this affected residents of Totland as well. We had over 20 stalls inside the marquee and 4 outside. Derek Sandy kindly donated his time at no cost the Parish Council and sang his Christmas song and switched the Christmas tree lights on. Island Roads completed Avenue Road around 5pm on the Friday evening ready for the Lantern Parade to walk up at 6pm. Thank you to Charlotte and the Clerk who spent many evenings with groups making lanterns in preparation. We would also like to thank Richard and Hazel Britton as they arranged the Carol Singers around the fire pit. Everything about this event was fabulous and we want to do this again this year and hope you support us with this.

### **Police Beat Surgery**

The Safer Neighbourhood Team continue to hold Beat Surgeries in the Parish Office and if you have any concerns please come along and see them.

**West Wight Arts Association,** the Parish Office continues to sell tickets for these events.

**Foodbank,** the Parish Council is working with in partnership with the Foodbank and has a basket in the office if you can help.

Finally, the Clerk in the Parish Office continues to be very busy with residents dropping in to discuss planning applications, report local problems and to express their concerns.

I would like to thank the Parish Clerk Helen Gibbs for all her work throughout the year and thank you also to Councillor John Howe our Isle of Wight Councillor for Totland.

Chairmans Report  
Vince Fennell