

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Totland Parish Council
Held at 6.30pm on Tuesday 17th May 2022
In the Church Hall, The Broadway

Present

Councillors: Jan Cave (Chairman), Gareth Wyre (Vice-Chairman), John Howe, Vince Fennell and Helen Wood.
Helen Gibbs (Clerk & RFO)
6 signed in members of the public.

Apologies: Councillors' Hilary Benns, Chris Jarman and Steve Blamire- accepted

Guest Speaker – Natural Enterprise to talk on One Horse Field
Annual Report attached and on Website.

One Horse Field is an open grasslands meadow behind the Recreation Ground and an Important site locally. Our main priorities are litter picking, keeping the paths clear, tree works and to keep open for all.

Anti social behaviour is a problem with 70% over all sites from dog mess to youth problems.

Youth activity is monitored and generally mother nature helps to restore and our volunteers tidy and clear when on site. We are happy to work with the Parish Council and Police on this matter.

Key elements in the Autumn and on a 2 year rotation we cut the scrub back.

We have a Bug Hotel making event on Tuesday 31st May, the Parish Council will advertise this.

We are hoping to install an information pillar with QR code linking to websites and this will involve working with schools, more information available in the annual report.

We would like to replace the interpretation boards and the Parish Council have confirmed they will pay for these boards.

Public:

Residents enjoy this open space and thanked all for keeping this natural.

There is a very interesting plant in the field a red grassing vetch. This will be marked on the map and looked into further.

Should the view point be kept open if the youth are spoiling this. It was agreed to meet on site and consider options. It is also felt that if we can reach the youth we can explain how important it is to be careful in this area and not spoil for all users. Events should include teenagers and not just children.

It was noted that local house holders throw their garden waste on to the site and this causes problems. A notice asking people not to continue with this could be displayed.

1 To receive and accept minutes from the previous Annual Parish Meeting

The minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting were accepted as read.

2 To receive the report of the Parish Council for 2021/2022 from the Chairman

The Parish council met 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022 as follows:

Full Council & Extra Ordinary x 11 meetings

Finance x 1 meetings

Planning x 1 separate meetings

And attendance of your Councillors has been as follows: -

Councillor	No. of Meetings
Hilary Benns	9
Steve Blamire	7
Jan Cave (Chairman)	11
Vince Fennell	8
John Howe	6
Chris Jarman – coopted	3
Helen Wood	8
Gareth Wyre	7
Mike Locke - resigned	3

I would like to thank my Councillors for their extremely hard work during this difficult time and through the ongoing pandemic.

On behalf of us all and the community I would like to show our appreciation to our Clerk, Helen, for her, over and above, continued commitment, enthusiasm, and support to us all.

Final Grants were given at the March 2021 meeting with the Totland Bay Bowling Club receiving a grant to host a PSA Blood Testing Event in conjunction with Wight Prostate Cancer Support Group. The event was held on Saturday 24th July 2021 and a slots were booked. Results from this were key with 2 people needing further consultation. It is my understanding another one will be held this year.

We had restricted the parking at the Recreation Ground and have asked for no overnight parking along with no campervans. This has been adhered to by most however, not everyone and we will need to step this up. Our reasons for carrying out this is due to users of the facilities on the Rec not being able to park. Residents who SORN vehicles off road also park here along with a local car dealer.

St Saviours school children of Year 5 and 6 were given baubles to decorate and to hang on the Cokes Green Christmas Tree and they do a wonderful job, all are different and beautiful.

We also ran some defibrillator training in March and over 30 people came along to either learn or remind themselves. West Wight Men in Sheds raised money over the year and purchased one which is outside of the Parish Office.

We were successful with some funding from a Welcome Back Fund, awarded by the

Government, and park seating and picnic benches will be installed this summer.

Our Mosaic project is almost finished, and these will be installed around the Totland toilets soon.

We are moving forward with refurbishment of the toilets at Colwell and for new toilets on the Recreation Ground. We were successful with a grant for the Recreation Ground toilets and this will include Changing Places facilities.

Plans are in hand for the Bike Park to enable safe fun cycling. A consultation will be held soon. This has been delayed for various reasons but we are moving this forward again.

The Buoys at Widdick Chine were very successful last year and we will be doing this again with additional buoys.

Extra rubbish bins at Totland and Colwell have been supplied during the summer months, a reminder this is for beach rubbish and not business or household rubbish.

The plans for the Parish Office are in progress with an agreement for the purchase of the Parish Hall on The Broadway.

The Christmas Fair on Colwell Common was very well attended again last year and we will continue to do these. Due to the size of the Marquee we can only accept applications from 20 stall holders and we had received applications for over 50. The committee support all local businesses and like to have different traders each year.

The Car Boot sales continue to be well attended and help 4 local charities to raise much needed funds. We have other ideas for 2022 which include a Family Camp Night, a Wild Life Discovery Walk in the Autumn along with our Xmas Fair.

This year with the Jubilee Celebrations we will be providing all the people in Care Homes with an English Cream Tea and there will be a Jubilee Car Boot sale on the Common. Also, we have two Beacons being designed and made and these will be erected by the Isle of Wight College Students, for the Grand Lighting Up around the Country.

We thank Chris Jarman for organising this and thank him for all he has done for Totland as our new Ward Councillor.

Councillor Jan Cave, Chairman

Resident Comments:

Q. Instead of keeping campervans out of the car park why not embrace and offer them a site.

A. It was reminded ultimately this is a car park for users of the Recreation Ground, however, this would be added to the monthly Parish Council meeting for Councillors to discuss.

	<p>Comment: Other residents were not keen on this idea and did not want residents money spent on clearing up possible rubbish in this area where young people play.</p> <p>Q. When is Afton Tip opening. A. The tip has not closed, you do need to book a slot online but this seems to work very well and stops any traffic build up in this area. The resident informed the meeting he had no internet access and therefore not possible to do this. A resident suggested the Parish Council asked the tip if the hour when first open and the hour before closure could be open and used for those who are unable to book online. This would be added to the June monthly Agenda for Councillors to discuss this further.</p> <p>Councillors were thanked for keeping the public toilets at Totland and Colwell open.</p>
3	<p>To receive the report for the 2020/2021 Parish Open Space Committee – Councillor Blamire None available at meeting.</p>
4.	<p><u>To receive the report of the Memorial Hall Joint Committee – Councillor Wyre</u></p> <p>Hall Use - Since All Covid Restrictions were lifted in February 2022 the Hall usage has returned to pre covid levels. This means that we are fully booked for most of the time and can only accommodate one off bookings.</p> <p>We increased our Hall Hire Fees from April 2022 by approximately 15%. This was our first price increase since 2014. We remain competitive price wise with other local venues and if you consider the facilities we offer, we are the best value. There has been no negative feedback regarding the increase.</p> <p>In December we held our Pensioners Annual Xmas Dinner for the residents of Freshwater & Totland. This was attended by 80+ people. Thank you to Cllr Jan Cave for organising it and to all the volunteers who turned up on the day and helped make it a success. A special thank you to Adrian Bolton and his team at the Waterfront Bar & Restaurant for providing the catering and to Peter Alexander, Shide Xmas Trees/Thompson Garden Centre for once again providing the Xmas tree in the main hall.</p> <p>On June 3rd we have Radio 4's "Any Questions" Programme Broadcasting Live from the Main Hall.</p> <p>Building & Maintenance - This last year we have had maintenance work done on the rear (North) side of the building. This included work to the rainwater channel and drain, plus cleaning out of cavity wall and repointing. This should remedy the damp problem in the dressing rooms. Repointing of east wall on the extension was also carried out. The intended next phase of building maintenance will be the repointing of the east main hall wall. This should be the last major building maintenance project needed to complete the recommendations made in the Condition Survey carried out 2017 by ERM Architecture.</p> <p>I would like to thank the Staff, my fellow Councillors and our Volunteers for their</p>

	<p>continued support and hard work for the Memorial Hall. A special thank you to Alan Benns for his continued work on the sound and lighting equipment.</p> <p>Cllr Gareth Wyre Chairman Memorial Hall Arts & Leisure Company</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p><u>To receive the report for the 2020/2021 West Wight Sport & Community Centre.</u> Report attached.</p> <p>6. <u>Questions at the discretion of the Chairperson</u> Could this meeting be used more proactively by including current projects? Annual meetings are to report back on previous year.</p> <p>Could the Accounts be part of this meeting? Accounts are currently being prepared.</p> <p>Councillors invited all residents to attend the monthly meetings to keep up to date and the website is up to date with all accounting documents.</p> <p>Councillor John Howe. I have been a Parish Councillor for nearly 50 years and thank all my fellow Councillors for their enthusiasm towards Parish business. We are lucky to have a Clerk who is extremely enthusiastic and works with us all.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked all for coming and closed the meeting at 7.35pm.</p>