



News and Updates from Totland Parish Council April 2017

The Annual Parish Meeting will be on **Tuesday 25th April 2017 at 6.00pm**. This annual meeting will be held in the Church Hall on The Broadway and refreshments will be available. All Totland residents are welcome to this meeting. This is a great chance for you all to see what the Parish Council has achieved this year.

We have also been working with the Environmental Officer regarding the increased amount of dog poo around Totland. Notices have been displayed and the Isle of Wight Council will prosecute any person who does not pick up after their dog.

Summers Lane

Councillors are still working with Island Roads and the Isle of Wight Council on reducing the speed on this road to 20mph and at the time of writing this report there is no further information.

Public Toilets

Hard to believe that we have maintained these toilets for a whole year and all has been good. Island Cleaning Solutions will continue to keep them clean for a further 3 years from 1st April. Councillors want to replace the fascia's this year on the Totland Beach block and Councillor Jan Cave and Councillor Helen Wood are working with a local artists to replace the white wooden windows with some mosaics of Totland Bay. Local schools and groups will be asked to take part in this project.

Car Boot Sales on Colwell Common

These events will be held on the second Saturday of the month commencing 8th April, please support and share the date.

Open Spaces

Phase II Tree works have been completed and Phase III will start around September. It is important these annual maintenance works are carried out.

A section of Turf Walk will be reseeded shortly. It is disappointing to find the road pins used to fence the area concerned have been taken, whoever has taken them you know they are not yours and we ask for them to be returned to Turf Walk as soon as possible.

Councillor Steve Blamire has also been looking at the trees and hedges around Turf Walk/Stokes Green and leading down to the seafront. He is hoping to have a plan to put to residents around September/October and this will involve the tidying up of the entrance way by removing dead trees/shrubs and planting more native types to Totland.

British Heart Foundation Defibrillators

Totland Parish Council has been successful in their bid to secure 5 defibrillators for the area. The locations have already been agreed with the bid and all 5 should be in action for the summer.

Foodbank

The Parish Office is now a Collection Point for the Foodbank and welcome donations for this very good cause. You can still drop off for the Soup Kitchen and we will ensure your donations are passed through to them. Please support if you can.

Men in Sheds

The Parish Councillors have agreed for the Age Concern project 'Men in Sheds' to work from the Turf Walk area. The hand over will be on Monday 1st May and Councillors look forward to working with them all.

Garden Bags; Better quality garden waste bags are now in stock at the parish office at £1.30 each. To pre-book this collection please telephone 823777 and give at least three working days' notice to help guide the route. If you have any problems with this service please let the Clerk know.

Reminder: Summer Timetable from 26th March

There has been speculation that the days and times will be changing but at the time of writing this report no confirmation has been received.

Afton Marsh Recycling Centre open days and times:

- Three days a week; Saturday, Sunday and Monday, including bank holiday Mondays.
- Winter 7.00am to 6.00pm. (1st November 2016 to 25th March 2017)
- Summer 7.00am to 8.00pm. (26th March 2017 to 30th October 2017)
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West Wight Arts Association - tickets can be purchased or reserved from the Parish Office for monthly concerts held in the Memorial Hall.

Other Parish Office Services

The Parish Office continues to offer a photocopying and laminating service and the Computer Suite is available for all Totland residents to use.

CONTACT DETAILS: Parish Clerk – Mrs Helen Gibbs - Telephone 756028
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The Parish Council meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, except August, and all Totland residents are welcome.