



## **News and Updates from Totland Parish Council April 2024**

Spring has arrived, and the mornings & evenings are much lighter with many more people around the village. In certain areas there has been an increase in rubbish including dog excrement, and in response to this the Parish Council noted these areas and arranged for posters to be put up reminding people of their responsibilities. If you would like a poster for your own fence, please pick one up from the Parish Office.

Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 6.30pm in the Church Hall. This is open to Totland residents.

### **Public Toilets:**

The refurbishment to Colwell toilets will be reported next month, however, when writing this report (mid March), all was on time to be completed by Easter. The new toilet block works on Totland Recreation Ground will commence shortly and now that the feasibility study has been carried out to Totland Beach block, discussions will open whether reasonable adjustments can be made to this site or to demolish and rebuild. A consultation will be held with residents of Totland to take your opinions on this later in the year.

### **Car Boots 2024**

We plan to start these on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April and run through until the end of September, weather dependent, and weekly updates will be on the website and various social media pages on a Thursday to confirm whether these will go ahead. This year we are delighted to be able to support the West Wight Men in Sheds, West Wight Nursery, Freshwater/Totland Scouts Group, West Wight Youth Football Club and West Wight Heritage Group. We hope you will support all these groups.

### **Open Spaces:**

Memorial benches will be the priority for the maintenance team for 2024/2025 with the continued tree works.

### **Housing Survey:**

The Totland Housing Survey required for the Community Led Housing is live and this can be completed online, please go to the website, and we also have paper versions. We do need as many people as possible to complete this. It is appreciated the survey is long and may seem intrusive, but it is essential we ask all the necessary questions to understand local needs.

**\*\*\*\* Emailing List \*\*\*\***Councillors are building an emailing list for Totland residents in order that we can communicate with you quicker. Information will only ever come from Totland Parish Council and no junk email will be involved. If this is something you would be interested in joining, please email [totlandmail@gmail.com](mailto:totlandmail@gmail.com) with your name, address and postcode.

**Defibrillator Locations:** The Waterfront Bar, Needles Battery, Memorial Hall, Colwell Public toilet block and Totland Parish Office. All are easily accessible 24/7.

**Recycling:** Afton Marsh Recycling Centre open Saturday, Sunday and Monday – You can take household rubbish, however, you **MUST** book a time online or over the telephone. You **cannot** just turn up; you will be sent away. You can book a same day slot.

**Help with recycling centre bookings: Contact information - Contact Waste and Environment 01983 823777**

Monday to Thursday 8.30am to 5.00pm and Friday 8.30am to 4.30pm.

**CONTACT DETAILS:** Parish Clerk – Mrs Helen Gibbs - Telephone 01983 756028

Totland Parish Council, Winchester House, The Broadway, Totland Bay, PO39 0AX.  
The parish office opening days and times are: Monday – Thursday 9.30am to 12.30pm.  
Email: [clerk@totlandparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@totlandparishcouncil.org.uk). The parish council also have a Facebook page which is updated regularly.

Ward Councillor Chris Jarman – email: [chris.jarman@iow.gov.uk](mailto:chris.jarman@iow.gov.uk)  
Telephone 0790 500 2834

Ward Councillor Surgeries are held in the office on a Thursday between 9am and 10am.  
Please check in advance to ensure this is going ahead should you wish to talk with Councillor Jarman.

Parish Council meetings will commence at 6.00pm from January 2024 but remain the second Monday of the month with no meeting held in August, October or December.

Your Parish Councillors' are: Chairman Gareth Wyre, Jan Cave, Vince Fennell, John Howe, Steve Blamire, Hilary Benns and Chris Jarman.