

Annual Parish Meeting Chairman's Report 18th April 2011

Totland Parish Council met on 23 occasions, and attendances of your councillors has been as follows.

C Bryan 23
V Cooke 11
D Eccles 16
V Fennell 15
D Filby 1
J Honeychurch 21
J Howe 19
A Jones 11
D Bryan 4

This has been a very busy year, a year in which we have had to fight to retain our local services which are continually threatened by government cuts. We are constantly fighting unwanted development/planning applications, it is a very challenging time for us all.

Art & Craft on the Turf Walk

I would like to say thank you to Alma Harvey, who once again put on an excellent Art on the Turf walk last August, and we look forward to it again on 27th August this year. If you would like to help please call into the Parish Office and speak to the Clerk.

Christmas Tree

Thank you very much to Mick Pragnall for collecting and putting up the xmas tree, and to Pete Sexton for adding the tree lights, your help is always very much appreciated.

Schools

I would like to thank the children of Weston and St Saviours Schools, who kindly planted crocuses on Cokes Green, which looked lovely when they all flowered earlier this year.

Christmas Carol Evening

Thank you to Kim and Dave Filby of the Broadway Inn for the hot punch and mince pies along with their hospitality on the xmas carols night.

Flowers in Totland

I am sure you will all agree the flowers around Totland in the planters and roundabout look beautiful and full of colour I thank Carol, Rachel Joan, and everyone involved in our floral displays.

Goodbyes

We said goodbye to CLLR Dave Filby, who has been an asset to Totland Parish Council for some years, Dave needed to spend more time on his business in Totland and felt unable to give us the time needed on the parish. Thank you very much Dave for every thing you have done, and I know you will still support us when you can.

Hellos

CLLR Dave Bryan was co-opted to serve on Totland Parish Council, and I welcome Dave to the council.

Funding

A new hedge has been planted along the turf walk, I would like to thank West Wight Landscape Partnership for the generous funding, which made this possible.

Resident Thanks

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the residents of Totland for there support, in particular for helping to save the RSPCA field, a special thank you must go to Pauline and Bob Forfar, for there perseverance, lets hope the field remains the same as it is now.

Freedom of Totland

It was a great honour to present Ron Smith with the Freedom of Totland last month, in recognition for all he has achieved locally.

Lastly I would like to thank all my fellow councillors for their support and all the hard work they do, which helps to make Totland one of the nicest places to live.

Carol Bryan.