

Annual Parish Meeting

Tuesday 5th May 2015

The Parish council met from 1st April 2014 to 31st March 2015 as follows:

Full Council x 11 meetings

Finance x 2 meetings

Planning x 5 meetings

And attendances of your Councillors has been as follows:-

Cllr John Honeychurch (Chairman) - 9

Cllr Vince Fennell (Vice Chairman) - 15

Cllr John Howe - 14

Cllr David Filby - 11

Cllr Colin Bradley - 15

Cllr David Bryan - 11

Cllr Adrian Bolton - 8

Cllr Jan Cave - 14

Sea Wall

- 2014 started with problems with the fenced off areas around the landslide both Colwell and Totland side, and the Parish Council urged all not to pass but to use the cliff walk to get between the two bays.
- Funding was discussed in August last year for a 'Make do and Mend' option for the seawall and this was deferred by the Isle of Wight Council until September. During that meeting it was approved a plan for the creation of a new footpath from Colwell to Totland Bays to link together the two remaining parts of the coastal sea route.
- Tenders finally went out in February and we understand that a preferred contractor has been chosen. Agreement still needs to be gained from Natural England as they need to be happy with the environmental impact of the scheme.
- The completion is anticipated to be the end of July. The path will be accessible and more or less level with the sea wall. There will be no steps and it will be mobility scooter and wheelchair friendly.
- As soon as the plans are received in the parish office they will be displayed in the parish office window.

Pier and Pier Café

The Parish Council have not received a response from the owners of the Pier or the Café and so are unsure if the Pier Café will be opening this year, and what will be happening with the Pier.

Sea Front Parking

This is privately owned land and so the Parish Council are unable to make any demands on the owners as to charging for parking. The Isle of Wight Council obtained funding for the railings last year and the owners paid to have them installed. It is understood that money raised from parking will be put back into maintaining this area.

Church Hall

Hopefully you noticed the change to the entrance of the Church Hall with the new ramp. The money raised by Faith, Hope and Charity paid for this work to be carried out by Duncan Waite. The railings around have finished the area well and Sally Honeychurch was very impressed with the overall finished look.

Remembrance Sunday

The Royal British Legion West Wight Branch annual Service of Remembrance was held on Sunday 9th November at Totland War Memorial. This year saw a large amount of people attending this service. We also had Year 6 students of St Saviours display their own poppies on the roundabout.

Green Garden Waste Bags

The parish office started supplying the Green Garden Waste bags in July last year and a box of 200 sold out by November. We have continued to supply these in the office for £1.30 each.

Skate Park

The Skate Park at Moa Place which is looked after by both Totland and Freshwater parish councils had its annual RoSPA check and based on this report the park has been refurbished with the help of the users and local people. The annual competition was held at the end of August and was well supported.

Totland Regeneration Partnership

August saw another Art on the Turf Walk, which was again very well attended. The Clerk would like to thank Councillor David Eccles and her family for all their hard work. The West Wight Swimming Club were also brilliant on the day by fencing off the area and helping stall holders throughout the day.

This year the Parish Council have looked at holding this event on Colwell Common and further information will follow.

Keeping Totland Blooming

A huge thank you to Caryl Starr, Rachel Bradley, Joan Rearden and to all the volunteer planters for their continued support with the wonderful floral displays around Totland. The roundabout at the bottom of The Broadway was cleared in August last year and Caryl and Rachel are looking at replanting some lavender.

Police Beat Surgery

The Safer Neighbourhood Team continued to hold Beat Surgeries on the last Friday of the month to which many residents took advantage of this time to talk to their local Policing Team.

2015/2016 will be different as the day will become a Monday – notices in the parish window.

Community Speedwatch is also active around Totland if you know of a road which would benefit from this or would like more information please speak to the Clerk who can help.

The Parish Office continues to be very busy with residents calling in to look at plans, report problems and to express their concerns and complaints.