



## **News and Updates from Totland Parish Council August 2023**

We are all looking forward to a wonderful Summer and would like to highlight a couple of points to keep us all safe.

1. **BBQ's & Fires:** We urge all not to have any BBQ's or fires around Totland, especially during the summer months and no disposable BBQ's please. Help us by reminding any family members or visitors of this.
2. **Personal Watercraft Vehicles:** New regulations from 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 are in place and these can be found on our website [Jet Ski Rules and Regulations](#). Reporting information is also on our website. During the summer months many PWC users come to the Island, Colwell and Totland included, and there is no law stopping them doing this. They do have to abide by the rules and the Marine Police can help with this.

**Summer Biffa Bins:** It has been agreed that the large additional bins supplied for the summer holidays by Biffa and financed by Totland Parish Council, through the local precept, was not working in the manner it had been intended and therefore will not be in place this summer. The amount of additional rubbish has increased enormously, and we have witnessed and challenged people who have thought it was okay to use this facility to get rid of their own general waste and fly tip. These bins could only be emptied twice a week and on days when they are not emptied the rubbish piles high in and around the bin, to the point where the lid would not shut. Councillors agreed this made the area look unkept and certainly unpleasant for the holiday season. Most of these bags are torn open overnight with the contents left over the paths and road. Councillors have tried hard to encourage people to take their rubbish home with them and to not leave additional bags when the bins are full to improve our area.

With all taken into consideration, Councillors agreed they would not provide the two large Biffa bins this year. We will continue to promote taking rubbish home and to not leave rubbish bags around the bins. **Please help us by not adding additional rubbish to the already full bins.**

**Tidy Totland:** We are launching Tidy Totland around the village and we will be asking businesses and residents to take pride in our Community by keeping it clear of litter.

Planning applications have been submitted for the Recreation Ground toilets and Cycle Track and the Dog Agility area works will commence shortly.

The memorial benches have been surveyed and sadly we will be removing several as they are beyond economical repair. Others will receive remedial repairs to include staining.

### **August Office Opening:**

The office is closed for annual leave from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August and will reopen on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> August. Emails will be picked up daily and dealt with on an urgent basis.

**Safety Concerns:** We are still waiting to hear back from the Isle of Wight Council for the consideration of removing 4 parking spaces in the Colwell Chine Road car park.

**\*\*\*\* NEW 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 – This is open and you can now take household rubbish, however, you **MUST** book a time online or over the telephone. You **cannot** just turn up; you will be sent away. **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) or follow the Clerk on Twitter [@TotlandClerk](https://twitter.com/TotlandClerk).  
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.

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