



News and Updates from Totland Parish Council February 2024

2024/2025 Budget

Preparation for the 2024/2025 budget commenced in November and continued throughout January for Totland residents to have their say over the purchase of the Church Hall and the financial support to the Post Office. As previously mentioned Councillors agreed to continue supporting for the West Wight Sports & Community Centre, Community Connector and West Wight Nursery along with the Beach Buoys remaining at Widdick Chine and Colwell. The refurbishment to Colwell public toilets would see no increase as these will be chargeable and the new toilet block for Totland Recreation Ground would also see no increase in the precept. Councillors will agree the budget at the February meeting and the local precept will also be agreed which will include the outcome of the consultation held on 31st January 2024.

Public Toilets:

The upgrade to Colwell toilets is going well, and the new toilet block on Totland Recreation Ground will commence shortly. Totland Beach block will not be left out but a feasibility study will need to be carried out due to the location and access problems with this site.

Open Spaces:

We have received a couple of quotations for the dog park area on the Recreation Ground and once all confirmed this work will commence, most likely to be around May.

****** 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 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 take household rubbish, however, you **MUST** book a time online or over the telephone. You **cannot** just turn up; you will be sent away. From mid October 2023 you can now book a same day slot. **Help with recycling centre bookings: Contact information - [Contact Waste and Environment 01983 823777](tel:01983823777)** 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 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
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.