



News and Updates from Totland Parish Council July 2023

Following on from the Annual Meeting we can confirm that Councillor Gareth Wyre is now the Chairman for Totland Parish Council with Councillor Jan Cave supporting as Vice Chairman. We thank Jan for all her hard work over the last few years and know that Gareth will work as hard to continue with the success of serving the Totland Community.

Summer Biffa Bins: Councillors discussed the additional bins supplied for the summer holidays through Biffa and financed by Totland Parish Council, through the local precept, at the June meeting and sadly agreed this service was not working in the manner it had been intended.

Three years ago, the Parish Council supplied and financed these bins to help keep the area clean and tidy through the summer with the additional beach users rubbish, however, the amount of additional rubbish has increased enormously. 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 general fly tipping. These bins can only be emptied twice a week and on days when they are not emptied the rubbish piles high in the bin, to the point where the lid does not shut, but more bags are left to balance on top and around the bin on the floor. 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.

There are standard Island Road bins along the sea wall on the Colwell to Totland side, outside both toilet blocks and in the car parks. It was noted there are no bins on the Freshwater side. These bins do collect a lot of rubbish, however, they are also emptied daily during the summer. 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.

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.**

Beach Buoys are in place at Widdick Chine and Colwell again this year. Widdick Chine is to provide a safe swimming area and Colwell buoys denotes the launching channel and the 4 marker buoys highlight the 200m seaward distance for the Pleasure Boat Byelaws for the Needles to Fort Victoria.

Kings Coronation: The Parish Office still has a few wildflower seed packets left for residents, please use them either in your gardens or suitable areas, and if you are unsure where, please speak with the Clerk.

Open Spaces: Jubilee Pump, Middleton: Councillors agreed at the June meeting for this area to remain a wild meadow and will be cut September/October. We will add to the website the species identified when the area is left unmown.

Totland Recreation Ground play area works have been completed and we have removed the swings as they were not fit for purpose, new ones have been ordered. Our annual RoSPA report was all good with the play and gym equipment and Councillors have agreed to have two detailed reports carried out each year by a local company to keep them remaining safe for users by carrying out necessary works early.

Planning applications will be submitted this month for the Recreation Ground toilets and Cycle Track.

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.

Grants: The annual grants to the West Wight Sports and Community Centre, West Wight Community Connector and West Wight Nursery have been approved again this year and awarded.

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

Colwell Public Toilets will be upgraded over the winter and Councillors are confident that no increase will be made to the local precept for this instead a charge to use the facilities will be made. The tap outside Colwell public toilets was removed during January as it had broken. There are no plans to replace this tap.

****** 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 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 or follow the Clerk on Twitter **@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.

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