



## **News and Updates from Totland Parish Council June 2021**

Councillor Jan Cave was nominated and voted back as the Chairman of Totland Parish Council by fellow Councillors during the Annual Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> May. To keep in line with government guidelines we are looking at an alternative venue to hold our monthly meetings as these cannot be held online any longer. At the May meeting the Chairman welcomed new Councillor Michael Locke and welcomed Councillor Chris Jarman as the representative for Totland and Colwell.

The Colwell Car Boot Sale at the beginning of last month was extremely well supported and we thank everyone who came along. There have been some that we had to cancel due to the weather during May and we hope you continue to support these in the future. Again, it was lovely to see people using the facilities in Totland now that we are coming out of lockdown, however, we must all remember this pandemic is not over and to remain safe. We ask you all to continue social distancing and using the hand sanitiser supplied or bring your own, and please adhere to the one-way system. If you are a seller, we do not expect you to arrive before 8.30am. If you arrive early do not start setting up as we have a new system that needs to be followed. Car Boot Dates for June – Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **Beach Safety**

Councillors are excited to report that in addition to the larger marker buoys and launching buoys at Colwell Bay that had been reported last month, we have finalised safe swimming buoys for Widdick Chine. Although both sets of buoys will be out during June we would like to assure all that from next year they will be out for the 1<sup>st</sup> May. By working with the Isle of Wight Council and a local marine services contractor to design and install what will be a robust and secure solution this will ensure that the safety at Totland's beaches is a continuing priority.

The boundary for the parishes of Totland and Freshwater runs down the middle of Colwell Chine Road and to the left is Totland and right towards Brambles is Freshwater. Whilst both parishes want to ensure that boats are moored at a safe distance and swimmers are safe within the zone we have chosen different solutions, however, the aim is the same.

**Public Toilets** – Colwell Public Toilets will be locked overnight due to the mindless vandalism recently. Councillors are also looking to upgrade these toilets and a plan will be shared with you all shortly.

Totland Recreation Ground – Councillors have been looking at other uses for the Recreation Ground with local youth since October last year and a Bike Park has been a popular request. Councillors have agreed to move forward with this, and further details will be shared to residents soon.

**Parking Reminder:** Signs have been erected informing all that no overnight parking is allowed for any vehicles and Councillors request local people stop using this as a second car parking space or for vehicles that are either SORN or do not hold a current MOT. The area is for users of the

**Defibrillator Locations:** The Waterfront Bar, Needles Battery, Memorial Hall and Colwell Public toilet block. All are easily accessible.

**Recycling:** Afton Marsh Recycling Centre – This is open and you can now take household rubbish, however, you **MUST** book a time online. You **cannot** just turn up; you will be sent away.

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Your Parish Councillors' are: Chairman Jan Cave, Vince Fennell, John Howe, Steve Blamire, Helen Wood, Gareth Wyre, Hilary Benns and Michael Locke.

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