



News and Updates from Totland Parish Council March 2021

The Chairman was sad to receive the resignation of Councillor David Filby who has decided it is time to retire. Many of you will know David from Totland Bay Post Office as well and aware that he has worked endlessly to keep this running in Totland. He has given Totland many years of hard work and this has been much appreciated by many residents as well. We all wish him a happy retirement.

Budget: As reported last month Councillors wanted zero increase on the Precept for 2021/2022 and they are pleased to report that this has been agreed by all Councillors at their meeting in February. Financial support will remain to all the local groups such as the West Wight Nursery and West Wight Sports & Community Centre. In addition, the Post Office will also be supported in order that it remains open.

Summers Lane: We are working with Councillor John Howe regarding Summers Lane. John has been speaking with both Island Roads and Isle of Wight Council regarding the problem that had arose since being resurfaced and has committed fully to this until the road is properly resurfaced which will allow the surface water to drain away.

Parking: Totland Recreation Ground car parking area should not be used by local people 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 facilities and signage has been ordered and will be installed shortly informing all that no overnight parking is allowed for any vehicles.

Beach Safety: Councillors are currently working with other agencies to ensure our beaches are safe for this summer. This will involve new buoys and Councillors are pushing for these to be put out in the appropriate places in Colwell and Totland along with necessary signage.

Census 2021: The Census will be taking place on 21st March 2021 and this year they will be running this digitally. There will be help during this time and we urge you to look out for the purple background advertising that has started. It is very important that we all complete this census as the information gained will help us understand what our society needs now and what it is likely to need in the future. The information it collects helps plan and fund services in our area such as transport, education and healthcare. All your information is kept safe at the Office for National Statistics.

Elections: The Isle of Wight Council have confirmed Islanders will be going to the polls on Thursday 6th May 2021 with Covid-19 restrictions. You can apply for a postal vote by completing the form which can be downloaded here [Electoral Registration - Service Details \(iow.gov.uk\)](https://www.iow.gov.uk/elections). This application is also available from the Parish Office by appointment. The deadline to apply for a postal vote is 5pm on 20th April 2021.

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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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 John Howe Telephone 753414 or email: john.howe@iow.gov.uk

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