



News and Updates from Totland Parish Council November 2020

Parish Council meetings started again in September using Microsoft Teams and Councillors have agreed to revert back to monthly meetings during this pandemic. I think we can all agree holding meetings in this way is very different but this is something we will continue to do until such time we can meet at the Parish Office again.

Vandalism has reduced slightly with only Colwell public toilets being damaged this month. The Clerk regularly talks with the Police and we are all working together to combat any problems. The Police Beat Surgery has started again, and the next opportunity to speak with our local PCSO will be Wednesday 11th November between 10.15am and 10.45am in the Parish Office.

Sadly, the Remembrance Parade will not be going ahead on Sunday 8th November at the Totland War Memorial. The Royal British Legion West Wight Branch are disappointed; however, the overriding priority and guiding principle is that we must ensure that everyone is kept safe. Whilst a crowd of people congregated around one war memorial focuses the thoughts of the West Wight community, it is very hard to see how this could be achieved within the current social distancing rules.

Wreaths, however, have been ordered by most organisations and they are invited, taking the necessary covid precautions, to lay their wreaths at a West Wight War Memorial of their choice, at a time of their choice, on **Friday 6 November** or **Saturday 7 November**. If wreaths are laid as proposed this will reduce the possibility of large gatherings. We are very happy to lay wreaths on your behalf if requested. The parade at Totland is postponed until November 2021.

New Memorial benches have been installed on Cokes Green and if you have not already seen these, I encourage you to have a look. The Parish Council has received many compliments on these seats which not only look amazing they are also very comfortable. The two seats that had been removed were beyond repair, however, West Wight Men in Sheds will be recycling as much as possible and the wood will be used to repair others.

Councillors would also like to thank the West Wight Men in Sheds for painting the outside of the offices. This was started last year and due to certain restrictions had been unable to finish. During October the weather remained dry at a time when members were also available and finished painting the walls.

The Skatepark and MUGA facility had been maintained over the past 10 years by both Totland & Freshwater Parish Council. At both Parish Council meetings held in October it was agreed that Freshwater would take back their assets and run themselves. Over the years Totland Councillors have enjoyed working with Freshwater Councillors and wish them well with the redevelopment plans they have for this area.

Facilities in Totland.

Is there something you would like to see in Totland that currently is not offered locally? Possibly more on the Recreation Ground? Please let the Clerk know either in person, at the office or send us an email. Councillors would really like you to share your thoughts with them.

Car Boot Sales: These have been cancelled for now.

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

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