



## **News and Updates from Totland Parish Council January 2024**

Totland Parish Councillors and their Clerk would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and safe New Year.

### **Christmas Fair 2023**

The Christmas Fair held on Colwell Common last month was very well attended even though it was incredibly cold. Thank you to all who did come out and we hope you enjoyed. The fire pit was especially needed, and we enjoyed the carols led by Richard and Hazel Britton. The Ukelele Group, West Wind and Bay Wailers were also fabulous with their amazing performances and of course Huxley who entertains both children and adults. The Christmas Fair will go ahead again this year on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

### **2024/2025 Budget**

Preparation for the 2024/2025 budget has started with Councillors wanting to continue the financial support for the West Wight Sports & Community Centre, Community Connector and West Wight Nursery. The Beach Buoys would also remain at Widdick Chine and Colwell.

Further discussions are required for the Church Hall and Post Office. We have reached an agreement on the purchase price of the Church Hall and solicitors are dealing with the paperwork currently. The Totland Bay Post Office has been financially supported for the last three years and although fairly well used the Parish Council agreed to support this for our community users. Councillors would like residents feedback as a request to increase the financial support has been received. It should be noted this remains a satellite branch and is very much dependant on another Post Office remaining open along with Community Action who also financially support.

The upgrade to Colwell toilets is ongoing, and the new toilets to Totland Recreation Ground is also in place, and as previously mentioned, this will not increase the precept as they will both be pay as you use.

An Open Day in the Parish Office will go ahead this month, date will be advertised, and we urge Totland residents to come along and talk with Councillors.

### **Open Spaces**

Tree surveys starting with Turf Walk will be carried out over the next few months and as soon as the weather brightens the memorial benches will be a priority. We had hoped to carry out these works last year, however, the play equipment on the Recreation ground had much needed repairs and replacements carried out. Trees had been replaced on Colwell Common during December and these are already coming on.

**\*\*\*\* 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](mailto: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**

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  
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The parish council also have a Facebook page which is updated regularly.

Ward Councillor Chris Jarman – email: [chris.jarman@iow.gov.uk](mailto:chris.jarman@iow.gov.uk)

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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.

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