



## **News and Updates from Totland Parish Council March 2020**

Parish Council meeting changes. From January the Parish Council have agreed to meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday and bi-monthly. Therefore, dates for 2020 are as follows: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March, Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May, Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July, Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September, Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November. Planning meetings will be called as and when required with Extra Ordinary meetings being called in between should they be required. The Annual Parish Meeting will be held at the end of May, date to follow.

**Precept 2020/2021:** The Parish Council have set the precept and have kept this as low as possible. The increase will be just over 5% and Councillors continue to source and give good value for money with the works, events and activities they organise around Totland. Support remains for the West Wight Sports & Community Centre along with other groups in Totland.

**Open Spaces:** Phase 2 of our Stokes Green project will start March/April and we will be looking for volunteers to help plant. If you would like to be involved please let the Clerk know at the Parish Office, details below.

**Car Boot Sales:** We can now confirm the Car Boots on Colwell Common with return this year from Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April until 26<sup>th</sup> September. There is one date in August when Messy Church will take over the Common for the Messy Church day. The Parish Council will be supporting the West Wight Nursery, 1<sup>st</sup> Freshwater/Totland Scout Group, West Wight Sports & Community Centre and West Wight Men in Sheds with these events. Please come along and support this event whether to you buying or selling.

**Men in Sheds** continues to run in Totland and they are open on Thursdays between 2pm and 4pm at Turf Walk (weather dependent), all are welcome. We also have West Wight Men in Sheds who meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday on the Recreation Ground. You can check out their Facebook page West Wight Men in Sheds to see what they are doing. On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March they will hold a woman only session from 10am to 1pm, is this something you might be interested in, drop in to their shed on the Recreation Ground and see what is going on.

**Meet & Eat** continues to be successful and is held the first Friday of each month. They meet at St Saviours Holy Family Centre which is on the FYTBus route B round. All welcome. The next one is 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

**West Wight Timebank** pop up eco refill scheme continues to run. You can take your empty plastic bottles to have them refilled with washing up liquid, multipurpose cleaner, liquid soap, shampoo, conditioner, shower gel, laundry liquid and fabric conditioner. Prices are competitive and calculated by volume. Cash only please.

- first Friday of month at St Saviours Church Hall 11-12 in Totland
- fourth Friday of the month at Freshwater Library 2-4 **NEW VENUE**
- last Thursday of the month at West Wight Sports Centre 10-12

### **Foodbank**

The Parish Office will continue to be a Collection Point for the Foodbank and we welcome donations for this very good cause and ask if you can please support.

**West Wight Arts Association** - tickets can be purchased or reserved from the Parish Office for monthly concerts held in the Memorial Hall.

**Reminder:** Afton Marsh Recycling Centre open days and times:

- Three days a week; Saturday, Sunday and Monday, including bank holiday Mondays.
- 10am to 6pm.

### **Other Parish Office Services**

The Parish Office continues to offer a photocopying and laminating service.

**CONTACT DETAILS:** Parish Clerk – Mrs Helen Gibbs - Telephone 756028

Totland Parish Council, Winchester House, The Broadway, Totland Bay, PO39 0AX.

The parish office opening days and times are: Monday 10.30am to 12.30pm and Tuesday to Thursday 9.30am – 12.30pm.

Email: [totlandparishco@googlemail.com](mailto:totlandparishco@googlemail.com) or follow the Clerk on Twitter [@TotlandClerk](https://twitter.com/TotlandClerk). The parish council also have a Facebook page which is updated regularly.

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