



News and Updates from Totland Parish Council March 2024

2024/2025 Budget

Following on from the Open Day on Wednesday 31st January 2024 and the completion of the survey available online and on the day, the results were distributed at the February meeting with 96% in favour of further support to the Post Office and 75% in favour of the 2 year option to purchase the Church Hall. The outcome therefore will see an increase in the precept of just over 60% for 2024/2025. At a previous meeting it was also resolved to continue supporting the West Wight Sports and Community Centre, the Community Connector and West Wight Nursery. The Beach Buoys would also remain at Widdick Chine and Colwell.

Public Toilets:

The refurbishment to Colwell toilets is going well and expected to be finished by Easter. The new toilet block on Totland Recreation Ground will commence shortly and Totland Beach block will not be left out with a feasibility study being carried out to determine whether reasonable adjustments can be made to this site or to demolish and rebuild. A consultation will be held with residents of Totland to take your opinions on this.

Annual Parish Meeting

This will be held on Monday 8th April 2024 at 6.00pm with the venue to be confirmed. All Totland residents are welcome to attend this meeting.

Car Boots 2024

These will start on Saturday 6th April 2024 and run through until the end of September. This year we are delighted to be able to support the West Wight Men in Sheds who meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday in their shed on the Recreation Ground. They are always open for new members so pop along and have a chat either at the shed or the 1st Saturday of each month at the Car Boot sales.

We also welcome the West Wight Nursery who will be running the 2nd Saturday of each month. They have some wonderful resources available and if you are looking for a nursery come along and speak with them.

The third Saturday will mainly be run by the 1st Freshwater/Totland Scouts Group who are also based on the Recreation Ground. They run beavers, cubs and scouts which covers various ages.

The fourth Saturday will be run by the West Wight Youth Football Club with the fifth Saturday being covered by the West Wight Heritage Group who are based on Avenue Road in Freshwater.

We have kept the prices for cars and vans the same again this year and donations to all the charities are welcome at the entrance.

Open Spaces:

Memorial benches will be the priority for the maintenance team for 2024/2025 with the continued tree works.

Community Led Housing:

We are very close to sharing the Totland Housing Survey required for the Community Led Housing and urge as many people as possible to complete this. We appreciate the survey is long and may seem intrusive, but it is essential we ask all the necessary questions to understand the needs. This survey can be completed online or a paper version can be picked up from the Parish Office or if necessary we can deliver one to you.

****** 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 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
Totland Parish Council, Winchester House, The Broadway, Totland Bay, PO39 0AX.
The parish office opening days and times are: Monday – Thursday 9.30am to 12.30pm.
Email: clerk@totlandparishcouncil.org.uk. The parish council also have a Facebook page which is updated regularly.

Ward Councillor Chris Jarman – email: chris.jarman@iow.gov.uk

Telephone 0790 500 2834

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 but remain the second Monday of the month with no meeting held in August, October or December.

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