



News and Updates from Totland Parish Council May 2020

The Coronavirus or COVID-19 seems to have brought not just the Island but the world to its knees. All Parish Council meetings have been cancelled for now and we hope to resume them in September, however, this will be confirmed closer to this date.

The Parish Office is closed; however, the Clerk remains in the office taking calls and picking up emails. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact her.

Bonfires: Residents are being urged not to light bonfires during this time in order to protect the health of others as smoke and smells from bonfires can aggravate respiratory problems. Please do not burn your garden waste or other waste and be mindful of your neighbours and local community who maybe spending time in their gardens during the lockdown. If you are affected by smoke from bonfires, please report to the Isle of Wight Councils Environmental Protection team. At this difficult time, please continue to be considerate of each other and especially neighbourly. Thank you for all the kindness that we have seen from the Community so far.

The Public Toilets were initially closed as Councillors did not want to encourage people to be out for longer than necessary during the initial lockdown stage. I can now report that they have been reopened but should the need arise the Parish Council will lock them again. The important message is please **STAY HOME**.

The Planning Office are now accepting planning applications again and Councillors will discuss these using email. If you have any concerns with any applications, please ring or email the office.

The group of West Wight Town and Parish Councils met at the West Wight Sports & Community Centre in March with other groups to discuss how we could all help each other going through lockdown. All agreed the Sports Centre was best located and set up to run the Coronavirus Support Hub and they have been leading on this since the beginning of April. There are many volunteers who can help you if you need help with anything. Please do not hesitate to pick up the phone and ring them on 01983 752168. They can pick up prescriptions and even deliver meals.

Delivery Service: The Village Bakery continue to offer a doorstep delivery service to the over 70's for their Bakery products. Call Dave between 9am and 11am on 716400 or leave a message at any time. Remember to leave your name and telephone number.

Car Boot Sales: These have been cancelled for now.

Men in Sheds: Closed at this time. They are keeping busy though as they are part of the volunteer service at the West Wight Coronavirus Support Hub.

Recycling: Afton Marsh Recycling Centre – Closed at the moment.

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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.