



News and Updates from Totland Parish Council May 2022

Happy official 'Spring', weather is warmer and nights are lighter.

Public Toilets

Since April 2016 Totland Parish Council have maintained the public toilets at Totland Bay and Colwell Bay. Both these blocks are old, however, the buildings themselves remain in good condition. The Colwell Bay toilets are used by over 50,000 people every year from local people to holiday makers with Totland Bay reaching around half this. After the summer of 2022 Parish Councillors have agreed to update the Colwell block and changing them into individual cubicles. Drawings to redevelop this site are in hand and they will include an accessible cubicle along with three unisex cubicles one with a baby changing facility.

The Parish Council will be carrying out these works by using a Public Work Loan and Councillors would like to assure Totland residents that this will not cost them by increasing the precept. There will be a charge to use these toilets of 20p. Many Town & Parish Councils have carried out this upgrade to their toilet blocks, and charging to use these facilities have been met favourably. We understand not everyone will be happy with this decision, but these toilets cannot continue to operate efficiently without this refurbishment. The Parish Council do not want these toilets to close as they are too valuable to our community but they must remain working and safe.

In addition to this, residents have been asking for toilets to be added onto the Recreation Ground for some time. Councillors agreed with this and now the Rec is used a lot more toilets would be idea. The Parish Council applied for a match funding grant for a changing places facility, and we are pleased to confirm this has been successful. The money will pay for the equipment and installation and the Parish Council will again obtain a Public Work Loan to build the shell for this. At this time another toilet cubicle will be installed and a charge to use these facilities will be made and no precept increase will be put on to residents.

If you have any questions about these two projects, please drop into the Parish Office and speak to the Clerk or use any of the other contact details below.

Jubilee Celebrations

The two beacons are coming along well from the team at the Isle of Wight College. The lighting of these beacons will take place on Thursday 2nd June at around 9pm. If you have any trees that have been taken down and need rid of the wood, we would be happy to take this off your hands. Please contact Councillor Chris Jarman, details below.

Defibrillator Locations: The Waterfront Bar, Needles Battery, Memorial Hall, Colwell Public toilet block and Totland Parish Office. All are easily accessible 24/7.

Car Boot Sales – Colwell Common

These will commence Saturday 7th May, sellers to arrive at 8.30am and buyers 9.00am. They will run every Saturday until September supporting local charities.

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

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 9.00am to 12.30pm.

Email: clerk@totlandparishcouncil.org.uk or follow the Clerk on Twitter **@TotlandClerk**.
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.

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