

Totland Parish Council

Minutes of the **TOTLAND PARISH COUNCIL** meeting held on the **Wednesday 14th October 2015 at 7.30 pm** in the **PARISH OFFICE**, Winchester House, The Broadway, Totland.

PRESENT: Councillors: Vince Fennell (VF) Chairman, Verena Wilson (VW), Jan Cave (JC) and John Howe (JH) 7.45pm

Also Present: Helen Gibbs (HG) Parish Clerk & RFO
Public = 11 (left 7.33pm)

PUBLIC FORUM

A report was given by the Chairman of WAAG (Weston Academy Action Group). A copy of this report is attached to the minutes.

Clerk to respond confirming that Totland Parish Council has not appointed or been represented at Weston Academy.

200/15 APOLOGIES

Councillors: David Filby (DF) Bereavement
Colin Bradley (CB) Unwell
John Howe (JH) late as Full Council Meeting in County Hall.

201/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

JC – Item 215/15 – Husband is Chairman of West Wight Youth Football Club

202/15 TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS

The minutes of the last meeting, as below, were approved as a true and accurate record and were duly signed by the Chairman. Proposed Councillor Cave, seconded Councillor Wilson all agreed. **RESOLVED**
Full Council Wednesday 9th September 2015
Full Council Wednesday 23rd September 2015

203/15 PLANNING

Applications as below were considered:

Application: [TCP/29815/E - P/01085/15](#)

Location: Yorks York Road

Proposal: Demolition of joiners shop outbuildings and single storey extensions on existing dwelling construction of pair of semidetached houses and one detached house fronting York Road conversion of storey and two storey extension to form two dwellings with garaging associated parking closure of existing western access and alteration to existing eastern access

Comments: Councillors shared concerns with regards to the boundary wall and previous applications which had been turned down as a locally listed building.

204/15 FINANCE

1. The bank reconciliation and balances up to 30th September 2015 were accepted
2. The schedule of payments up to 14th October 2015 and listed below was approved. Proposed Councillor Cave, seconded Councillor Wilson all agreed.
3. The Audited Annual Return and comments were noted.

Cheque	Payee	Amount
2893	Tower Mint	486.60
2894	Freshwater Parish Council	77.54
2895	Go Pak	3478.31
2896	Chairmans Allowance (Older Persons Xmas Lunch)	100.00
2897	Chairmans Allowance	300.00
2898	Wight Eagle Signs	180.00
2899	Landscape Group	5992.80
2900	Landscape Group	1676.04
2901	R Nelson	1212.60
2902	IWALC	228.42
2903	Southern Water (Office)	31.01
2904	Southern Water (Turf Walk)	47.88
2905	SLCC	167.00
2906	White Windows	6500.00
2907	Freshwater PC	429.75
2908	BDO LLP	360.00
2909	Petty Cash	100.00
2910	Zurich Insurance	2211.11
2911	County Fencing	2262.00
2912	West Wight Football Club	200.00

205/15 REPORTS, Verbal reports accepted

1. Isle of Wight Ward Councillor John Howe
 A meeting is still to be arranged with Alum Bay and Island Roads to discuss the traffic and parking problems at busy times. The Clerk will be invited.
 The Isle of Wight Council are looking to reduce the number of times they meet annually to help save money.
 Working with Rights of Way and Coastal Defence to ensure the path comes under one department.
 Beach Huts are expected to be built along Colwell and will start early 2016.
2. Open Spaces:
 A verbal agreement from Natural England to interfere with the badgers on Turf Walk has been received. The materials to carry out these works are on order.
 An order will be raised this week to the Island Pest Control for the removal of the moles on Turf Walk.
 Phase I tree works have been completed, Phase II now being looked at.
 Colwell Common will be cut by the end of October.
 All memorial seats have now been repaired and or restrained.
 The climbing frame with the basket is damaged and the Isle of Wight Council have ordered the parts for this.
3. Memorial Hall: The Quarterly report from the Management Committee had been distributed to all Councillors from the Chairman and Councillor Cave updated on the last meeting – minutes to be distributed when received. Councillors thanked her for such a good report. The Senior lunch is going well.
4. Police Report: The monthly report was circulated; the Clerk informed Councillors that after March 2016 there would be no more reports in this style as the Hampshire Constabulary are using an online Alert instead. This month saw a rise with criminal damage, this was damage to a housing association property by an occupant, rowdy and inconsiderate behaviour this included a domestic incident.
5. Events Committee: Councillors Fennell and Howe along with the Clerk met on 24th September and discussed that residents of Totland should be

involved with this committee; possibly as an advisory to Full Council or as the Totland Regeneration Committee. All land should be available and used to benefit the Community and Colwell Common seemed a good start with Car Boot Sales running Spring/Summer/Autumn months was spoken about. An existing group, such as the Rotary or Swimming Club, to run this event for funds could be looked in to. Start-up cost around £700.00 to include banners and advertising. This will be looked at again when discussing the Budget 2016/17.

6. Councillor Howe has attended the first IWALC meeting for Totland which mainly discussed the Railway lines. Minutes will be distributed when received. Other emails received had also been sent to Councillors.

206/15 CLERK'S REPORT

As agreed a letter addressed to Councillor Bacon with all Ward Councillors copied in was sent regarding Weston Academy. **Resolved.**

- An electric meter reading was requested from the West Wight Youth Football club on the Recreation Ground and Councillor Cave will arrange this.
- Councillor Honeychurch left the Island this week.
- Councillor Bradley will not be attending meetings for a while due to his health and Councillors wished him well.
- The Website is still progressing, and the Clerk requested to have updated professional photographs on the new site. Totland now maintains many area's and this could be displayed nicely on the new website for residents to see. The cost would be £150.00 for half day and this would include the original photographs as well. Councillor Howe proposed the Clerk go ahead with this and Councillor Cave seconded, all agreed.
- Gym Equipment on the Recreation Ground; The suppliers have completed this work.
- Police Beat Surgery: Two people attended this Surgery with various concerns.
- I have asked the current contractors to quote for maintaining the Recreation Ground from April 2016. Currently the Isle of Wight Council offer this as a package which includes grass cutting, weed control on paved areas, inspection and mow around base of trees, litter collection and bin emptying. A meeting will be arranged at the end of the month to look at the costings for this area and agree to either stay with the Isle of Wight Council for the package or break down to different contractors. New bins have been requested at the top of The Broadway, by the roundabout and on Colwell Common.
- Local Community Magazine: a monthly update continues with this magazine which is beginning to reach more residents.
- Pier: Scaffolding is continuously being monitored and some of the more dangerous poles have been removed as work is being carried out by the Pier owner.
- One Horse Field: I have met with Natural Enterprise and have invited them to the November meeting. The area needs quite a bit of work carried out and they could help with obtaining a grant. November meeting will therefore start at 7pm.
- The post by the Waterfront was put back, however, it is broken and will be replaced shortly.
- The Clerk requested a new chair as the current one is not suitable. Councillors agreed.

207/15

TRAINING

The Clerk will be attending training in County Hall on Planning and Enforcement later this month. Clerk had this added to the Agenda for Clerk suggested bringing an expert to a meeting to discuss this for the Councillors. Agreed, Clerk would arrange in house training.

208/15

TOTLAND BAY – COLWELL SEA WALL

This work has been completed and Councillors agreed to remove this item from the monthly Agenda.

209/15

COLWELL COMMON

RJR Solicitors who are dealing with the Heads of Terms: Lease Agreement (Subject to Contract and Formal Council Approval) for Colwell Common & area around the Madeira Road Toilets are still confirming details. However, three new bins have been requested for the Common and a cost to empty 3 bins, 3 times per week all year round is £318.00/year. Councillors agreed this would be part of the discussion at the meeting towards the end of this month.

210/15

EASEMENT REQUEST

No update

211/15

CONSULTATIONS

1. Local Council Tax Consultation;
No option is acceptable: Reason, not beneficial to the people Councillors represent in Totland. Proposed Councillor Howe seconded Councillor Wilson all agreed.
2. Parking Strategy 2016-2021
Councillor Howe attended a presentation at Medina Theatre along with Councillor Fennell. Councillor Howe also asked for figures for the Broadway carpark and will go back and ask for a breakdown. An interest has also been expressed.
 - Future parking: planning applications should include consideration for parking and taking into consideration the future.
 - Working with the bus company to reduce costs so people use the bus.

212/15

CHURCH HILL PARKING

Councillor Howe to chase for the Safety Officer to attend this area and report back.

213/15

TOTLAND PARISH COUNCIL ARCHIVIST

No further update and will be added to the November meeting.

214/15

YARMOUTH HARBOUR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Resolved, Councillor Cave would represent the Parish Council with Councillor Bolton as deputy.

215/15

SPONSORSHIP

Councillor Cave left the room whilst this item was discussed. 9.20pm
Request had been received as follows:
Isle of Wight Music, Dance and Drama Festival
West Wight Sports and Community Centre Limited
Friends of Freshwater Library

These applications had been noted and will be considered at the budget meeting for 2016/2017. Councillor Howe suggested that applications to be considered in one month. It was agreed that all applications to be in by the end of May each

year and will be discussed and agreed either June/July of each year. The Grant Policy will be changed to include these dates.

The completed application for West Wight Youth Football Club had been returned and Councillors considered the request. Councillor Fennell proposed £500.00 there was no seconder, Councillor Howe proposed £200.00 and review at the end of year should further funds be available, seconded by Councillor Fennell, all agreed.

Councillor Cave returned to the meeting at 9.30pm

216/15 CORRESPONDENCE

The Royal British Legion – Agreed; 2 wreaths ordered and donation £50.00 Resolved. Councillor Fennell will attend the Yarmouth Service and Councillor Filby will lay the wreath at Totland War Memorial on Sunday 8th November. The Chairman has requested the Chairman’s Chain be returned to the ribbon. Best Kept village award mark sheet distributed. Comments were made regarding the Church Hall again.

Thank you letters were received from St Saviours School for the Commemorative Coins given to the Children in September.

Letter received from Mr Oakes-Monger and Ms Sharon Wilkins regarding the flowering on Colwell Common and how beautiful it looked.

Letter received from Mr & Mrs Butler regarding Colwell Common and would rather it be cut.

Letter received from Freshwater Parish Council praising the commitment by the community to securing the new path along the seawall.

217/15 TABLED ITEMS

Plant Positive, copy of reported Japanese Knotweed on seawall
Unconfirmed minutes of the Harbour Advisory Committee
Brighstone Landscaping Ground Maintenance Services
Beacon October 2015

218/15 PARISH OPEN DAY

This will be postponed until April 2016 and will include discussions on Colwell Common and the Car park.

219/15 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

AOB

None

Meeting Closed 9.45pm

My name is Louisa Thompson and I am the chair of WAAG (Weston Academy Action Group) and we are here to inform you that we are fighting to keep the school open and to date we have collected over 2000 signatures on our petition.

Two Totland Parish Councillors plus the Parish Clerk are at present on the interim management board of our school. We are concerned that they have allowed standards to slip to such an extent that the school is threatened with closure. Furthermore at no time have they as representatives of the public communicated the threat of closure. Perhaps if they had attended the meetings they would of been better informed and able to communicate with us parents, for example they did not attend this Mondays meeting which was not even quorate.

We are also very concerned that one of your councillors who is a member of the Weston AET interim management board may of took advantage of his position and moved his child to another school while the rest of our children were subject to an embargo.

We as a group, have carried a vote of no confidence in AET interim management board, and we trust that the three persons associated with this parish council will now stand down from the management of the school in accordance with the vote.

We are not seeking a response from this meeting, but are here to make our views known.

We are giving you a copy which we trust will be minuted as this will be released to the media.

signed

L. Thompson

14 October 2015

*ALL correspondance to be emailed
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