

Totland Parish Council

Minutes of the **TOTLAND PARISH COUNCIL** meeting held on **Wednesday 10th February 2016 at 7.00 pm** in the **PARISH OFFICE**, Winchester House, The Broadway, Totland.

PRESENT: Councillors: Vince Fennell (VF), Jan Cave (JC), David Filby (DF), John Howe (JH), Iain McKie (IM) and Verena Wilson (VW) 7.20pm

Also Present: Helen Gibbs (HG) Parish Clerk & RFO
Steve Blamire 7.20pm
Public = 5 (*3 arrived at 7.25pm).

GUEST SPEAKER

Adam Tucker who is the local area coordinator on behalf of the Public Health Department spoke about his role and what he can do. His support is free, no assessments needed, no paperwork referrals and no time-limits. He currently attends as many group area meetings in the West Wight area hoping to have his face recognised and for people to use his skills. Councillors thanked Adam for coming and asked if he would attend the Annual Parish Meeting to meet some of the residents in Totland. Clerk to email dates etc. AT left the meeting at 7.20pm.

PUBLIC FORUM

J Pilgrim had emailed the Council with regards to disability access to Colwell beach and the possibility of a hand rail on the left hand side going towards the beach. The Clerk had made contact with the Isle of Wight Council who informed her this would come under the Councils PFI Contract Management Team. Councillor Howe will look into this on behalf of J Pilgrim and the Parish Council and come back. J Pilgrim thanked Councillors for listening.

7.28pm 2 members of the public left the meeting.

277/15 APOLOGIES

Councillor: Colin Bradley (CB) Unwell; Accepted

278/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

279/15 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting, as below, were approved as a true and accurate record and were duly signed by the Chairman. **RESOLVED.** Proposed Councillor Howe, seconded Councillor Cave all agreed.

Full Council Wednesday 13th January 2016

Finance Thursday 28th January 2016

280/15 PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY

EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

In accordance with s.1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public will be excluded from the items on this agenda having due regard to the business to be transacted.

(3 members of public left along with S Blamire)

1. Councillors considered the one verbal application, Steve Blamire who had expressed an interest and had spoken to the Clerk.
2. Councillors agreed to invite Mr Blamire onto the Council, Proposed Councillor Filby, seconded Councillor Cave all agreed. Public were invited back to the meeting.

3. S Blamire accepted and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

281/15 PLANNING

1. There were no planning applications to be considered this month.
2. Granted Applications: Little Hayes Rest Home, Church Hill and Cornerways, The Broadway.
3. Appeals: There are no appeals this month.
4. Other Planning: Notification has been received; the Planning Department will no longer be writing to Town/Parish Councils and Local Members to provide separate notification of every new planning appeal in our area. This is considered to be a duplication of information as the weekly press list currently circulated to all contains these details. Notices will be placed at appeal sites rather than notifying immediate neighbours in writing. They will continue to send appeal notification letters to all interested parties who submitted a representation during the processing of the related planning application. **Noted.** As no start date was given the Clerk informed Council this would start immediately. Councillor Howe will speak to V Perera.

282/15 FINANCE

1. The bank reconciliation and balances up to 31st January 2016 were accepted.
2. The schedules of payments up to 10th February 2016 and listed below were approved. Proposed Councillor Filby, seconded Councillor Cave all agreed.
3. To accept the recommendations from the Finance Committee;
 - a. To contribute towards Planning Enforcement on the proviso all Town/Parish Councils agree.
 - b. To take responsibility of the two public toilets in Totland from the Isle of Wight Council.
 - c. To continue financially supporting West Wight Sports & Community Centre for a further two years at £10,000 each year.
 - d. To keep reserves in the budget to support a West Wight Library
 - e. To install a dog poo bin with a weekly empty at the top of Widdick Chine at a cost £531.76 + VAT.
 - f. To ring fence £700.00 to support Car Boot events on Colwell Common.
 - g. To install new external office door at £1100.00.
 - h. To redecorate the parish office and meeting area at £1100.00.
 Recommendations A – H were accepted. Proposed Councillor Filby seconded Councillor Wilson all agreed.
4. **Noted;** Localised Council Tax Support Grant to the value of £3012.00.
5. Accepted and agreed the recommended proposal from the Finance Committee for the Precept request to the Isle of Wight Council for 2016/2017 at £90630.00. Proposed Councillor Cave, seconded Councillor Filby all agreed.

Cheque	Payee	Amount
2929	Freshwater PC	109.41
2930	IOW Branch SLCC	10.00
2931	Ricoh	138.00
2932	Petty Cash	50.00
DC	PC World	139.00
DC	PC World	484.98
Refund	PC World	79.99

283/15 REPORTS

Isle of Wight Councillor – Cllr Howe

- Enquiries had been made to the car park on Hurst Point View and the grassed area and asked if the Parish Council would consider taking this from the Isle of Wight Council. Councillors felt this would be a good idea and asked for this to be an Agenda item next month; in the meantime JH would invite officers to have a look at the area.
- Isle of Wight Council will be speaking to The Hut with regards the buoys at Colwell Beach and enquire if they would be willing to put them out in the summertime.
- Princes Road is still not sorted even after an emergency road closure. JH will take this back to Island Roads.
- Help/free ferry costs for cancer patients being looked into.
- It has been agreed 'The Gouldings' will stay and continue treatments.

Open Spaces – Cllr Filby

- All areas remain wet and boggy. DF and VW will regularly look at the areas and will let the Clerk know if straw for the entrance of Turvills Field is required.
- Recreation Ground all okay.
- Colwell Common all okay.
- Stokes Green including steps all okay.
- Cokes Green all okay.
- Turf Walk – fencing still to be repaired.
- One Horse Field – no update on intended works.

Memorial Hall

Minutes have not been received; JC will ask the Administrator to forward them to the Clerk.

Utility Warehouse now supplies the Hall as they offer a better rate.

Car Park needs work carried out, committee looking into.

A new photocopier had been purchased.

The Emergency doors needed repairing, this has been carried out.

There has been much praise for the Xmas Lights this year rather than the Xmas Tree.

The joint parish meeting will be held on Wednesday 17th February at 6.30pm in the Memorial Hall small hall. DF sends apologies. Clerk to distribute the agenda which had been put together by the Chairmen of Freshwater and Totland.

Police Beat Report

These have now stopped and the Alert system is in use. Sgt Lyth and his team have agreed to continue with the Beat Surgery in Totland. Totland had been fairly quiet last month and Leeward House has calmed considerably.

Island Roads

Councillor updates for January/February 2016 had been distributed; Clerk will enquire if this is to become a regular article.

Yarmouth Harbour Advisory Committee

JC attended this meeting for the first time this morning and minutes will be circulated when received. A Spring Festival with the Yachting Festival is planned on 30th April 2016 as the Gaffers will not be taking place this year.

Skate Park

The meeting was deferred until April as only two Councillors were able to attend. The coloured boards in the park were discussed and agreed to ask 'Mark One' to repaint over the drawings one more time and also the Freshwater Skate park sign to be repainted and to trial as a notice board.

284/15 CLERKS REPORT

Training: Tendering, Contracts and Trading training took place earlier this month. This was especially useful with the public toilets now being taken on by the Parish Council. Clerk will email the paperwork for this to Councillors.

Recreation Ground Events: The Scouts are holding another fund raising event on the Recreation Ground on Saturday 17th June and asking for more to be involved. Contact has been made with the Carnival Committee who are happy to have a stall and gain some support, it was recommended the Parish Council also have a stall and promote various items, giving away dog poo bags etc. The Bowling Club will hopefully get involved and maybe have an open day if they do not have a match. Also the Army Cadets could be approached.

Website updating is moving slowly, there is a lot of work involved updating new information but will be worth all the effort once complete. The Autumn/Winter photographs look amazing and the Clerk would like to see a change in seasons Spring/Summer photographs to reflect a different looking Totland. Councillors agreed and this will be added to the next Agenda for ratification.

Local Community Magazine: a monthly update continues with this magazine which is beginning to reach more residents.

Pier: No update.

Widdick Chine confirmed the correct spelling for Widdick Chine is without the 'h'.

Church Hill and the double yellow lines – awaiting further information

One Horse Field – work did commence, however, the entrance way was far too boggy and will need to reconvene once the area has dried out.

Archives – The Clerk has contacted B Hinton MBE and he is happy with the plans for cataloguing the Archives. The Laptop and external hard-drive have been purchased for Ms Cooper to use and the Clerk has booked the ferry and train tickets for them to attend the Ambassador Archive Training in Winchester later this month.

Annual Parish Meeting has been confirmed for Tuesday 19th April 2016 starting at 6.30pm in The Church Hall, The Broadway. Adam Tucker and Natural Enterprise will be invited.

Library usage figures have been received; from 31st January 2015 to 31st January 2016 there has been a total of 1404 users, people borrowing books etc. of whom 289 have a PO39 postcode which works out around 20% of the library's active users.

285/15 ISLE OF WIGHT ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (IWALC)

Councillor Howe reported on the previous meeting and explained how the Planning Enforcement information, asking for all Town & Parish Councils to contribute, was the main talking event. 50% of councils had responded to IWALC and from those about half agreed to the contribution providing all Town & Parish Councils agreed. At this time it was unknown as to what would happen if this did not go ahead.

Minutes will be circulated once received.

286/15 COMMITTEES

The Clerk asked new and existing members to consider the vacancies for the following Committees:

Open Spaces; Councillors Wilson and Blamire agreed to join Councillors Filby and Bradley.

War Memorial Bungalows x 1 vacancies – meet once a year

Memorial Hall x 1 vacancy

YHAC – JC would like to stand down and VW has offered to attend on behalf of Totland Parish Council, Clerk would let the Committee know and confirm to

Councillor Wilson when accepted.

287/15 PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

1. To ratify; Totland Parish Council taking responsibility for the two public conveniences from the Isle of Wight Council commencing 1st April 2016. Proposed Councillor Fennell, seconded Councillor Filby all agreed.
2. Noted: the Notes of Inspection carried out Tuesday 2nd February 2016 for both toilet blocks were accepted.
3. Agreed to delegate powers to the Clerk to make the routine decisions to deal with this agreement and a Cleaning Contract. Proposed Councillor Fennell, seconded Councillor Howe all agreed.

288/15 TRAINING/WORKSHOPS

Healthwatch 2 day training **Noted**

289/15 COLWELL COMMON/MADEIRA ROAD

The original lease had placed these two areas together. The Clerk recommended these leases be separated to include the Madeira Road grass area with the Totland Beach toilet block. Councillors agreed for the Clerk to action this.

290/15 SCHOOL BUILDING

The Parish Council were in receipt of notions from residents regarding the possible uses for the Weston school site and outside space from; Freshwater & Totland Archive Group for display and storage and Miss A Dennis for a Nursery, Pre-school and Holiday Activity Club. Councillor Howe confirmed the building had not been passed onto the Isle of Wight Council and would make enquiries. Therefore the notions were Noted.

291/15 DOG POO BAGS

The Clerk had reported that a small amount of bags had sold and asked Councillors to consider dispensers around Totland to allow residents to take a bag when needed. Clerk to check law on people not carrying dog poo bags whilst in control of a dog. Councillors agreed they need to look at tackling this with the Environmental Officers.

292/15 CORRESPONDENCE

Noted:

Isle of Wight Council Countryside Section informing all of the new arrangements which came into effect on 1st February 2016.

Comment:

J Pilgram – this was dealt with at the beginning of the meeting

West Wight Timebank – re agenda this item

Ron Knowles – To confirm no benches are being placed for now and add to waiting list.

Sylvia May – letter and contents have been noted. It has also been noted that no planning application had been submitted at this time. There is an event in the Church Hall on 23rd February, available Councillors would attend and report back.

Actioned:

NALC Queens 90th Birthday Celebrations lighting the Beacon, Clerk to ask if Alum Bay will be lighting theirs.

Dr T Sweetman – letter noted and enquires will be made regarding speed limit

signs painted on the road.

293/15 TABLED ITEMS

Solent News Issue 39; Winter 2015/2016

Frack Free information

Access Newsletter January 2016

Beacon February 2016

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Devolution Newsletter edition 12

Community Waste Forum notes December 2015 and January 2016.

294/15 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/ANY OTHER BUSINESS

School Building use

Bus Service

Frack Free Isle of Wight

Signage for the Recreation Ground

Village Design Statement/Village Plan

Country Market looking for new members help advertising events

Supporting Scouts Day 18th June 2016

To discuss the use of Colwell Common and Turf Walk

Meeting Closed 9.15pm