

Totland Parish Council

Minutes of the **TOTLAND PARISH COUNCIL** meeting held on **Wednesday 9th March 2016 at 7.30 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), Steve Blamire (SB) and Verena Wilson (VW)

Also Present: Helen Gibbs (HG) Parish Clerk & RFO
Three (3) Public

PUBLIC FORUM

The Clerk distributed 6 copies of the Totland Parish Plan 2007 to the members of public as verbally requested on Tuesday 8th March 2016.

295/15 APOLOGIES

Councillor: Colin Bradley (CB) Unwell; Accepted

296/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

297/15 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 Filby, seconded Councillor Howe all agreed.
Full Council Wednesday 10th February 2016

298/15 FINANCE

1. The bank reconciliation and balances up to 29th February 2016 were accepted.
2. The schedules of payments up to 9th March 2016 and listed below were approved. Proposed Councillor Howe, seconded Councillor Filby all agreed. **RESOLVED**

<u>Cheque</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2933	SSE	143.02
2934	Horticultural Society	48.25
2935	Petty Cash	50.00
2936	Freshwater Parish Council	78.90
2937	Southern Water	76.27
BC	Wightlink	28.00
BC	South West Trains	48.40

299/15 REPORTS

Isle of Wight Councillor – Cllr Howe

- It was agreed in principle for Cllr Howe to make further enquiries for the Parish Council to obtain the car park on Hurst Point View and the grassed area opposite. Clerk will take photographs of the area.
- Met with a representative of Island Roads to discuss the problems with Princes Road, he agreed to take the many concerns back to his managers.

- Alum Bay Old Road and Alum Bay New Road junction; Island Roads have agreed with The Needles Landmark Attraction to have a No Right turn, this would improve the flow of traffic in that area particularly at busy times.
- The works on Church Hill are nearing completion. The initial layout to divert traffic was poor but pleased to report Island Roads sorted the problems quickly once pointed out to them.
- The handrail down to Colwell Beach is still being dealt with. Unfortunately it is not clear who is responsible for this area.

Open Spaces – Cllr Filby

- All areas remain wet and boggy especially the entrance of Turvills Field, however, it has improved this month.
- Recreation Ground all good.
- Colwell Common all good.
- Stokes Green including steps all good.
- Cokes Green all good.
- Turf Walk – fencing still to be repaired.
- One Horse Field – no update on intended works.

Memorial Hall

It was agreed for the repairs to be carried out and paid from the PWL money. Reports with photographs have been sent for all to keep updated. Works are going well and nothing is out of place.

Police Alert Notices

A recent survey had been carried out and with over 210 respondents the 3 top concerns in the West Wight are;

1. Burglaries
2. Anti-Social Behaviour using vehicles
3. The carrying of knives

It was also requested to see the Police more and be able to contact them easier.

From October 2016 there will be changes with the roles of the Sergeants on the Isle of Wight and they will all be moving around the force carrying out other duties such as Custody. Sgt Lyth will no longer be based in the West Wight, this change will also affect Country Watch.

Councillors have asked the Clerk to contact other Clerks who come under the Rural West Wight Neighbourhood Team and ask for their opinions. Once the Clerk has further information the matter will be taken further, this will be a great loss to Totland and the West Wight and many concerns were raised.

IWALC

Councillors Fennell, Wilson and Howe will be attending the workshop on Friday 18th March at the Riverside Centre.

Frack Free Isle of Wight

Councillors Wilson and Howe attended the public meeting held in the Church Hall in February and reported on the concerns local people have. Councillor McKie has also met with the members of this group and supplied them with further information. No planning application has been put forward, however, Councillors noted the group and concerns for fracking.

300/15 CLERKS REPORT

Next Police Beat Surgery Monday 21st March 2016

Local Community Magazine: a monthly update continues with this magazine which is now reaching more residents.

Pier: No update

Utility Supplier

A new 3 year contract has been started at a lower rate, we were not previously

in a contract and paying a higher daily rate. Once the toilets have been signed over I will also see what deal they can offer on them. The Recreation Ground also has a meter which now needs to be serviced, an invoice for £55.00 for the quarter has been received. I need to read the meter and I have asked the Isle of Wight Council and the SSE if they have a key and neither have. I have therefore pinned a sign to give 21 days notice that the bolt will be replaced and to contact the Parish Clerk if they believe to have a key. This will be dealt with as soon as possible.

Training

The Archive training attended was very good and Ms Cooper will take this lead.

Annual Parish Meeting

Tuesday 19th April 2016 6.30pm Church Hall, two banners have been ordered attract Totland Residents and will be displayed at the Church Hall and Parish Office. Adam Tucker and Natural Enterprise will be guest speaking.

Joint Parish Meeting, no minutes as yet.

Website is continuing to be updated

Parish Office

The Conservation Department have now agreed on the new door for the office and this will be carried out in the next couple of months. The decorator will paint the internal office after.

Kendal Road

Residents have complained about the poor condition of The Broadway and its potholes. With the additional heavy traffic passing recently, for Church Hill resurfacing, they are concerned as vehicles are 'shaking their property'. The residents have been told the road will not be resurfaced until Southern Water repair the broken water pipe. I have spoken to Southern Water and they informed me that no calls relating to a broken pipe have been logged. Further investigation needs to be carried out to find out exactly where this broken or damaged pipe is and report back.

Dog Owners

Contact has been made with the Isle of Wight Council asking if they have adopted the ruling; on-spot fines for dog walkers who don't have 'poop scoop' bags. Dog walkers caught without a bag to clear up pets' mess face fines. This new measure is being adopted under a law passed last year, the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime And Policing Act, which empowers councils to create a Public Space Protection Order to tackle problems linked to dogs, litter, alcohol or any other local scourge. The fines are given out by dog wardens or other council enforcement officials. Will feed back next month.

Planning Enforcement

Councillor Geoff Lumley reported at the recent F & GP meeting of IWALC that planning enforcement would be kept for another year by the Isle of Wight Council but that it would go next year. Half of the Town & Parish Councils who responded have agreed to pay in to this service providing all accept the terms.

Recreation Ground

Gym equipment has movement and bolts need tightening.

The 5 bar metal gate has no pins on the hinges so you can lift the gate up for access

Sign on post is very worn, this could be overlaid with a new sign and Totland Parish Council could be added. Clerk has agreed for this work to be carried out and recharged back.

Isle be Active

An email had been received from the Community Active Sports Department regarding upcoming activities in Ventnor, Newport, Ryde and Cheverton Farm. Clerk replied stating a disappointment as there was nothing for the West Wight.

Totland Village Trust Company

The Annual Return has been returned which remains Dormant; cost £13.00.

Speed Signs

Following on from Dr Sweetmans letter last month, The Avenue is a restricted road (30mph because it has a system of street lights) and repeater signs are not permitted on restricted roads. In a 30mph speed limit, painted carriageway roundels are only allowed where there are upright signs. Therefore on this road, the regulations do not allow the installation of additional signs or painted speed limit roundels. An option could be to have a vehicle activated sign and Island Roads have added this to the Safety Assessment Register for consideration.

Public Footpath Windmill Lane

Clearing along this footpath to possibly add a rear drive has been brought to the Clerks attention. This has been passed to the Ward Cllr and ROW who are looking into.

New Contact Information

Due to staff changes the Isle of Wight Council have arranged for new contact information to them and we now have a direct email address.

Island Roads

The annual asset meeting update has been arranged for Tuesday 22nd March – Councillor Fennell and the Clerk will attend.

A letter has been sent to the Church Hall asking if they could cut the grass and allow the Chairman to plant some flowers in time for the Best Kept Village Awards.

301/15 PUBLIC TOILETS

1. Three quotations have been received to carry out the cleaning and supplying of consumables. After consideration Councillors agreed with the recommendation from the Clerk and will meet with Freshwater Clerk to discuss the clustering and agree points. Proposed Councillor Howe, seconded Councillor Cave all agreed. **RESOLVED**
2. No lease received or confirmation of repairs being carried out.
3. Struggling to find a Surveyor for a rebuild cost, will keep looking.

302/15 PARISH OFFICE

The Canopy at the front of the Parish Office has pulled away from the main building considerable. The Clerk contacted a builder and they have acro-propped this and will complete the work by the end of March. The cost for this is £652.00 and after talking with the Chairman it was agreed to go ahead. Proposed Councillor Howe, seconded Councillor Filby all agreed. **RESOLVED**

303/15 WEBSITE PHOTOGRAPHS

Further photographs to be taken of Totland in the Spring/Summer seasons was agreed at a cost of £150.00. Proposed Councillor Cave, seconded Councillor Wilson all agreed. **RESOLVED.**

304/15 LAND

1. No information for the land off Hurst Point View and car park.
2. No licence had been received from the Isle of Wight Council for Colwell Common. Councillor Howe to make enquiries.
3. From the Parish Open Day questionnaire asking the opinions of residents on how they would like to see the top of Colwell Common left, either as a wild meadow or return to the regular cuts. There was slightly more wanting the area cut regularly. Councillors therefore agreed Colwell Common would revert back to regular cuts avoiding the Orchids when

possible. It was agreed Turvills Field and One Horse Field were well established wild meadows and as Colwell Common is the entrance to Totland it should look tidy. Proposed Councillor McKie, seconded Councillor Blamire All agreed. **RESOLVED**

305/15 HM QUEEN ELIZABETH II 90th BIRTHDAY

1. The Needles Landmark Attraction will participate with this event by lighting the Beacon on 21st April.
2. Commemorative coins in celebration of this event were viewed and Councillors agreed not to purchase at a cost of £1.99 each.

306/15 SPONSORSHIP

Two sponsorship requests were received after the budget had been set.

1. West Wight Timebank – agreed £100.00 Proposed Councillor Filby, seconded Councillor Howe. Councillor McKie did not agree to this.
2. Walking & Cycling Festivals 2016 – All Councillors agreed not to support this event.

307/15 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

1. The Clerk gave background information on a previous attempt to have a Village Design Statement and the Councillors response to the Neighbourhood Plan idea when initially discussed. Councillor Blamire gave an update on information for a Neighbourhood Plan and Councillors were unsure for the need in Totland. It was agreed this year would be spent obtaining further information and Councillor Blamire would invite experts to talk to the Parish Councillors.
2. Consideration to produce a Neighbourhood Plan commencing 2017 was postponed.

308/15 CORRESPONDENCE

Noted:

1. Isle of Wight Council
Tree Orders
 - Heatherland, Colwell Common
 - 1 Cranstoun Close
 - Lomarick, Church Hill
 - Heatherwood, Church Hill
 - Weston Villa, Weston Road
 - Whittles Way, Westlands
 - Christchurch Church
 - Country Garden House, Church Hill
2. Isle of Wight Council
Street Trading
 - Jules Ices Street Trading Consent (Renewal) for Jules Ices has now been granted.
 - Application for an adult gaming centre at Needles Park issued.

309/15 TABLED ITEMS

Gift to Nature news March 2016

The return of the Horticulture Shield for parish archives and payment of £48.25 for the replacement cut was agreed.

310/15 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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
School Building use

Invite a representative from FYTBus to update Councillors on the progress of the service.
Councillor Wilson would send notes to the Clerk regarding the YHAC meeting.
Councillor McKie will be holding several meetings regarding the EU Referendum and will hold one in the Memorial Hall on 24th March 2016.

Meeting Closed 9.40pm