

Totland Parish Council

Minutes of the **TOTLAND PARISH COUNCIL** meeting held on **Wednesday 12th April 2017 at 7.30pm** in the **PARISH OFFICE**, Winchester House, The Broadway, Totland.

PRESENT: Councillors: Vince Fennell (VF), Jane Cave (JC), David Filby (DF), Helen Wood (HW), Steve Blamire (SB) and John Howe (JH)

Also Present: Helen Gibbs – Parish Clerk & RFO
2 x Public

Public Forum

Public would like to speak on item 115/17.

108/17 APOLOGIES

To receive apologies for absence. Councillor Iain McKie

109/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors are reminded of their responsibility to declare any disclosable pecuniary interest which they may have in an item of business on the agenda no later than when the item is reached. None

110/17 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

*To receive for approval minutes of the Parish Council meeting as below:
Extra Ordinary Council Wednesday 5th April 2017.*

RESOLVED: Proposed Councillor Howe, seconded Councillor Cave all agreed.

111/17 FINANCE

- To receive bank reconciliation and balances to 31st April 2017.* **NOTED**
- To approve the schedule of payments to 12th April 2017 and listed below. To include and note Clerks 1 point pay increase in accordance with item 6.3 from the National Association of Local Councils and The Society of Local Council Clerks Contract as successfully obtaining The Certificate in Local Council Administration.*
RESOLVED
- To agree and accept the figures for the Parish Council Reserves 2017/2018.*
RESOLVED. Councillors asked for this to be displayed at the Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday 25th April.

<u>Payment Method</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>
BT	Island Cleaning Solutions	638.00
DD	SSE	48.77
DD	PWL	1190.06
BT	Companies House	13.00
DC	Hurst	18.58
DC	B & Q	51.57
DC	Hurst	12.70
DC	Approved CS	324.00
3044	Idverde	5904.00
3045	Freshwater Parish Council	199.00
3046	Idverde	1964.28
3047	IOW County Press	149.04
3048	5 Star Pest Control	130.00
3049	Isle of Wight Council	2754.24
3050	Isle of Wight Council	402.00
3051	Lake Supplies	198.44
3052	High Glass	18.00
3053	West Wight Sports and Community Centre	10,000.00

112/17 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1. To review applications for comment:

Application No.	Location	Proposal
TCP/32712/A - P/00235/17	land adjacent to Country Garden Hotel Church Hill	Proposed detached dwelling with parking (revised scheme)(readvertised)
<p>Comments</p> <p>Councillors agreed the new application has not mitigated any of the previous application comments made against this development from Totland Parish Council, Isle of Wight Council or the Planning Inspectorates Appeal Decision. From the Planning Inspectorates dismissal several items remain.</p> <p>Point 6: Country Garden is set back from Church Hill and behind a lawn and turning area adds positively to the significance of the conservation area and to the front next to the lawn is a mature beech tree that also makes a valuable contribution to the character of the surroundings when view from the road.</p> <p>Point 8: This application would result in a cramped and excessive development on the plot and would fail to respect the more spacious, landscaped housing layouts in this area.</p> <p>Point 9: The scheme would detract unacceptably from the spacious setting of The Country Garden, eroding the contribution it now makes to the conservation area.</p> <p>Point 10: With regards to the beech tree, this application would reduce its contribution to the locality by concealing it greatly and undermining its pleasing spacious context. If this application is granted for the dwelling it could well result in pressure for the tree to be thinned or removed so further harming the verdant nature of the surroundings.</p> <p>Item 16: Totland Parish Council can confirm there is no shortfall in housing of this type in the area. 200m South West of this application there is land with planning permission for 4 houses; this land has been for sale since 2012/2013.</p> <p>Totland Parish Council have considered this application fully and recommend refusal.</p>		

Application No.	Location	Proposal
TCP/33007 - P/00309/17	Sherwood House Broadway Totland Bay	Householder Application Proposed first floor extension forming additional living accommodation
<p>Comments</p> <p>Councillors would like to make comment regarding the materials for this proposed extension: The main entrance door and the hanging tiles are part of the original features and therefore would like these retained and not compromised as they compliment the original building.</p>		

2. To receive Planning Permission Granted

Application No.	Location	Proposal
P/00124/17	Land at former, Fort Warden Holiday Camp Site, Fort Warden Road.	New dwelling on former swimming pool site.
Decision: Granted Plan Permission (or issue Cert)		

113/17 REPORTS

To Accept Verbal or Written Reports from sub-groups, committees and representatives of committees and agree recommendations from the committees.

1. Ward Councillor John Howe

I have been in contact with Island Roads regarding a hole that has opened on The Avenue after it had been resurfaced. Island Roads will be sorting this. They are also looking into the chipped kerbs as well.
2. Open Spaces Councillor Blamire

We have been looking at the areas in Totland and particularly the entrance to the Beach on the corner of Turf Walk and Stokes Green. We would like to improve the landscape with mid-levels of planting. We would remove the dead trees and the self-seeding sycamores and continue to enhance what is already good.

I have spent some time with L Cooper, who is cataloguing our Archives, and

pulling out original photographs of this area and its landscaping. As part of this project we would clear the area to uncover the old pathways and add further Scots Pines. Works could start October 2017. Councillor Cave thanking Councillor Blamire for all his efforts with this and was very excited about this project.

A request was also made regarding an additional litter bin at the top of Widdick Chine. The dog bin is working very well, however, people are also leaving bags of rubbish at the same point. Clerk to obtain quotes.

There is also concern around Widdick Chine regarding surface water running down from where the trees were harshly felled. Clerk to contact SSSI initially regarding the tree works and also Island Roads regarding the running water.

3. Skate Park/MUGA

The Committee met earlier this week and minutes had been circulated to all Councillors. Matters arising: the new sign for the 'Rules' – Councillors agreed with the wording. Freshwater Parish Council have also invited Totland Parish Council to work with them on the MUGA under the same principle of the Skate Park, 50/50. Figures were unknown at this time and for that reason the Clerk recommended further discussion take place after the Elections this year.

4. Projects

The Car Boot Sale last weekend was very successful and the money was split 50/50 with the 1st Freshwater/Totland Scout Group. Additional barrier fencing along with road pins will be needed and the Clerk suggested a banner with No Parking for the lower area under the trees. The cost involved would be no more than £50.00 and Councillors agreed for the Clerk to go ahead with this. The Chairman allowed a member of the public to speak at this point: The Carnival Committee have barrier fencing and road pins and are happy for the Parish Council to use this at any time if they could also store it. Councillors thanked them for this and accepted this offer.

An open day on Wednesday 19th April for the Mosaic Project is being advertised. This is an invitation open to all residents to come and contribute by either drawing or offering ideas for the project and to look at the materials we have.

Men in Sheds have started advertising. The Clerk confirmed there will be no additional cost to add them onto the insurance when working in Totland. The Clerk has purchased and fitted new padlocks.

The Heads of Term for Weston Car Park and Field has been signed and passed to the Isle of Wight Council who have agreed our terms. This has now been forwarded to their legal department for finalising. Disposal of the former Weston Academy site has also been put forward. The Isle of Wight Council are currently in the process of obtaining permission from the Secretary of State for the disposal of the playing fields on the former Weston Academy site and this application includes the proposed lease to the Parish Council. As part of the process they are required to formally consult with the local community. This consultation is only relevant to the disposal of the playing fields and not the School buildings.

The pumping station on the Recreation Ground has still not been agreed and Councillor Howe suggested passing this to the Isle of Wight Council to now deal. All agreed the Clerk had gone as far as possible to resolve this matter and agreed to pass back to the Isle of Wight Council.

114/17

CLERKS REPORT

To receive the Clerk's report and matters arising.

The Clerk notified all Councillors that the date for the next Full Council Meeting would be Wednesday 17th May 2017, 1 week later, due to the legal timing of documentation being delivered to Councillors after the Election.

I am still following up the Dog Poo bin on the corner of Heathfield Meadows and the chestnut paling fence on Madeira Road.

The monthly magazine continues to be reported through and after the Elections I would

like to include Councillors with this as much as possible.

Notification has been received for the Best Kept Village inspections to commence 1st May. Councillors to look at the fence to establish if it needs rubbing down and repainting.

The mole contractor has been asked to continue on Turf Walk.

I continue to help many residents to use the parish computers; mostly for home finding on a Wednesday morning. One of the computers is not working, unable to access the internet. They have always been slow connecting to the internet and maybe just a case of purchasing a booster, I will find out further details and report back. I will attempt to upgrade to Windows 10.

Totland Bay Wallgate unit in ladies broken down, an engineer has been notified.

Southern Water had sent another bill for the Turf Walk which was disconnected back in November- this was for waste water. I have spoken to them and emailed confirmation of this cancellation and expect a credit for this amount.

The survey is being carried out on the Memorial Hall and a report should follow quite quickly. A puddle of water was found behind the hall and Rob Allen, Freshwater Asset Manager, has looked at this and offered advice to the Caretaker.

A residents has asked if the Parish Council could look at a crossing or similar to be able to cross The Broadway; those who have difficulty or just not very quick struggle to cross. Clerk to bring back to another meeting to discuss fully.

West Wight Sports & Community Centre won the Peoples Lottery for a project helping adults with learning difficulties 'COOK Project'.

The treated Japanese Knotweed has been reported as growing again, I have passed information to the Isle of Wight Council who has spoken to the contractor and assured them this is not happening. Councillor Cave also believes this is growing again. Clerk will speak to them again.

115/17 WEST WIGHT CARNIVAL/PARADES

To consider the running of an annual event under a Committee of the Parish Council and involve the residents of Totland.

The Clerk confirmed the Parish Council can hold a Carnival/Parade and their insurance will cover them. Therefore a Committee will need to be formed and invite residents who would also like to be involved with this. This will be deferred until after the Elections.

116/17 SUMMERS LANE

To receive updates on the additional signage and speed reduction to 20mph.

The Isle of Wight Council are obtaining costs for this work.

117/17 BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION DEFIBRILLATORS

To nominate 4 people in Totland to attend training with the Ambulance Service at a cost of £12.00 per person.

Councillors agreed for the Clerk and representatives from Highdown Inn, The Waterfront and Memorial Hall for the 4 people in Totland.

118/17 MEMORIAL HALL

To receive information relating to the front doors of the Memorial Hall and consider the recommendations from the Committee.

The Clerk has asked the Freshwater Parish Council Clerk to check if this is covered on the insurance. No further update from this. The information received has been noted and Councillors do not like the uPVC as a replacement and would rather this remain wood. A carpenter should be approached for a quotation as well.

119/17 ALLOTMENTS

To receive notification from Freshwater Parish Council of Totland residents who are on the

waiting list for allotments.

There are currently 5 on a waiting list with Freshwater Parish Council. The Parish Council hold the power to provide Allotments providing 6 residents request this and the demand is required. In 2007 Totland Parish Council offered to work with Freshwater Parish Council on a 50/50 working arrangement which was turned down, however, they were happy to continue offering this to Totland residents and those would be added to the waiting list on a first come first serve basis for all. As a note in 2007 there were also 5 Totland residents on a waiting list. Councillor Howe agreed to approach West Wight Nursery and make inquiries on behalf of the Parish Council.

120/17 TREES

1. To receive and note tree works/orders:

- a. Country Garden, Church Hill - NOTED
- b. The Cottage, Church Hill - NOTED
- c. Orchid Court, Church Hill - NOTED
- d. Colwell Bay Inn - NOTED

2. Charter for Trees, Woods and People

To consider becoming a Charter Branch.

Councillors agreed to the Clerk signing Totland Parish Council onto this.

121/17 SOUTHERN VECTIS COASTER SERVICE

To consider support for Chale, Chillerton and Gatcombe and Niton and Whitewell Parish Councils initiative regarding Southern Vectis Coaster Service.

Due to Southern Vectis reducing the no. 6 bus summer service several Parish Councils are making a request to the Isle of Wight Council for concessionary passes to be accepted on the coaster service. The Isle of Wight Council will be asked to review the designation of the Coaster service as a tourist route, on which passes are not accepted. These Parish Councils would very much appreciate support for this initiative, which would also increase the number of bus journeys available to passholders in our parish. Councillors agreed to support at this point.

122/17 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

To receive updates on the upcoming Annual Parish Meeting.

To confirm the meeting will commence at 6.00pm and not 6.30pm. It was agreed to set the Maypole and Car Boot flags on the outside of the Church Hall to encourage residents to the meeting.

The Clerk would arrange displays, photographs and Councillor Blamire would help with an Archive display.

123/17 CORRESPONDENCE

To receive correspondence and action as required:

NHS letter – confirming and thanking the Parish Council for the money found and donated.

124/17 TABLED ITEMS

Hampshire Archive information passed to Councillor Blamire.

Any Other Business

Councillor Cave would be happy to display any posters on her fence.

Date of next Parish Council meetings:

Full Council Wednesday 17th May 2017 – 7.30pm