

Totland Parish Council

Minutes of the **TOTLAND PARISH COUNCIL** meeting held on **Monday 12th July 2021** at **7.00pm**, Church Hall, The Broadway.

PRESENT: Councillors: Jan Cave (JC), Helen Wood (HW), Vince Fennell (VF), Hilary Bennis (HB), Steve Blamire (SB) and Michael Locke (ML)

Others Present: Parish Clerk, Isle of Wight Councillor Chris Jarman

Public Forum

There will be up to 15 minutes available for members of the public to speak, *in accordance with the Public Participation Procedure, copies of which are available at meetings or on the website.* At the Chairman's discretion, members of the public may be invited to speak on specific items during the meeting, but this is not a given.

None

Guest Speaker: Charlotte Begg – Freshwater Library, Puzzle Trail Totland
Unfortunately, Charlotte was unable to attend this evening, the Clerk circulated the presentation. Councillors agreed to rearrange an online meeting to discuss this further.

139/21 APOLOGIES & WELCOMES

To receive and accept apologies for non-attendance.

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors' Howe and Wyre

140/21 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. Unless dispensation has been granted, you may not participate in any discussion of, or vote on any matter in which you have a pecuniary interest. You must withdraw from the room when the meeting discusses and votes on the matter.

Councillor Bennis anything relating to FYTBus

141/21 MINUTES

To receive for approval minutes of the parish Council meeting(s) as below:

Full Council – Monday 14th June 2021 - **RESOLVED**

Proposed: Councillor Fennell, seconded Councillor Bennis, all agreed

142/21 FINANCE & GRANTS – *papers to be distributed at meeting or attached to Agenda*

1. *To Note Internal Audit Report, reviewing internal controls and outcome of review.*
NOTED.

2. *To note the Fixed Asset Register and agree to 31st March 2021.*
NOTED and AGREED

3. *To confirm Business Rates relief*
NALC was pleased to announce that its long-standing campaign to secure business rates relief on public toilets had come to a successful end, with the Non-Domestic Rating (Public Lavatories) Act receiving Royal Assent. For Totland this helps with the Totland Public Toilets and will save over £600.00. The Isle of Wight Council has already refunded this sum, however, the Parish Council has not yet paid this account and therefore this will need to be refunded.

4. *FYTBus Electric bus Loan: To discuss the possibility of a future loan/grant*
Councillor Bennis left the room.
The Clerk updated Councillors on the original loan which was for £5000.00 and still being repaid at £500.00/year. The outstanding balance is

£1500.00. There was also no interest to pay on this loan. Money has not been ring-fenced for this and therefore would need to form part of the 22/23 budget and the consultation with the public. Councillor Jarman suggested FYTBus contact him, and he would put them in touch with the Isle of Wight Council who are working on a scheme and already in possession of 5 electric cars. Clerk to pass on the details.

143/21 PLANNING APPLICATIONS, DECISIONS, APPEALS & TREE WORKS

1. To consider planning applications as below:

Demolition of double garage; Proposed dwelling with access from York Lane; landscaping

Hurst View Alum Bay New Road Totland Isle Of Wight PO39 0ES

Comments: Councillors discussed this application and concern was discussed regarding the access onto York Lane and the precedent this could set.

Proposed detached dwelling

Land Adjacent To Tekoa Princes Road Freshwater Isle Of Wight PO40 9EF

Comments: The Clerk explained that this application had been incorrectly advertised with the address showing as Princes Road and should be Upper Princes Road. In addition from a search on the planning website this application does not appear as it is under Freshwater and not Totland/Colwell. The Clerk would email planning and ask for this to be readvertised.

2. TREE APPLICATIONS – NOTED

T1; Ash (Fraxinus Excelsior) - Dismantle. Tree contributes little to landscape and is now encroaching property and causing excessive shade. T2 and T3; Sycamores (Acer Pseudoplatanus) - Dismantle. Trees contribute little to landscape and are now encroaching property and causing excessive shade.

Egan House Madeira Road Totland Isle Of Wight PO39 0BJ

T1; Red Oak(Quercus Rubra) - Reduce dieback to top of canopy, similar to retrenchment methods, approximately 30%. Tree has significant dieback and "Artists Fungus"(Ganoderma appalantum). T2; Red Oak(Quercus Rubra) - Crown clean and remove dieback. Tree has an amount of deadwood and dieback.

4 Woodlands Totland Isle Of Wight PO39 0FE

T1; Corsican Pine - Dismantle to ground level due to large cavity at base of tree. T2; Corsican Pine - Dismantle to ground level.

York Cottage York Road Totland Totland Bay Isle Of Wight PO39 0HB

T1; Leylandii - Dismantle to ground level (client concerned as it is leaning into the garden).

Eden House Eden Road Totland Totland Bay Isle Of Wight PO39 0EJ

3. DECISIONS – To receive planning decisions/tree decisions from the Isle of Wight Council

Application No: 21/00561/FUL

Location: Land Adjacent Highdown House Alum Bay Old Road

Proposal: Retention of duck shelter, excavation of wildlife pond, day shelter and additional hardstanding for vehicle parking

Decision: GRANTED

4. OTHER PLANNING

To receive verbal reports on any other Planning related item.

Stoats Farm –An enforcement case has been opened with various items, one being the tarmac road.

Hawkridge Manor Farm – drainage concerns with the landscaping that is taking place, no update.

144/21 REPORTS

1. *Isle of Wight Councillor for Totland & Colwell – Councillor Chris Jarman*
The report was circulated to Councillors
Councillor Surgeries will commence Thursday 22nd July between 9am and 11am.
Councillor Jarman would also forward the Island Road District Steward list along with the Isle of Wight Asset Register.
2. *Open Spaces:*
To discuss the next stage of the mole contract, options attached to Agenda
The Clerk recommended plan 2 which would see weekly visits to cover the high activity season and bi-weekly visits for the low activity season. The cost would be £1804.00 + VAT. Councillor Fennell proposed this recommendation be accepted with Councillor Wood seconding and all agreed. This contract would commence 1st October 2021.
Other Open Spaces
The dead elm trees have been taken down on T1 footpath. A tree had also come down on Weston Field, this has also been removed quickly. Total cost £370.00. Councillors approved this cost for emergency works arranged by the Clerk.
3. *Clerk*
1st Freshwater & Totland Scout group will be carrying out a litter pick on Totland Recreation Ground.
Sewerage discharge – This link is now available on the Parish website.
Lamp-post poppies were ordered and have arrived.
Bowling Club – PSA Blood Test event Saturday 24th July – I am trying to clear the car park for this event.
Island Roads have been asked to cut back T1 Colwell Chine Road to Fort Warden Road. T14 Cliff Road to York Lane and Heath Meadows – widening of the pinch point.
No update has been received from Freshwater Parish Council regarding the Memorial Hall works to the door and window.
Widdick Chine – works to the bottom step have been completed.
Residents have spoken to the Clerk regarding an Adult Safeguarding issues which has been reported.
I will be asking Men in Sheds to repair or make a new bin for Stokes Green.
We will be meeting at the Bowling Club from September until December.
4. *Beach Buoys; To agree additional buoys at Widdick Chine and update for Colwell.*
The additional cost to Widdick Chine is £1250.00 – Councillors agreed to this cost. Widdick Chine is now a safe swim area.
The marker buoys and launching buoys at Colwell are still not right with only 2 marker buoys out and the launching buoys in the wrong position. Clerk will speak with the Isle of Wight Council.
5. *Allotments*
No update
6. *Memorial Hall*
The Memorial Hall has obtained more quotations for the works to the damp areas and once received the Clerk will share with Councillors.
7. *Widdick Chine Memorial Seat – letter attached to Agenda*
Councillors understand how upsetting and disappointing this is for the family and want to reassure them that this was not done on purpose. The bench that was in place was rotten and damaged and the Clerk spoke with ROW who were going to remove the seat. A request for the Parish Council to replace the said bench was given providing that the Parish Council took over the responsibility of this. The Clerk has spoken to the new owners who do not want to share the cost of this bench and are also sorry but they

have done everything that has been asked of them. Councillors suggested that a seat at the bottom of Widdick Chine could be possible, the Clerk will have a look.

145/21 WELCOME BACK FUND

To receive updates and agree bid, no more than £5000.00

This is disappointing as the goal post has changed. The Isle of Wight Council will not be giving the money to the Parish Council but arranging for these works to go ahead. The Clerk has tried several times to speak to this department but no luck. They need to know before 16th July.

Councillor Blamire asked the Clerk to pursue with contacting this department in order that Councillors could make up their minds on what they wanted to do. Clerk will email Councillors as soon as possible for a decision to be made.

146/21 PUMP TRACK

To receive updates

A meeting has taken place and plans are being drawn up now for the planning permission. The plan is for this to be in place by September/October.

147/21 ROAD SAFETY

To receive updates for the junction of Madeira Road, Granville Road and Cliff Road.

The Clerk has contacted Island Roads and asked for an onsite meeting to discuss further. This has been passed to the Road Safety Engineer for review and to be added to the HSIR. I have asked for this not to be added to this ever-growing list mentioning that the cost may be met by the Parish Council.

148/21 TOTLAND POST OFFICE

To receive updates

Community Action is very much behind at the moment and having difficulty with the Post Office overall, in dealing with the details of the whole contract and how we move forward on places who do not have a post office.

As it is a stand still with Totland, and the fact they are still offering a full service over and above the hours required, and the collection of the parcels from the Totland post office is becoming increasingly difficult. Going forward they will have to cut down the hours worked each day and take away the Saturday, plus remove the picking up of the parcels for customers. In doing all of that they hope that Royal Mail, who only at local level have agreed, to then collect our post each day but have yet to get this to move further.

There has also been a lot of questions from customers about Freshwater and the Post Office however, staff have been assured the Post Office will stay when taken over by Tesco.

149/21 CORRESPONDENCE

To receive correspondence and reply as necessary.
None.

150/21 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No decisions can be made under this item, however, Councillors can bring any matters up at this point that do not appear on the Agenda.

Meeting closed 8.45pm