

## Totland Parish Council

Minutes of the **TOTLAND PARISH COUNCIL** meeting held on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 7.00pm**, at Totland Bay Bowling Club, The Broadway.

**PRESENT:** Councillors: Jan Cave (JC), Hilary Benns (HB), Vince Fennell (VF) and Steve Blamire (SB)

**Others Present:** Parish Clerk and Yarmouth Harbour representative T Adams.

### Guest Speaker

Mr Adams spoke about Yarmouth Harbour and how it is run along with his powers as the Harbour Master.

The Advisory Committee are happy to receive updates from Parish Councils in attendance as at times this can be useful.

The safe swimming area at Widdick Chine was successful over the summer but there was still the occasional rib that came inside the buoys. We can report these to Hampshire and IOW Police using 111. Photographs which include the identification reference is very helpful as well. The Clerk will also forward these on to Yarmouth Harbour.

Colwell slipway and launching lane had boats parking between and the Clerk spoke with The Hut who helped by asking boat owners to move out of this lane. Unfortunately anybody can buy a 'ship' this term covers all water powered vessels, without any knowledge, however, new laws are on the way.

Councillors found this very useful and thanked Mr Adams for coming to the Parish Council meeting. Mr Adam left the meeting at 7.39pm.

### 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**

Ref	Item
<b>183/21</b>	<p><b>APOLOGIES</b> To receive and accept apologies for non-attendance. Apologies were received from Councillor Howe who is isolating, Councillor Wood and Wyre who are both away. All apologies were accepted. <b>RESOLVED to accept.</b></p>
<b>184/21</b>	<p><b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b> <i>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.</i> None</p>
<b>185/21</b>	<p><b>MINUTES</b> To receive for approval minutes of the parish Council meeting(s) as below: Full Council – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021– <b>RESOLVED</b> Proposed Councillor Benns, seconded Councillor Fennell all agreed.</p>
<b>186/21</b>	<p><b>FINANCE &amp; GRANTS – papers to be distributed at meeting or attached to Agenda</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To receive bank reconciliation and balances to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021. The bank reconciliation to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021 was received and noted.</li> <li>To agree the approval of payments to 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021. <b>APPROVED</b>, Proposed Councillor Fennell, seconded Councillor Blamire.</li> </ol>

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<p><b>187/21</b></p>	<p><b>Co-Option</b>  <i>To receive applications.</i>                  Two Applications have been received and both will be invited to the next meeting. Councillors will then take a vote on which one to co-opt.</p>																																																																																										
<p><b>188/21</b> <b>1.</b></p>	<p><b>PLANNING APPLICATIONS, DECISIONS, APPEALS &amp; TREE WORKS</b>                  To consider planning applications as below:</p> <p><b><u>Proposed detached bungalow</u></b>                  Land Adjacent Little Orchard Elliston Road Totland Bay Isle Of Wight PO39 0BA                  Ref. No: 21/02325/FUL                  Comments: No comment</p> <p><b><u>Variation of condition no 2 on 20/01521/FUL relating to Plots 4 and 7</u></b>                  Land Adjacent To Westerly House And South Of Alum Bay New Road Totland Bay Isle Of Wight PO39                  Ref. No: 21/02280/RVC                  Comments: No comment</p> <p><b><u>Retention and continued use of driveway and steps</u></b>                  1 The Beeches The Broadway Totland Isle Of Wight PO39 0AT                  Ref. No: 21/02203/FUL                  Comments: Councillors were concerned with the additional flooding this has and will continue to cause along with the Island Roads comments – SB will confirm and come back to Clerk.</p> <p><b><u>Replacement of communications mast</u></b></p>																																																																																										

	<p>Needles Radio Site Needles Battery Road Totland Isle Of Wight                  Ref. No: 21/02182/FUL                  Comments: Councillors were concerned with the impact on the area as it is a designated AONB. However, this network is essential for the safe operation of the waters around our coast and vital to provide emergency communications. Planning must satisfy themselves that there would be no impact upon the historic tunnels that formed part of the rocket testing site.</p> <p><b><u>Proposed single storey rear extension</u></b>                  The Sett Uplands Road Totland Isle Of Wight PO39 0DZ                  Ref. No: 21/02064/HOU                  Comments: No Comment</p> <p>The Ward Councillor had received a complaint regarding Summers Court. Evidence has been gathered by local residents that the site is being used to store materials for other sites, a temporary storage area. The Clerk and Councillor Blamire would look into this further.</p>
<p><b>189/21</b></p>	<p><b>REPORTS</b>  <i>Isle of Wight Councillor Totland &amp; Colwell - Councillor Chris Jarman.</i>                  I was substantially involved in the discussion regarding the Birch Close planning application dealing with very many concerns of local residents, arranging two sessions at the Baptist Hall, talking to the Planning Committee as Totland and Colwell Ward Councillor and the crossing the hall (ending a 'convention' against doing so) to continue and vote on the planning application. Many worthy contributions were made quoting substantial policy issues from the Freshwater Neighbourhood Plan which we had been advised by planning staff and the Council member for planning were excellent and defensible material. In their report and at the planning committee meeting, planning staff largely ignored and belittled the FNP. When references to it were made the staff dismissed them. Critically the staff withheld the FNP from their briefing material to members of the planning committee leaving them uninformed on critical policy issues it contains. The motion to approve was rejected. A second motion to reject was modified by staff to remove critical FNP references as no copy of the FNP was available to committee members and so that motion was rejected. Despite there being a rule that the same item cannot be reconsidered with 6months, the motion to approve was represented and just passed. Appeals regarding the missing FNP, correct consideration of its policy issues and missing critical information on sewage responsibility were all dismissed by planning staff. The matter now rests upon the long list of conditions attached to the application.</p> <p>I have continued to hold my Totland and Colwell Ward surgeries on Thursdays and to deal with a wide range of local issues raised by residents.</p> <p>At IWCouncil my work has included the drafting of the annual budget, dealing with multiple audit issues and assisting colleagues on their portfolio financial issues.</p> <p>As Chair of the pension committee it was particularly pleasing to confirm that we have turned a £-32 million defect into a £23 million surplus.</p> <p><i>Open Spaces</i>                  Tree works have been carried out on Colwell Common and the grass has now been fully cut. There are a couple of trees that have snapped and some framing needs repairing. The Clerk will ask the maintenance person to look at this.                  Councillor Blamire left the meeting at 8.55pm</p> <p><i>Events Committee</i>                  The Christmas Fair went very well with great feedback from all.</p> <p>Clerk                  Recreation Ground - A professional company has carried out a brief visit to the Recreation Ground regarding the scrub area and if requested a full report could be carried out for £850.00 plus VAT. I also asked the IOWC for a breakdown of the works carried out on the Recreation Ground as the scrub area is just expanding each year. They had informed me that this area is rotary/flailed annually between mid-September and mid-November. This has not been carried out for a couple of years and this area is very overgrown and dense. It does need to be managed or it will continue to grow out of control. This morning I have been informed by a resident</p>

	<p>that the area had now been cleared without any discussion with the Parish Council. The Clerk has also contacted another contractor asking for a quotation to maintain the Recreation Ground.</p> <p><i>Memorial Hall</i> Works have been completed however additional quotes are being sought for further re-pointing works. The older persons Christmas meal was well attended and enormous thanks go to the volunteer servers and The Waterfront.</p> <p><i>West Wight Group of Councils</i> Next meeting will be January, same date as Parish Council meeting. Clerk confirmed letter had been sent to Bob Seeley MP supporting need for a Road Policing Unit.</p>
<b>190/21</b>	<p><b>WELCOME BACK FUND</b> <i>To receive updates of the Welcome Back Fund</i> The picnic benches and seats have now been ordered by the Isle of Wight Council.</p>
<b>191/21</b>	<p><b>CORRESPONDENCE</b> <i>To receive and note correspondence and reply as necessary.</i> The Clerk has been contacted by a new resident regarding the condition of the Pill Box along the seawall. The resident has suggested that the Parish Council has a legitimate legal option here for the pill box through the use of adverse possession and asked if this had been considered. Adverse Possession is based on an ancient philosophy requiring owners of land to actually make productive use of it. Adverse possession gives an opportunity for someone else to put the land to good use and therefore claim legal title to it after a defined period of time. The original landowner retains the ability to eject any trespasser at any point until the time requirement has elapsed and can contest the application providing the Land Registry can identify the owner.</p> <p>The Clerk has looked into this and taken advice and in order for the Parish Council to go down this route they would need to demonstrate that it had taken factual possession of the land on which the pill box sits for a minimum of 12 years, with the intention to possess it.</p> <p>The questions is does the Parish Council want to take on responsibility for repairing, making safe, maintaining the structure, including the H&amp;S considerations? Councillor felt there are better ways than adverse possession and will continue asking the Isle of Wight Council to add this to the cleaning round and ensure it is emptied of rubbish monthly and work towards maintaining this under safety grounds. Councillors do not want to add this structure to their assets and asked the Clerk to pursue the Isle of Wight Council to deal with this.</p>
<b>192/21</b>	<p><b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b> <i>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.</i> <i>If a decision is to be made this will be added to the Agenda for the next meeting.</i> The Clerk praised the Fire Service for their swift response to the recent fire behind the Church Hall, Councillors agreed.</p>

Meeting closed at 9.20pm