

## Totland Parish Council

Minutes of the **TOTLAND PARISH COUNCIL** meeting held on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 7.00pm**, at Totland Parish Council offices, The Broadway.

**PRESENT:** Councillors: Jan Cave (JC), Gareth Wyre (GW), Vince Fennell (VF), Hilary Benns (HB), Chris Jarman (CJ) and Steve Blamire (SB).

**Others Present:** Parish Clerk/RFO

### 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
167/22	<p><b>APOLOGIES</b></p> <p><i>To receive and accept apologies for non-attendance.</i></p> <p>Councillors Wood and Howe, apologies were accepted.</p>
168/22	<p><b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b></p> <p><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></p> <p>Councillor Jarman – Freshwater Parish Councillor Councillor Wyre – 170/22 (3) known to all suppliers</p>
169/22	<p><b>MINUTES &amp; MATTERS ARISING</b></p> <p>1. <i>To receive for approval minutes of the parish Council meeting(s) as below:</i></p> <p><i>Full Council – Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2022</i></p> <p>Proposed Councillor Wyre, seconded Councillor Benns, all agreed.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> minutes accepted as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.</p> <p>2. <i>Matters arising. This item is for updates from previous meetings only.</i></p> <p>4<sup>th</sup> October 2022</p> <p><u>FATAG</u> - It has been confirmed an electronic copy of the Totland Book will be shared with the Parish Council.</p> <p><u>Wood Deposit Area</u> - Councillor Jarman agreed to have two separate piles, one for unseasoned the other for seasoned.</p> <p><u>Totland Mens Toilets</u> - Second door has been made and installed and looks much better.</p> <p><u>Archive Stationery</u> - All purchased and delivered Mr Cooke will commence working on making folders to keep plans safe and undamaged – cost £84.97.</p> <p><u>Passing Places – turning areas</u> - Hurst Point View, Lanes End, Summers Lane and The Highdown.</p> <p><b>10<sup>th</sup> October 2022</b></p> <p><u>Post</u> - The post being installed on Colwell Common, by the ditch, will be carried out as soon as the weather changes.</p> <p><u>Colwell Chine Car Park</u> – An email was sent to the Isle of Wight Council asking for consideration be given to reducing by 4 parking spaces at Colwell Chine Road and bringing in an entrance and exit route. Parking services will look into this: <i>Clearly, there are arguments for and against the proposal and the removal of 4 bays amounts to removing nearly 9% of the available bays. This is itself could generate a great deal of adverse comment. However, I will discuss with colleagues from the</i></p>

Highways-PFI Team to assess their view of the issue and whether a wholesale refiguration of the car park can take place which mitigate against any loss of bays, whilst acknowledging your safety concerns.  
The Broadway Roundabout – Two names have been given to the Clerk who will make contact.

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

1. To receive bank reconciliation and balances to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022  
 The bank reconciliation and balances to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022 were noted.
2. To agree the approval of payments to 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022  
**APPROVED** and **RESOLVED** to make payments by cheque/bank transfer/debit card as below: proposed Councillor Wyre, seconded Councillor Fennell all agreed. **RESOLVED**

Idverde	£2662.08	Grass cutting contract
R Nelson	£315.00	Open Spaces maintenance
Ricoh	£139.96	Photocopier
Vectashield	£532.80	Pest control contract
WW Town & Parish Council	£269.50	Annual subscription
Brightstone Landscaping	£78.48	Grass cutting Nursery
Biffa Waste	£16.86	Office waste
High Glass	£24.00	Window cleaning
Island Roads	£153.13	Widdick Chine dog bin emptying
SSE	£170.61	Utilities
ICS	£729.00	Public toilet cleaning
Wight Computers	£14.54	365 Software/security

3. To approve the quotation for the final stage of maintenance to the Memorial Hall.  
 Quotations attached to Agenda.  
 Three quotations had been received all for the same works. One quotation included sealant to the entire wall after. Councillor Benns proposed to accept the lowest quotation, Councillor Fennell seconded this and all agreed. (GW did not take part in this vote). The Clerk will inform Freshwater Parish Clerk of the decision.
4. To ratify the purchase of a new projector and screen.  
 A new projector and screen had been purchased for the meeting room. Total cost £212.00. Councillor Fennell proposed this be ratified and Councillor Benns seconded this. All agreed. **RATIFIED.**
5. To approve the purchase of a powder coated container for Weston Field.  
 A donation of £1200.00 had been made towards this purchase. Councillors agreed to purchase the Expandastore at a cost to them of £917.00. Proposed Councillor Benns, seconded Councillor Fennell, all agreed.
6. *Projects - To discuss and agree moving forward with projects.*  
Totland Recreation Ground  
 Cycle Track – The funds are already in place for this project.  
 Dog Agility Area – The labour to install will be free, materials only to purchase and we are looking at cost price.  
 Football pitch – work with West Wight Youth Football Club and obtain funding.  
 A grant application to be made as a community project on the Recreation Ground.  
 Public Toilets will also be added later.  
Colwell Toilets – Due to the current climate, Councillors agreed to wait until the new year to look further at this along with the Recreation Ground.

	<p><u>Church Hall</u> Councillor wanted this to move forward. Initial consultation has been carried out and this will now move to the second level with a Local Housing Needs survey. The public works loan will be applied for in the new year.</p>
<p><b>171/22</b> <b>1.</b></p> <p><b>2.</b></p> <p><b>3.</b></p>	<p><b>PLANNING APPLICATIONS, DECISIONS, APPEALS &amp; TREE WORKS</b> <i>To consider planning applications as below:</i></p> <p><a href="#"><u>Condition compliance application on 22/00863/FUL relating to conditions 3 (Public Right of Way Improvements) and 4 (Overspill parking Area)</u></a> Needles Pleasure Park Alum Bay New Road Totland Totland Bay Isle Of Wight PO39 OJD Ref. No: 22/01807/DIS   Comment: No action from Parish Council.</p> <p><b>Treeworks</b> <a href="#"><u>T1 &amp; 2; Western red cedar – Remove. These trees have lost their ornamental value and have begun to look scruffy. Their habit of crown-formation makes them exceedingly difficult to manage beyond crown-lifting and/or 'topping'. Neither of these are desirable. T3; Silver birch – Remove/reduce (to within 2-3m of the stem/viable uprights) as appropriate, various over-extended limbs. To mitigate risk of limb failure and improve the aesthetic value of the tree.</u></a> Rostherne Cliff Road Totland Totland Bay Isle Of Wight PO39 OEW Ref. No: 22/01780/TW   Comment: Noted</p> <p><b>Decisions</b> Application No: 22/01501/HOU Location: 2 Dante Mews 14A The Avenue Totland Isle Of Wight PO39 0DH Proposal: Retention of shed <b>Decision: GRANTED</b></p>
<p><b>172/22</b></p>	<p><b>LEGAL</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>To agree legal fees for the Church Hall</i> The Parish Councils solicitors have quoted and estimated £1000.00 this is within the budget. Councillors approved and accepted this estimate.</li> <li><i>To agree 50/50 cost with Freshwater Parish Council to register the Memorial Hall.</i> Following the meeting last week the Clerk has made contact with Glanvilles asking if they could help and the cost to complete these works. Once received this will be shared with both Parish Councils. It was agreed to a 50/50 cost in order for this to be moved forward.</li> <li><i>To note the change for the access to Weston Field</i> The agreement has changed from 2 to 7 years.</li> </ol>
<p><b>173/22</b></p>	<p><b>REPORTS</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Isle of Wight Councillor Totland &amp; Colwell - Councillor Jarman.</i> Thursday ward surgeries continue. This past week it was over-subscribed (a rare event) and so additional sessions were scheduled with local residents on Saturday morning.  The benches on Colwell Common have been commented on very favourably.  I attended the Remembrance Day wreath laying in Yarmouth yesterday and an event at Little Hayes in the afternoon.  IWC Matters relating to our and all communities: October 2022 Extraordinary Full Council Meeting This was called as an extraordinary meeting and so should have been a single topic (dIPS) with no other matters or question time as per Constitution. The meeting however was given an agenda as per an ordinary full council meeting with full question time, announcements and a range of other topics.</li> </ol>

My motion-on-notice was the first submitted but was re-scheduled to the bottom of the agenda after the dIPS discussion and various poverty motions. I was advised by the monitoring officer that if the dIPS discussion voted for the dIPS then my motion would be ruled invalid as it would counter the earlier decision. He also advised that if the dIPS discussion voted against the dIPS then my motion would likewise be ruled invalid as duplicating another matter previously decided within the past 6 months.

The non-dIPS material added to the agenda took up the first 1h30mins after which a break was called. All were aware that an 'extraordinary meeting' cannot be extended beyond 3 hours.

Upon reconvening and the dIPS item being called on, I was first to indicate to speak and should have been called to do so as per protocol. I attempted to start and to propose a motion without notice to reject the dIPS on the same grounds as the motion-on-notice. Unfortunately, I was interrupted by the Chair who looked for other members to speak first. The Chair started with selecting Cllr Fuller (who was unprepared) who then proposed to accept the dIPS with old incorrect data as is. I sought to raise a point of order noting the Constitutional requirements regarding speaking order but was overruled.

There were other complaints regarding the multiple disregards of the Constitution but all were overruled.

The motion to approve the dIPS was rejected.

I then quickly reintroduced by motion to reject which was instantly seconded and some brief discussion started. The Chair decided to include the 15 minute break time within the length of the meeting such that 3hours had been reached (rather than the actual 2h45mins) and closed the meeting.

I noted that my motion, duly seconded, remained extant and must, per Constitution, be the first item of business at the next meeting and that no other motion (minutes included) could be passed until the motion on the table was resolved.

December 2022 Full Council Meeting.

Various representations were made regarding the agenda and order of business for the meeting due this Wednesday.

I was invited to retract my motion but repeatedly declined.

The agenda has now been issued and does not remotely follow the Constitution:

- my extant motion-without-notice has not been included.
- the rejected dIPS discussion has been relisted to apparently be heard again, despite this being within 6 months of the matter being rejected.
- my original motion-on-notice is retained but again moved to the back of the agenda after the relisted dIPS matter and hence subject to the same universal judgement of invalid by the monitoring officer.

In addition, a series of briefing papers have been issued by staff attempting to argue against my motion. These were supported by the calling of a pre-full council briefing on same by planning staff to all members, in an attempt to ensure my or any similar motion falls.

2023-24 Budget

Extensive work is underway in preparation for the 23/24 budget. I will talk more on this topic at the parish meeting. This was expanded on with concern expressed as to how the budget will balance and the increase this will have on residents.

2. *Open Spaces*

The car park area at Weston Field has been cleared and the pitch is in very good condition.

West Wight Men in Sheds will be working on the benches on Turf Walk and the Clerk asked for bench numbers along with costings to repair.

3. *Clerk*

Men in Sheds had put the lamp post poppies up last week and have taken down today for Remembrance Sunday.

Christmas Fair – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – will need to keep an eye on the common if the rain continues.

Mailing list for Totland residents has been promoted and several residents

	<p>have already been added. Currently using Excel but will look at Mailchimp.</p> <p>Community Speed Watch –monthly reports continue to be shared.</p> <p>Benches completed on Colwell Common and banner frame installed.</p> <p>Sentry Mead logo on the roundabout sign has been completed.</p> <p>Now we are back in the Parish Office Councillors were happy to carry out their meetings on site and no longer would use the Bowls club for meetings. Councillors thanked the Bowling Club for stepping in and allowing the Parish Council to use their facility.</p> <p>Gift to Nature – mock up boards received.</p> <p>Island Magazine who we add a newsletter into the free monthly magazine has asked if the Council would like a Xmas Card greeting for £15.00. Councillors agreed to this as the service is excellent.</p> <p>Warm Spaces – to be added to the December Agenda to confirm costings. Councillors will work with the Memorial Hall and talk with the Friday market team to see if we can work together for January and February.</p> <p>4. <i>To report of the recent meeting with Freshwater Parish Council regarding the Memorial Hall</i></p> <p>First call is to register with Land Registry, both Councils will meet again in 6 months to receive an update on this point.</p>
<p><b>174/22</b></p>	<p><b>TOTLAND RECREATION GROUND</b></p> <p>1. <i>To discuss an application to improve the Football pitch.</i></p> <p>Councillors agreed to work with the group to improve the football pitch and obtain or support grant applications to deal with drainage, fencing off section and pitch restoration. The Awards for All grant application would also form part of this in line with the Recreation Ground plans.</p> <p>2. <i>Final consultation date for the Cycle Track, Dog Agility Area, Football Pitch and Toilets.</i></p> <p>No date fixed but planning would commence to show how the Parish Council had considered all comments.</p>
<p><b>175/22</b></p>	<p><b>CORRESPONDENCE</b></p> <p>To receive and note correspondence and reply as necessary.</p> <p>Mapping workshop to be held at Calbourne Water Mill.</p> <p>The Island Collection is holding a mapping/workshop meeting at the Calbourne Water Mill to discuss the Island strategy for culture, art and heritage. This will give direction and collective power to apply for culture grants for the Island.</p> <p>Monday 5th December 10.30 - 1pm at The Water Mill.</p>
<p><b>176/22</b></p>	<p><b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b></p> <p><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></p> <p><i>If a decision is to be made this will be added to the Agenda for the next meeting.</i></p> <p>None.</p>

Meeting closed 8.45pm