# **Totland Parish Council**

Minutes of the **TOTLAND PARISH COUNCIL** meeting held on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 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

The Chairman announced the sad news of the passing of John Honeychurch. John was a Totland Parish Councillor for many years as well as Chairman for two. He was a Reader at Christ Church, Totland and with his wife Sally started the Totland charity shop 'Faith, Hope and Charity' raising thousands of pounds for many causes. John was also a Trustee of the West Wight Sports Centre and played a large part with the grant application for the Sports Centre. Many members of Totland community will remember him.

Ref	Item		
187/22	APOLOGIES		
	To receive and accept apologies for non-attendance.		
	Councillors Wood and Howe, apologies were accepted.		
188/22	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.  None		
189/22 1.	MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING		
1.	To receive for approval minutes of the Parish Council meeting(s) as below: Full Council – Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> November 2022		
	Proposed Councillor Fennell, seconded Councillor Benns, all agreed.		
	<b>RESOLVED</b> minutes accepted as a true and accurate record and signed by the		
	Chairman.		
2.	Matters arising This item is for updates from previous meetings only. The post on Colwell Common by the ditch have been completed and the reflectors have been ordered.		
	Freshwater Parish Council have also accepted the quotation from JOB Property Services to carry out the works to the Memorial Hall.		
	Memorial Hall registration: There has been no response from Glanvilles and therefore the Clerk contacted a specialised Parish Council solicitor. Cost will be £1000.00 per Council plus Land Registry fees. As no transfer document is in hand an application for adverse possession as opposed to first registration will be required. Information required: Use of hall, length of time, evidence of boundaries and photos. Official instruction now required to move forward. Councillors agreed to this but asked for an explanation for why adverse possession rather than possessory title. A timeline for this work was also		

requested. Details to be shared with Freshwater Parish Council for agreement.

Warm Spaces will commence on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January with the Memorial Hall and Friday market.

## **190/22 FINANCE & GRANTS –** papers to be distributed at meeting or attached to Agenda

1. To receive bank reconciliation and balances to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022

The bank reconciliation and balances to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022 were noted.

**2.** To agree the approval of payments to 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022

**APPROVED** and **RESOLVED** to make payments by cheque/bank transfer/ debit card as below: proposed Councillor Fennell, seconded Councillor Wyre all agreed. **RESOLVED** 

R Nelson	Maintenance	£82.50
Brighstone Landscaping	Nursery grass cutting 3 months	£235.44
Biffa Waste	Office waste	£31.03
Thompson Trees	Christmas tree Colwell	£275.00
High Glass	Window cleaning	£24.00
NDLE	Maintaining Christmas tree, hire lights & disposal	£852.00
ICS	Public toilet cleaning	£729.00
Amazon	Cokes Green tree lights	£50.98
Wight Computers	365 software/security	£14.54
Printed Today	Christmas Banner	£57.03
Wight Contractors	Emergency tree works Recreation Ground	£720.00
J Barnes	Weston car park clearance and disposal	£230.00
R Hunt	Huxley magic	£120.00
Marquees IOW	Marquee, flooring, lighting and generator	£1470.00
D Wayman	Post - Colwell Common	£1080.00

3.

To receive the draft budget for the precept setting for 2023/2024 and discuss.

Councillors agreed and accepted the budget as proposed.

Support will remain in place for the West Wight Sports & Community Centre, Community Connector and West Wight Nursery.

Beach Buoys at Widdick Chine and Colwell to remain in place.

To continue supporting Totland Bay Post Office.

To continue supported West Wight Youth Football.

New: Church Hall and public toilet upgrade - Public Work Loan repayments.

Precept request £142000.00 - this is a 0% increase from 2022/2023. Proposed Councillor Wyre, seconded Councillor Blamire. All agreed. **RESOLVED**: Precept request to the Isle of Wight Council - £142,000.00.

### 191/22 | PLANNING APPLICATIONS, DECISIONS, APPEALS & TREE WORKS

1. <u>To consider planning applications as below:</u>

Application: 22/02040/FUL

Location: Kingdom Hall of Jehovahs Witnesses

Proposal: Proposed front entrance alterations to include ramp access; alterations and

new canopy

Comments: No comment

2. Treeworks

Application No: 22/01567/TW

Location: Oak Grange Uplands Road Totland Isle Of Wight PO39 0DT

Proposal: Oak group 1 and T1; Crown lift all trees to approx. 4.5m. To alleviate nuisance/contact with building and improve light penetration. T2; Oak - Reduce whole crown area by approx. 30%. To improve form, remove dead/declining top-growth and clear utility line.

Decision: GRANTED

Application: 22/01384/TW

Location: 4b Fairfield Way, Totland

Proposal: T1 Oak – removal deadwood, raise crown by 3 meters, reduce crown growing towards house by 2 metres – to allow light, safety of house owners. T2 Oak – removal deadwood to allow light, safety of house owners.

**Decision: GRANTED** 

### 3. Planning Decisions

Application No: 21/02182/FUL

Location: Needle Radio Site, Needles Battery Road, Totland

Proposal: Replacement of communications mast

**Decision: GRANTED** 

## **192/22 REPORTS**

1. Isle of Wight Councillor Totland & Colwell - Councillor Jarman. Monthly summary Nov-Dec2022

Standing issues of Thursday morning ward surgery which continues to be useful. There have been a number of attendees from outside of my Ward (even Carisbrooke) that have been dealt with and their local ward members informed. Likewise I have received a growing number of issues from Freshwater South Ward in person, telephone and email.

I have been significantly involved in the community motivation and coordination of Christmas Shoeboxes for Ukrainian Soldiers as part of the Island, UK and International effort. West Wight residents have been very generous and boxes relayed frequently to the departing containers from East Cowes. I have frequently thought it complete only to be delighted with yet more arrivals. Deliveries will continue to be shipped to Ukraine up to their celebration on 7th January 2023.

Significant effort has again been deployed this month regarding local and national updates to planning policy and law. The 'wish list' I routed through our MP was widely supported and taken up by him and others. The results have been in the news this week with significant changes to ensure housing targets are advisory, bring in changes to second and empty home charging, and also to ensure a route to claim exceptional circumstances as an Island to avoid the presumption in favour of development. Various IWCouncil documents are under preparation to complete the local elements of the enablements.

I had great pleasure in attending the Colwell Common Christmas Fayre and managed to come away with a host of Christmas gifts and empty pockets. I have supported the organisation of and attended a number of local Christmas events and more are yet to come - those already included were fundraisers for the Daisy Buses, the Ukraine Christmas Fayre, the Germany Society Christmas Fayre and the Christmas Fayre at Green Meadows.

Trees taken down on a plot of land along Windmill Lane, this conversation is ongoing and will report back further next month.

New school to open 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023 and will be called Freshwater & Yarmouth C of E Primary School.

2. Open Spaces Colwell trees still to be supported, Clerk will speak with maintenance person.

#### 3. Events

2022 Totland Christmas Fair on Colwell Common was again successful and the Events Committee will discuss this further.

Memorial Hall Older Persons Lunch was well attended all of whom enjoyed a lunch and entertainment. Councillor Jan Cave organises this with the manager of the Memorial Hall along with committee members. Totland Councillors served and waited on 90 seniors from around the West Wight with the Waterfront cooking and serving as well.

#### 4. Clerk

Community Speed Watch continues, and the monthly reports are circulated.

FYTBus has had a report carried out on the electrics and a meeting with them and the Parish Council will be arranged with regards to office space and moving.

Xmas lights at Colwell and Cokes Green had been meddled with. Colwell power unclipped and Cokes Green power cable pulled out and sadly baubles were smashed. Whilst baubles are no doubt youth related lights are not and have been reported to the Police.

Island Magazine – I have put a response to Councillor George Cameron of Freshwater Parish Councils comments in the December edition.

5. Community Connector report August to October –noted.

### 193/22 CORRESPONDENCE

None

### 194/22 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.

If a decision is to be made this will be added to the Agenda for the next meeting. None

Meeting closed 8.15pm