

TOTLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the **Full Council** meeting of **TOTLAND PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Monday 8th January 2024** at **6:00 PM**, at Parish Council Offices, The Broadway.

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.

Please note that Parish Council meetings are not public meetings, however, members of the public have a statutory right to attend meetings of the council as observers only. Public have no legal right to speak unless the Parish Council Chairman authorises them to do so.

Neither Councillors or the Clerk are under pressure to respond immediately to comments made during the public participation other than those which relate to items on the Agenda. Members of the public do not have a right to force items onto the Council Agenda.

Those present :

Chairman : Mr G Wyre

Vice-Chairman : Mrs J Cave

Councillors : Mrs H Benns, Mr V Fennell, Mr C Jarman

187/23 APOLOGIES

To receive and accept apologies for non-attendance.

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors' Howe and Blamire.

188/23 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 this matter.

None

189/23 MINUTES AND UPDATES

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

11th December 2023 - **RESOLVED**

The minutes were accepted and approved as a true record of the meeting and th Chairman signed. Proposed Councillor Fennell, seconded Councillor Cave all agreed.

Matters arising

This item is for updates from previous meetings only. If a decision is required a separate Agenda item will be added.

None

190/23 FINANCE AND GRANTS

1. *To agree the approval of payments to 8th January 2024*

Payments were approved as below: Proposed Councillor Fennell, seconded Councillor Cave all agreed. **RESOLVED**

£117.01	SSE - Utilities
£3.70	Biffa Waste - Bin rental
£16.03	Wight Computers - 365 business and avast
£2720.00	Job Property Services - Phase 1 (A,B,C) Colwell public toilet refurbishment
£284.00	Cheap Skips - Skip for Colwell public toilet refurbishment
£247.99	Everflow Water - Utilities
£1974.00	B W Mooring Services - Widdick Chine buoys, lifting and storage
£24.00	High Glass - Window cleaning, office
£400.00	Joseph Barnes - Colwell Common tree replacing
£720.00	D J Drilling Ltd - Borehole test Recreation Ground toilets
£28.00	Public Work Loan Board - Fee from Colwell public toilets loan.
£21.20	Biffa Waste - Office Waste
£729.00	Island Cleaning Solutions - Public toilet cleaning
£16.03	Wight Computers - 365 business and avast
£284.00	Cheap Skips - Skip for Colwell public toilet refurbishment
£823.56	Edge IT Systems - Annual Finance and Admin subscription
£627.68	Richard Carter Readymix - Colwell public toilet refurbishment
£182.52	West Wights Sports & Community Centre - Grant - Soft Archery Adults

2. To consider the grant application from West Wight Sports and Community Centre to purchase equipment for Adult Soft Archery sessions - £182.52.

RESOLVED. Councillors agreed this grant application. Proposed Councillor Wyre, seconded Councillor Fennell, All agreed.

3. To agree the Open Day as Wednesday 31st January 2024, 10am to 2pm and 4pm to 6pm. To share a draft budget based on the Church Hall purchase and the contribution towards the Post Office Service.

Councillors agreed the date and times for the Open Day. The Clerk had prepared paperwork which included a draft budget and a survey for the day. Laptops will be available on the day for residents to complete the survey along with a paper option. This will also be on the website for residents to complete.

3. To note the NALC Clerks pay increase of £1925.00/year pro rate - (£1.00 hour increase backdated from 1st April 2023).

As the Clerk is on the NALC contract this was noted.

4. To note the receipt of the PWL for Colwell Bay toilets

The Clerk confirmed this application was now completed and payment received.

5. To receive updates on the PWL for Totland Recreation Ground toilets.

The application has now been acknowledge.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS, DECISIONS, APPEALS & TREE WORKS

1. To consider Planning Applications

[Proposed single storey side extension to form utility room; alterations and conversion of garage to form workshop studio; alterations to include cladding](#)

Pemberley Colwell Road Freshwater Totland Bay Isle Of Wight PO39 0AE

Ref. No: 23/02211/HOU | Received: Thu 14 Dec 2023 | Validated: Thu 14 Dec 2023 | Status: Registered

Comments: No Comment

[Proposed change of external material from face-brick to horizontal anthracite grey cladding and cream Krend \(revised scheme\)](#)

Warren End Cliff Road Totland Totland Bay Isle Of Wight PO39 0EW

Ref. No: 23/02195/HOU | Received: Fri 08 Dec 2023 | Validated: Fri 08 Dec 2023 | Status: Registered

Comments: No Comment

2. To receive Planning Decisions

Application No: 23/01846/CLPUD

Location: Totland Recreation Ground Bowling Green Lane Off The Broadway Totland
Proposal: Lawful Development Certificate for proposed building to provide unisex toilet with baby changing facilities and changing room facilities and a community space; solar panels on south facing roof slope.

Decision: **GRANTED** Decision Date: 13th December 2023

Application No: 23/01983/FUL

Location: Beach Combers The Mall Totland Totland Bay Isle Of Wight PO39 ODR
Proposal: Demolition of garage; proposed detached bungalow and formation of vehicular access

Decision: **REFUSED** Decision Date: 03/01/2024

3. To consider Tree Work Applications - None

Application No: 23/02008/TW

Location: Aston House And Middlehay Church Hill Totland Bay Isle Of Wight PO39 0EU
Proposal: T1; Beech - (as per existing consent ref: 23/00947/TW) Thin by 20%; Reduce crown on the side nearest the property to re-balance the canopy. T2; Bay (Tree on boundary with Middlehay) - Reduce to match height of neighbouring gutter to maintain size.

Decision: **GRANTED**

4. To receive Tree Work Decisions - None

5. To note Appeals - None

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REPORTS

To receive reports:

1. Isle of Wight Councillor Totland & Colwell - Councillor Chris Jarman

Following a Christmas break regular Ward surgeries have restarted each Thursday in the Totland Parish Office.

Barbara and I hosted multiple local residents at our home over the Christmas and New Year period to help some of those otherwise alone to enjoy the festivities. We also arranged various Christmas donations for Island charities, for Ukrainian refugees and the Christmas meal for our West Wight Walking for Health Group at The Waterfront.

Barbara and I attended the reciprocal twinning visit to Coburg in Germany and took gifts of various local items. Three IWCouncillors and 2 partners attended. We were treated with visits to their local Christmas Markets, formal receptions, a twinning banquet, tours of local castles and the summer home of Albert of Coburg, to their new Natural History Museum where IW is very prominent, and to a performance of Hansel and Gretel at their new Globe Theatre. A return visit to our Island is in planning and we have put forward a host of West Wight items for inclusion.

Ditto from joint West Wight Councillor actions c/o Cllr Sprink:

The Draft Island Planning Strategy has been 'paused' in light of the changes to the NPPF published shortly before Christmas. The minimum number of houses to be built on the Island each year are determined by the government's algorithm, unless a local authority is successful in a claim to exceptional circumstances (Paragraph 61 NPPF). The amended paragraph 61 now reads as follows: "There may be exceptional circumstances, including relating to the particular demographic characteristics of an area, (such particular demographic characteristics could, for example, include areas that are islands with no land bridge that have a significant proportion of elderly residents: my emphasis re footnote 25) which justify an alternative approach to assessing housing need; in which case the alternative approach should also reflect current and future demographic trends and

market signals”.

It is essential, in my opinion, that we have a planning strategy that delivers housing that Islanders both need and can afford, without over development, particularly on greenfield; overdevelopment threatens our quality of life and tourist economy. I do agree with those who say that we need to have a current planning strategy in place as soon as possible; however, it has to be the right strategy for the Island. It is not possible as a matter of law to submit the DIPS for approval by a planning inspector and then change to a claim of exceptional circumstances; the DIPS would have to be recalled, redrafted, and subject to R.18 and 19 consultations. Further, it is far from certain that we would be permitted to recall the DIPS. Spelthorne CC sought recently to do so and the Minister of State intervened.

The pausing of the DIPS will enable the correct strategy to be determined and pursued.

Councillors asked Councillor Jarman what was happening with the current closure of Totland/Colwell Seawall.

The Clerk had received messages as follows:

A hole was noticed in the soft ground behind the sea wall path and it was evident that there was a void, which extended beneath the promenade. Hence, the decision was taken to close the path, pending further investigation on 15th November 2023.

A contractor was met on site and the hole was opened up sufficiently to view the extent of the void. Coastal Protection could then confirm that it was a large void, which extends beneath the promenade, to the back of the original sea wall, which sits behind the current sea defence structure, and it is evident that this has been caused by sea water ingress from beneath the structure.

The path will need to remain closed, whilst further investigations are carried out to determine the extent of the sea wall which is being breached and to formulate an engineering solution.

We found approximately a 5m void under the promenade and following further investigation to the seawall approximately 20m of undermining too different levels of severity.

The next steps are that we are looking at funding options to be able to repair the under mining and the void. At the time of this meeting no funding had been committed.

Councillor Jarman informed Councillors that the Island as a whole had seen several areas of damage during the recent storms and a cost to repair was estimated to be around 1.6 million, the annual budget for 2023/2024 was £80,000. A report will be coming out very soon which will offer further information. The cost to repair this section was looking to be around £80,000. Parish Councillors urged Councillor Jarman to keep on this as the seawall is a very important and necessary part of the Community and we must fight to keep it and therefore the repair needs to go ahead soon.

2. *Open Spaces* - None at this time.

Councillor Jarman had applied for some free trees from Gift to Nature and will receive a delivery of around 450 which will be a mixture of cherry, nut and apple plus others.

3. *Clerk*

Flooding has caused problems around the Village but has equally dispersed fairly quickly. This did however bring to the attention that there are no sand bag facilities in West Wight with collection points in East Cowes and Ryde. Clerk has asked for this to be added to the West Wight Group of Council Agenda for the meeting at the end of this month.

Biffa have been asked to collect the flytipping of a mattress off the Recreation Ground close to the back car park at a cost of £35.00. Unknown landowners.

Handrail from Stokes Green to Pier requires repair and the maintenance team will deal with this.

A fence panel on Cokes Green also needs replacing, maintenance will also deal with this.

Cokes Green Christmas tree lights will also be switched off this week and baubles taken off.

4. To receive costings for the Dog Agility Area

The Recreation Ground is very wet at the moment, however, surprising the area at the bottom end is not quite as bad. The costings have come in under £4000.00 and Councillors agreed to go ahead with this around April/May 2024. Proposed Councillor Fennell, seconded Councillor Cave all agreed. **RESOLVED.**

193/23 PROJECTS

To receive updates to the Public Toilet projects:

1. Colwell Toilets

Phase 1 has been completed, this included mainly preparation. Phase 2 will start this week which covers the internal blockwork, stud walls, ceiling joist, first fix plumbing and electrics.

The Clerk spoke about paying contractors where the Parish Council do not hold an account. Councillors agreed for the Clerk to make payment when required and the Clerk confirmed these payments will be agreed with the Chairman and a monthly payment sheet for this project will be circulated. Proposed Councillor Fennell, seconded Councillor Cave all agreed.

2. Totland Recreation Ground

Borehole test have been carried out.

194/23 CORRESPONDENCE

To receive correspondence and agree action

None.

195/23 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 next Agenda.

None.

Meeting Closed at 7.00pm.