

TOTLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the **Full Council** meeting of **TOTLAND PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Monday 11th March 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

Councillors : Mrs H Benns, Mr S Blamire, Mr C Jarman

Officers : Mrs H Gibbs

206/23 APOLOGIES

To receive and accept apologies for non-attendance.

Apologies have been received from Mr V Fennell, Mr J Howe, Mrs J Cave. These apologies were accepted. **RESOLVED.**

207/23 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 the matter.

None

208/23 MINUTES AND UPDATES

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


Monday 12th February 2024 - **RESOLVED.**

The minutes were accepted and approved as a true record of the meeting and the Chairman signed these minutes. Proposed Councillor Wyre, seconded Councillor Benns all agreed.

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

None

Date: 8th April 2024

Chairman 

209/23 FINANCE AND GRANTS

and/or debit card payments and listed below: **RESOLVED.**

Proposed Councillor Wyre, seconded Councillor Jarman all agreed.

£21.78	Biffa Waste
£119.55	British Gaslite - Utilities
£21.12	Everflow - Utilities
£24.00	High Glass - window cleaning
£1929.00	Island Cleaning Solutions - public toilet cleaning and annual supplies
£5000.00	Island Community Ventures - Post Office support 2023/2024
£780.00	Martin Eason Contractor - Ground maintenance One Horse Field
£87.88	SSE - Utilities
£16.03	Wight Computers - 365 Business/Security
£480.00	Natural Enterprise - tree works Turvills Field
£1.00	EDF - Utilities
£96.00	Acclaim - collection and delivery Colwell toilets materials
£852.00	Cheap Skips - 3 skip collections Colwell toilets
£314.37	Hygiene Supplies Direct - materials Colwell toilets
£4160.00	JOB Property Services - Labour Colwell toilets
£7493.88	Prestige Washrooms - Colwell toilets materials
£204.00	Ringway Island Roads - Hoarding licence Colwell
£1774.44	RVN - Colwell toilets materials
£2417.04	Sydenhams - Colwell toilets materials
£1336.01	Yess - Colwell toilets materials
£1593.72	D & S Carpets - Colwell toilets materials
£7.18	Sydenhams - Colwell toilets materials

2. To ratify the quotation received from EMRC for a Feasibility Study on Totland Beach Public Toilets to establish if any reasonable adjustments can be made to these toilets to bring them up to standard.

Costs - £2645.00 + VAT - **RATIFIED** - All Councillors agreed

3. To ratify the estimate for the Widdick Chine Beach Buoys for 2024. Replacement ropes and buoys are required and the total cost to re-lay and recover will be £7349.38 + VAT.

RATIFIED - All Councillors agreed.

4. To approve the 1/3rd contribution to the Memorial Hall blocked drain at a cost £24.00

RESOLVED - All Councillors agreed.

5. To approve the annual price increase for grass cutting to the West Wight Nursery from £900.00 to £1035.00 + VAT.

RESOLVED - All Councillors agreed.

210/23 PLANNING APPLICATIONS, DECISIONS, APPEALS & TREE WORKS

1. To consider Planning Applications

Proposal: Listed Building Consent for additional external watertight door

Location: The Needles Lighthouse Needles Battery Road Totland Isle Of Wight PO39 0JH

Ref. No: 23/02224/LBC |

COMMENTS: No objections

2. To receive Planning Decisions

Application No: 23/02211/HOU

Location: Pemberley Colwell Road Totland Bay Isle Of Wight PO39 0AE

Proposal: Proposed single storey side extension to form utility room; alterations and conversion of garage to form workshop studio; alterations to include cladding

Decision: GRANTED DATED: 7th Feb 2024

Application No: 24/00034/HOU

Date: 8th April 2024

Chairman 

Location: 52 Lanes End, Totland Bay

Proposal: Proposed single storey side extension to form new porch, downstairs wc and workshop with balcony above.

Decision: GRANTED DATED: 5TH March 2024

3. To receive Tree Work Applications

T1; Pine - Remove deadwood. T2; Holme Oak - Re pollard. T3; Oak - Reduce by approx 40% into good living branches. T4; Holme Oak - Pollard at 5 metres. T5; Bay - Reduce by 50% into a hedge.

Hurst View Eden Road Totland Bay Isle Of Wight PO39 0EJ

Ref. No: 24/00298/TW | Received: Fri 23 Feb 2024 | Validated: Fri 23 Feb 2024 | Status: Registered

91; Sycamore - Reduce canopy by 20%. 93; Lime - Reduce canopy by 20% 95; Lime - Reduce canopy by 20%. 94; Horse chestnut (dead stump) - Reduce in height to 2m.

Briary Lodge Moons Hill Totland Freshwater Isle Of Wight PO40 9RP Ref. No:

24/00259/TW | Received: Thu 15 Feb 2024 | Validated: Thu 15 Feb 2024 | Status: Registered

T1; Macracarpa - Remove deadwood; raise crown by 3m; remove first main limb over drive to rebalance crown. T2; Holme oak - Fell to ground level.

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

Ref. No: 24/00255/TW | Received: Wed 14 Feb 2024 | Validated: Fri 23 Feb 2024 | Status:

Registered

T1; Californian Buckeye - Fell to ground level.

Briary Barn Moons Hill Totland Isle Of Wight PO40 9RP

Ref. No: 24/00253/TW | Received: Wed 14 Feb 2024 | Validated: Wed 14 Feb 2024 | Status:

Registered

T1; Oak (Quercus robur) - Prune overall canopy approximately 30% to include removal of snapped bough.

4 Velsheda Close Totland Isle Of Wight PO39 0AJ

Ref. No: 24/00191/TW | Received: Fri 02 Feb 2024 | Validated: Fri 02 Feb 2024 | Status: Registered

T1; Oak - Reduce crown area by approx. 3m and thin/decongest. T2; Oak - Reduce crown area by approx. 2m and thin/decongest.

6 Greenways Totland Bay Isle Of Wight PO39 0ED

Ref. No: 24/00135/TW | Received: Wed 24 Jan 2024 | Validated: Wed 24 Jan 2024 | Status:

Registered

4. To receive Tree Work Decisions- None

5. To note Appeals - None

211/23 REPORTS

To receive reports as follows:

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

IWC 2024-25 Assistance to West Wight residents on IWC Budget consultation

Over 700 responses were received on the IWCouncil annual budget consultation and I provided assistance for around 50 residents in completing the online questionnaire. Many residents commented to me that they believe central government should do more - IW has had very limited (but some) success down that route. Most comments to me directly echo the financial strain many are under from the 'cost of living'/inflation/utilities rises over the past year and feel this is not the time to increase council tax knowing further cuts in services would be the result.

The result of the consultation was as below with the most popular being (1) No increase in council tax and a reduction in services, (2) Do not support adding the additional 2% levy for Adult Social Care and (3) Modest or no increase in charges for IWC services. In the budget brought forward by Cabinet these were ignored. I raised the issue at Full

Date: 8th April 2024

Chairman 

Council and the Cabinet Member agreed that had been the case.

IWC 2024-25 budget submissions

A majority grouping of IWC Members (including all West Wight local Cllrs Medland, Spink and myself) sought to exercise their Constitutional provision to submit an Alternative Budget to that of the of present minority Alliance-Group-only Cabinet, but found their access to critical data and resources consistently denied. We were therefore reduced to submitting a 28 page amendment to the Cabinet proposed budget. Acting cross-group we were able to reject the amendments proposed by others and to win sufficient support for our substantial amendment.

Key changes amendment secured for our Island are:

On boarding facility for Island Children with Special Needs rather than shipping to mainland facilities at up to £500,000 per child per year,
 Use of high quality relocatable units on IWC land to provide homes for those in temporary B&B and caravan accommodation - especially families with children,
 Provision of solar panels over IWC car parks and buildings with power storage to save utility costs and accelerate provision of E-Vehicle charging points,
 Deliver 'Islander Affordable' homes on IWC land including brownfield sites and to reprioritise disposal of IWC land assets to this dedicated purpose,
 Provide a dedicated sum for options analysis to maintain the cohesion and use of the Military Road,
 Significant investment to save for digital remote monitoring and communication systems to support adult social care and make more efficient use of staff resources,
 Maintain the Saturday drop-in service for resident support,
 Rebase the assumptions related to the additional 100% second homes charges to realistic levels based on existing data points,
 Remove the assumption regarding enhanced central government funding having been notified that the additional £3 for 2024-25 is a one-off.

Councillors asked Councillor Jarman for updates relating to the Totland to Colwell sea wall.

There had been several slurry slips this year and as it stands only an initial report on all slides around the Island had been raised. Expected costings of around £80,000 for the works at Widdick Chine which was the same amount estimated for Colwell.

Clerk to contact Coastal Protection asking if they had any objections to the Parish Council engaging with a local contractor to arrange the removal of the slurry and re-route the access along the sea wall.

National Trust land at Tennyson is also showing cracks in the ground which are very close to the monument.

Clerk to arrange a meeting with National Trust to seek clarification on the future of the monument and the Needles Battery.

2. Open Spaces

The ditches along Colmar Way are in need of clearing - Clerk to report.

Footpaths from Colwell Chine Road through to One Horse Field requires work to enable users to access the paths. - Clerk to report.

A Scots Pine on Turf Walk needs removing - Clerk to arrange.

3. Clerk

Power was lost on the Recreation Ground over the weekend and the Clerk has arranged with the Distributor to investigate this. The problem is underground on the road leading to the Recreation Ground. Works will take place overnight.

Poo Watch posters have been put up along The Mall and Uplands at Residents request. Sully boat on the rocks at Widdick Chine remains after the owner was fined, however, no mention of the removal of this boat.

4. Memorial Hall

To receive updates on the registration

Solicitors will be applying for 1st registration in the next couple of weeks. This will be based on copies that we have supplied. If Land Registry do not accept as they are not originals, we will be directed to Adverse Possession, and with all the evidence we have for maintaining the building this will be acceptable.

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To receive a verbal report regarding the drainage outside the Memorial Hall
A quotation will be obtained for dealing with this as currently there is not actual drain.

5. Updates on the Wayleave for Lanes End and One Horse Field

This will need to go through solicitors for both Parish and Isle of Wight Council. Clerk to speak with owners to clarify.

6. To receive updates to The Broadway closure for roadworks

No further update given and Councillors were disappointed that Island Roads will not enter into discussions on this matter.

7. To receive updates to the Totland to Colwell Sea Wall

This was discussed in the Ward Councillors report - number 1.

212/23 WEST WIGHT GROUP OF COUNCILS

To consider Agenda items for the group meetings:

To hold discussions with Southern Vectis to encourage smaller buses around the West Wight with the ability to access more roads and feed into Yarmouth Bus Station.
National Trust - lack of investment in their West Wight land marks.

213/23 PROJECTS

To receive updates to the Public Toilets:

a. Colwell Chine Road

Delays with deliveries which has pushed timelines back and we are aiming to be open for Easter.

b. Totland Recreation Ground

No further updates

c. Survey & Feasibility Study Totland Beach Public Toilets.

Clerk met EMRC on site this morning where the Point Cloud Survey took place. A couple of ideas were discussed and the report will be with the Parish Council by the end of March.

Defence papers were delivered to the Courts and depending on this outcome, the Clerk and Chair will meet with a legal team to discuss further.

214/23 CHURCH HALL

To receive updates on this site.

1. Purchase of site

No further updates, waiting for contract.

2. Community Led Housing Survey

A survey will commence this month and it is a preference for the majority to be completed online. Of course we will have paper copies and will be able to deliver to local residents if requested.

215/23 CORRESPONDENCE

To receive correspondence and agree action.

None

216/23 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.

CJ asked if D-Day could be added to the next Agenda.

Meeting closed at 7.15pm.