

TOTLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the **Full Council** meeting of **TOTLAND PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Monday 19th May 2025** at **6:30 PM**, at Totland Village Hall, The Broadway, Totland.

Those present :

Chairman : Mr G Wyre

Councillors : Mr S Blamire, Mr V Fennell, Mr C Jarman, Mrs E Smith

Officers : Mrs H Gibbs

* Attended remotely

PUBLIC FORUM

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.

Three members of the public were in attendance.

Question - The swimming buoys at Colwell Bay are set out differently this year, usually the end is closed off more, can you arrange for this.

Answer - It was explained that the Colwell Bay buoys come under Freshwater Parish Council.

No further questions.

100/25

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

A. To Elect a Chairman for 2025/2026

Councillor Smith proposed Councillor Wyre remain and Councillor Blamire seconded this. All agreed. **RESOLVED** - Councillor Wyre will be Chairman for 2025/2026 and thanked fellow Councillors for their support.

B. To receive and sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office from the Chairman and witnessed by the Clerk.

Declaration of Acceptance of Office signed by Councillor Wyre and witnessed by the Clerk. **RESOLVED**.

101/25 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

A. To Elect a Vice Chairman for 2025/2026

Councillor Cave was not in attendance but is happy to remain as Vice Chairman unless another fellow Councillor would like to take this role. Councillor Wyre proposed Councillor Cave remain and Councillor Jarman seconded this. All agreed.

RESOLVED - Councillor Cave will be Vice Chairman for 2025/2026.

B. To receive and sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office from the Vice Chairman and witnessed by the Clerk.

The Clerk will arrange for the Declaration of Acceptance of Office to be signed.

102/25 APOLOGIES

To receive and accept apologies for non-attendance.

Apologies were received from Councillor Cave - and these were accepted. **ACCEPTED.**

103/25 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.

104/25 MINUTES AND UPDATES

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

*Monday 7th April 2025 - **RESOLVED.***

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

105/25 FINANCE AND GRANTS

1. To appoint the Internal Auditor as Mr Shaw for 2025/2026 and send letter of appointment.

Councillors agreed to the reappointment of the Internal Auditor. Proposed Councillor Jarman, seconded Councillor Fennell, all agreed. **RESOLVED.**

2. To confirm the parish seal remains in the Parish Office.

The Clerk confirmed the parish seal remains in the Parish Office.

3. To agree the annual grants as follows:

West Wight Sports and Community Centre - £11,000, West Wight Nursery - £5,000, Community Connector - £5,000, IOW Defibrillators - £250, and Totland Post Office £7500.

The annual grants as above were approved and awarded. Proposed Councillor Jarman, seconded Councillor Fennell, all agreed. **RESOLVED.**

4. To agree the approval of payments to 19th May 2025

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

Amazon Fencing £28.96

Amazon Battery £77.99

Brighstone - Grass Cutting £1,498.97

British Gas Office - £110.60

British Gas FYTBus - £2,148.25

Community Connector - Annual Grant £5,000.00

EDF Utilities £19.00

EDF Utilities £44.00

Everflow Water - £218.75

High Glass - Window cleaning £24.00

Home Bargains - toilet rolls £23.07

ICS -Public toilet cleaning - £729.00

Island Community Ventures - Post Office grant £7,000.00
 IOW Defibrillators - Annual Grant - £250.00
 Lloyds Bank charges £13.99
 Lloyds Bank Charges £8.50
 Memorial Hall - Precept £3,000.00
 Pitchcare - Weston field £253.50
 R Nelson - Benches repairs £330.00
 Ricoh - Photocopier rental/usage £130.49
 Royal British Legion - VE day £143.77
 RVN - Barrier tape £12.48
 West Wight Gardening - Village Hall - £100.00
 Wight Computers - 365 - anti virus £16.03
 Wight Fibre - Phone internet £46.80
 West Wight Nursery - Annual Grant - £5,000.00
 West Wight Sports & Community Centre - Annual Grant £11,000.00
 Yu Energy - Rec £58.81
 Yu Energy - Utilities £95.60
 Yu Energy - Utilities £118.39
 Yu Energy - Utilities £241.91
 Zurich - Hall insurance £588.86

5. To accept the quotation for a Rebuild Insurance Valuation for the following buildings: Village Hall, Bowling Club including Scout building, Colwell and Totland public toilets.

A quotation has been received from EMRC for £1360.00 + VAT. Councillors accepted this quotation, proposed Councillor Wyre, seconded Councillor Blamire all agreed.

RESOLVED.

106/25 PLANNING APPLICATIONS, DECISIONS, APPEALS & TREE WORKS

1. To consider Planning Applications

WITHDRAWN = [Alterations to include rear extension and conversion of two flats into four flats](#)

Hurstleigh The Broadway Totland Bay Isle Of Wight PO39 0BU

Ref. No: 25/00318/FUL

Comments: This application was withdrawn, however, the application has been resubmitted and will be discussed at the June meeting.

[Proposed 5 beach huts](#)

Land Adjacent Pilots Point Madeira Road Totland Isle Of Wight

Ref. No: 25/00530/FUL

Comments: Councillors made no comment on this application and happy that the owners are tidying the area. A request to remove the container and skip will go further to tidying this area.

2. To receive Planning Decisions

Application No: 25/00338/HOU

Location: 62 Lanes End Totland Bay Isle Of Wight PO39 0AL

Proposal: [Proposed single storey rear extension; alterations and conversion to garage to form bedroom and en-suite; porch to front elevation](#)

Decision: GRANTED 9th May 2025

Application No: 25/00203/HOU

Location: Former Country Garden Hotel Church Hill Totland PO39 0ET

Proposal: Demolition of south garage wing, north-west single storey wing, eastern two storey wing & single storey northern structures; proposed single storey side extension to form double garage; alterations and detached gym building; solar panels on house and gym roof

Decision: GRANTED

Application No: 25/00235/RVC

Location: Chalet 1-2 Honeysuckle Cottage Colwell Chine Road Totland PO40 9NP

Proposal: Variation of condition 2 on 24/00059/FUL to allow change from external brickslips to render cladding

Decision: GRANTED - 14th April 2025

Application No: 25/00336/HOU

Location: Bay Tree Cottage Church Hill Totland Bay Isle Of Wight PO39 0ET

Proposal: Demolition of store; Proposed garage/workshop

Decision: GRANTED

Application 22/00076/ARM

Land at Summers Court, Plots 18,19,20,21,24,25 & 26.

Approval of reserved matters of TCP/2927 for layout, appearance, scale and landscaping for the construction of 7 dwellings.

Decision: GRANTED – 31st March 2025

Application 25/00132/FUL

Needles Headland Road

Proposed automated gate and sensor

Decision: GRANTED – 1st April 2025

3. *To receive Tree Work Applications - NOTED*

Yew tree; Remove the branches overhanging the roof on the north east side of the tree as detailed in photograph. Raise crown by 30%. Remove left side of tree where trunk divides (as in submitted picture)

Rose Cottage Heatherwood Park Road Totland Bay Isle Of Wight PO39 0EL

Ref. No: 25/00658/TW

T1, T2 and T3; Lime trees - Repollard to previous points.

Land At Westlands Totland Bay Isle Of Wight

Ref. No: 25/00602/TW

4. *To receive Tree Work Decisions*

Application No: 25/00114/TW

Location: The Hermitage Cliff Road Totland PO39 0EW

Proposal: T1; Macracarpa - Reduce overlong limbs by up to 2 metres. T2;

Macracarpa - Reduce limbs on property side by up to 1.5 metres.

Decision: GRANTED

5. *To note Appeals*

None

Councillors noted the enforcement action from the Isle of Wight Council on a property on Cliff Road for unlawful tree felling in a Conservation Area.

107/25 REPORTS

To receive reports as follows:

1. *Isle of Wight Councillor for Totland & Colwell - Councillor Chris Jarman*
Ward surgeries, Walking for Health etc all continue as normal.

The new NHS-only dentist, for our Freshwater Dental Practice, arrived at the start of April and is hosted in our home at Freshwater Court. This solution enabled her to start work full time on 08Apr2025 with much welcome. Her arrival has doubled the capacity of the NHS-only practice and great inroads are being made with the substantial backlog. I have assisted with her goal to find permanent accommodation together with her soon to be husband Alex with the result they have secured a flat in Totland ready for later this summer.

Efforts to secure a means of enabling the identified Ukrainian dentists to work here as NHS-only continue.

I donated from my IWC Councillor Allowance to the VE80 Celebrations, to Walk the Wight, to Wessex Cancer Trust, and to the Jack Holmes fathers' day fundraiser for Mountbatten in remembrance of his late father Chris Holmes JP.

April/May 2025.

I attended the intense two day Court of Appeal hearings against IWC in London and supported the solicitor and barristers present representing the residents' group. The Court of Appeal found against IWC in that the process regarding Section 106 agreements was not lawful. It was clarified that draft S106 agreements must be listed on the planning portal for public comment and for planning committee member review. This had not been done in the case of Westridge and the planning permission was subsequently quashed. At least one FOI has been submitted as a result asking if there are other examples where S106 draft and/or final agreements were not listed in time on the planning portal for comment and if so, which ones. The implication being that any such other examples may also be considered an unlawful process.

I supported the day out by coach on 12April to Bath for our IOW hosted mothers and children. It provided a stimulating introduction to this famous Romano-British town, to the famous Roman baths, its historic buildings and to the riverside setting on the Avon.

My wife and I hosted an Easter Egg hunt for children in the gardens of our Freshwater Court home on 20April. Some 99 of the 102 hidden eggs were eventually found.

I revised (personal expense) the site in Hamburg where we had seen relocatable homes being installed on waste ground in 2023. These had been partly moved on to be reused at another site in 2024. The original site has now been transitioned to social rent housing and is fully occupied including communal heating, shared facilities, underground parking and very well equipped play areas for children. The landscaping with trees and lawns is extensive and the development is connected to nearby shops and railway station by cycleways. We also noted the car park over the adjacent swimming pool has been covered with solar panels which supplement the electric bicycle charging stations.

This use of relocatables and transition to social rent housing on IWC lands was jointly proposed by Empowering Islanders and Conservative Groups at IWC in 2024 and passed together with a £40m borrowing provision and financing accepted by the Chief Finance Officer. We again secured and passed a motion into the Feb2025 budget planning process to retain IWC lands for this social rent housing purpose. Sadly, unlike the scheme in Hamburg we had based our proposals on, those motions passed at IWC Full Council were not delivered, and IWC has continued to sell-off its land assets to commercial developers.

I supported the VE80 Day events from 04-08May both online and in person at CHOYD. We coupled this with the 100th birthday celebrations of our dear friend who played the piano and accompanied the children of Freshwater and Yarmouth Church of England Aided Primary School.

I supported and donated to the Wessex Cancer Trust event held at County Hall.

A great deal of time over the past month has been consumed by the finalising of the new IWC committee system constitution and planning the allocation of proportionate seats. This continues and has been adjusted to take account of the new Reform Group and changes to both internal committee structures and external bodies.

I have not previously included in my monthly reports the representations that I make to IWC Officers and fellow IWCouncillors on behalf of local residents and traders. There are often many each month. Simple current example is on behalf of a Totland based taxi company such that IWC-licenced vehicles are also able to use the limited 2-way stretch on the A3020 Cowes-Newport. If my requested revision to conditions is accepted then licensed school transport vehicles and licensed taxis for those attending

St Mary's would be allowed, as are buses.

Updates from issues attended in Mar2025:

04 Mar 2025 - Corporate Scrutiny: School Place Planning Extraordinary Meeting - Complete failure of scheduling resulted in 2700 pages being issued only 3 working days prior to the meeting. With those days and the weekend I managed to complete my review of around 400 pages and to identify multiple mathematical errors. The matter was terminated at Corporate Scrutiny following a recommendation of a two week delay. I suggested, and it was agreed, that I convene working sessions to review errors starting the following Friday. In all 4x 2 hour such sessions were held with informal discussions between..

05 Mar 2025 - Pension Board regarding the Labour Government proposal to amalgamate our Isle of Wight and other local government pension funds in a revised structure. Also covered were the very positive performance and elements of risk management.

06 Mar 2025 - Audit & Governance working session on new Constitution.

07 Mar 2025 - Flag raising International Women's Day. School Place Planning working session. CPRE meeting regarding Planning Inspection hearings

10 Mar 2025 - Audit and Governance - Accounts, External Audit and review of completed draft new Constitution. Further changes to the draft constitution were agreed and further improvements made regarding planning protocols.

11Mar2025 - Corporate Scrutiny - My motion was passed objecting to the removal of rate relief from private educational facilities citing the impact on private pre-school, nursery operations and private SEND / EHCP support facilities. I also noted the difficulty our Island already finds itself in regarding recruitment of professional employees at IWC, schools and businesses and that such a move would be detrimental to those efforts.

12Mar2025 - Attended first part of the all Member briefing on the operation of the new IWC committee system, having been a member of the working group over the past 8 months.

13Mar2025 - Attended second part of above.

14Mar2025 - Chaired third informal examination of the School Place Planning report and analysis to identify errors.

17Mar2025 - Chaired fourth informal examination of the School Place Planning report and analysis to identify errors.

18Mar2025 - Attended Corporate Scrutiny to report on two weeks of analysis on the school Place planning documents.

19Mar2025 - Attended Full Council where the item to remove rate relief from private schools including the points made at Corporate Scrutiny on 11Mar2025. After extensive discussions, the removal of rate relief item was not dealt with and hence remains as is.

20Mar2025 - Attended Schools Forum Member briefing in housing delivery and IWC Cabinet.

22Mar2025 - Hosted Ukrainian visitors at the Mottistone Village Hall event.

2. Open Spaces

Memorial benches - works have commenced with some benches being removed as they have become dangerous. Attempts to contact owners has not always been successful but where possible plaques will be placed on other benches.

Colwell tree supports have been removed and still looking for a Christmas tree to plant. Councillor Blamire will send information to the Clerk with the tree planting to take place in Autumn.

3. Clerk

Dog bin lids x 3 are being chased as Island Roads need to take direction from the IOWC. Councillor Jarman has helped push this forward and Councillors asked the Clerk to see if she could purchase them and arrange to have them installed.

Utility companies have been changed and all except the Village Hall are with one supplier. Smart meters have been installed except in the public toilets.

Car Boots have been good up to now with the weather helping significantly.

Men in Sheds helped with the lamp post VE day roundalls and flags were displayed on the flag poles at both Totland and Colwell.

Colwell public toilets have required repairs to the fans in each cubicle. The deep cleaning process to be reviewed as a large amount of water got into the fans which resulted with them blowing. I met with the electrician on Friday morning and he has repaired them today. I will meet with the cleaner to speak with them about the cleaning regime.

The Junk Food project would like to use the hall from beginning of September on a Friday afternoon for a few hours. No payment but Community support. Councillors supported this and would be resolved at the June meeting.

This was passed to Councillor Jarman - Fairfield Park Road, off the Avenue, double yellow lines need to be extended. When vehicles park at the bottom the road naturally narrows and last week the bin lorry could not gain access to this road. Whilst emergency vehicles will get through the damage to vehicles would be unnecessary. Councillor Jarman has requested the double yellow lines be extended at this point. Colmar Way T5 path remains closed and Councillor Jarman informed the meeting the motion has commenced but could take upto 90 days to resolve.

108/25 POLICIES AND COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

*To review Policies as listed
Risk Management Schedule*

The Risk Management Schedule was reviewed and updated. Proposed Councillor Jarman, seconded Councillor Fennell all agreed. **RESOLVED.**

To agree Committee Membership for 2025/2026
War Memorial Bungalows - Councillor Fennell
Memorial Hall - Councillor Wyre, Cave and Smith
Yarmouth Harbour - Councillor Wyre - preference to attend in person.

109/25 GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE

To confirm and note Totland Parish Council meets the criteria to use the General Power of Competence.

Totland Parish Council complies with the requirement to adopt the General Power of Competence as it has a qualified Clerk that has the CiLCA qualification and has attained the General Power of Competence Certificate, and that the Parish Council comprises of the required number of elected Councillors. Elected 6, vacancies 2.

Co-option notices will be advertised for the June meeting.

110/25 VILLAGE HALL

To receive updates on the Village Hall.

Quotations to carry out 1st phase repairs have been received:

This includes replacing and making good the 3 x dormer windows, replastering inside and repointing the front of the building. The total cost is around £11,000 and the Parish Council will purchase the materials with JOB Property carrying out the labour. The budget holds £5000 and there is £5000 in reserves currently ringfenced the rest will come from the repairs and maintenance budget. Councillors agreed to use this fund and accepted the quotation. Proposed Councillor Fennell, seconded Councillor Blamire all agreed. **RESOLVED.**

The emergency lights have been checked - Additional exit lights should be provided, however, when the side extension is carried out this can be completed. Lights around the ramp should also be looked at unless outside lighting covers this area.

111/25 MEMORIAL HALL

To receive updates on the Memorial Hall.

There is no further updates on land registry and the Clerk will speak with the solicitors on this matter.

Councillor James is no longer a parish councillor with Freshwater and we are waiting for an update on who will be leading on this for them.

The lease is still an outstanding matter and should be resolved. An email was sent to the Clerk at Freshwater Parish Council confirming Totland Parish Councils position from 1st April 2026. The Chairman asked if this could be resent with all Memorial Hall

members included.

I can confirm a request for Cllr Benns to be removed as a Trustee has been lodged with the Memoria Hall Administrator and will share Councillor Smiths details as a new Trustee.

112/25 CORRESPONDENCE

To receive correspondence and agree action.

A couple of letters received regarding the Widdick Chine buoys and that they will be in place for the summer. These were installed last week.

113/25 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.

ES - Can we check that the Bowling Club insurance is adequate now that they insure themselves.

Clerk - Once the valuation has been carried out we can look at this again. Councillors would like to look at bringing this back to the Parish Council for them to insure in line with the lease. This item will be added to the June/July Agenda for full discussion and agreement.

Meeting closed at 7.15pm

Signed Chairman

Date