

TOTLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the **Full Council** meeting of **TOTLAND PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Monday 9th June 2025** at **6:00 PM**, at Totland Village Hall, The Broadway, Totland.

Those present :

Chairman : Mr G Wyre
Vice-Chairman : Mrs J Cave
Councillors : Mr C Jarman, Mrs E Smith
Officers : Mrs H Gibbs

* Attended remotely

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.
None in attendance.

114/25 APOLOGIES

To receive and accept apologies for non-attendance.

Apologies had been received by Councillors' Fennell and Blamire, both were accepted.
ACCEPTED.

115/25 CO-OPTION

To consider any co-option applications.

No application came in within the time given, however, an expression of interest was received today. Clerk will send an invite to meet in the office and discuss this further. Clerk also confirmed that due to the recent elections and that there are two vacancies the Parish Council could co-opt without the need for the statutory process whereby 10 parish electors can ask for an election.

116/25 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.

117/25 MINUTES AND UPDATES

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

Monday 19th May 2025 - **RESOLVED**.

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

118/25 FINANCE AND GRANTS

a. To receive and note the Annual Internal Audit Report, reviewing internal controls and outcome of review for 2024/2025.

RECEIVED and NOTED.

b. To consider and approve section 1 Annual Governance Statement 2024/2025

Councillors considered and **APPROVED** section 1 of the Annual Governance Statement for 2024/2025. Proposed Councillor Wyre, seconded Councillor Cave, all agreed.

c. To consider and approve section 2 Accounting Statement 2024/2025

Councillors considered and **APPROVED** section 2 of the Accounting Statement for 2024/2025. Proposed Councillor Wyre, seconded Councillor Cave, all agreed.

d. To confirm no conflicts of interest with BDO.

Agreed there was no conflicts of interest with BDP LLP, Chairman signed document to confirm this.

*e. To note the dates of the Exercise of Public Rights as 13th June 2025 to 24th July 2025. **NOTED.***

f. To note the request from BDO for an intermediate audit 2024/2025.

NOTED, Additional information required, copies of Minutes, GPoC evidence, budget setting.

g. To agree the approval of payments to 9th June 2025

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

£2687.82	- Isle of Wight Council - Beach management contribution Colwell
£119.88	- Ringway Island Roads - Widdick Chine dog bin empty
£9.60	- W Hurst - Extension reel for Village Hall
£13.99	- Lloyds Bank - Bank charges
££4.70	- Biffa Waste - Bin rental
£58.70	- Octopus Energy - Village Hall utility supply deposit
£105.60	- R & R Containers - Container hire
£16.03	- Wight Computers - Security/Microsoft 365
£1144.97	- Brighstone Landscaping - maintenance
£180.00	- Isle of Wight Council - parking permit
£1980.00	- Wight Stonemasonry - War Memorial inscriptions
£114.68	- British Gas - Village Hall
£74.89	- Wight Fire Company - Village Hall Emergency lighting check
£20.00	- West Wight Gardening Services - Village Hall front area cut
£398.26	- Jason Morgan Electrical Contractor - Colwell toilets fan replacement
£9.64	- British Gas - Village Hall
£2264.40	- B W Mooring - Swim safe Widdick Chine
£24.00	- High Glass - Window cleaning office
£750.00	- David Shaw - Internal Audit 2024/2025
£21.78	- Biffa Waste - Office waste and rental

£34.75	- Home Bargains - toilet rolls Colwell
£105.60	- R & R Containers - Container hire
£250.00	- IOW Defibrillators - Grant for maintaining Defibrillators 2025/2026
£20.00	- West Wight Gardening Services - Village Hall front area cut

h. To accept the quotation for emptying bins on Colwell Common and Recreation Ground.

These bins have not been emptied for a number of weeks and a quotation was requested through the Isle of Wight Council/Island Roads and Biffa Waste. Biffa Waste will empty three times a week, 4 bins. £1934.40 **RESOLVED** to accept, proposed Councillor Wyre, seconded Councillor Cave, all agreed.

119/25 PLANNING APPLICATIONS, DECISIONS, APPEALS & TREE WORKS

1. To consider Planning Applications

Demolition of existing outbuilding; Proposed conversion of two residential flats into four residential flats to include new rear porch (revised scheme)

Hurstleigh The Broadway Totland Totland Bay Isle Of Wight PO39 0BU

Ref. No: 25/00687/FUL

Comments: Councillors had the same comments to make as previous but accepted these would now be 1 bedroom instead of 2 bedrooms. The parking will still require consideration and Councillors have requested that should the Car Park on The Broadway be acceptable, a condition that the developer should offer 1 parking permit per flat.

Construction Management Plan & Highway Safety: Councillors would like to request a Construction Management Plan, specifically with regard to highway and footpath amenities. It is crucial that the Planning Department ensures a copy of this plan is received. There are significant concerns about how vehicles servicing the properties (e.g., food deliveries, waste collection, construction vehicles) will manage access to and from the site, especially in an already congested area.

Access for Emergency Services: Under the provisions of Section 32 of the Isle of Wight Act 1980, the development must ensure adequate access for the fire brigade, including to adjoining properties, has this been adequately considered in the application? Emergency access is a serious consideration that must not be overlooked.

Parking Provisions: Previous applications have been approved with conditions, including parking arrangements and a restriction on new glazing. However, this current application proposes to remove on-site parking, a decision which could have significant implications given the already limited parking in Totland. The Broadway itself already has restricted parking (2 hours maximum), with only a small section opposite these premises allowing parking. Immediate neighbours all have off-street parking, and The Broadway car park should not be considered as a feasible solution for parking unless the developer is prepared to pay for Annual Permits, could this be a condition if the application is approved? The existing parking survey fails to address seasonal fluctuations in demand, such as the summer months, when traffic and parking pressures are notably higher.

Financial Burden of Parking: The application mentions an underused car park, but the costs of parking are excessively expensive. At £12.00 per day or hundreds of pounds for a permit, this creates an additional financial burden on residents, particularly those in affordable housing. Even if the car park is underused, the high costs make it an impractical and inaccessible option for future tenants or owners of the proposed properties. Given that the development is intended to provide affordable housing, it is essential that parking is both accessible and affordable. The current parking situation does not meet these requirements.

Proposed garden building to provide ancillary accommodation/art studio/storage

Blue Skies Moons Hill Totland Totland Bay Isle Of Wight PO39 0HU

Ref. No: 25/00789/HOU

Comments: Councillors had no objections to this application.

2. To receive Planning Decisions - none

3. To note Tree Work Applications

T1; Lawson Cypress (Chaemycyparis lawsoniana) - Dismantle.

The Country Garden Hotel Church Hill Totland Totland Bay Isle Of Wight PO39 0ET

Ref. No: 25/00765/TW

4. *To receive Tree Work Decisions* - none

5. *To note Appeals* - none

120/25

REPORTS

To receive reports as follows:

1. Isle of Wight Councillor for Totland & Colwell - Councillor Chris Jarman
Monthly report from Cllr Chris Jarman JP to Totland Parish Council of 09Jun2025

General:

Ward surgeries, Walking for Health etc all continue as normal.

The new NHS-only dentist Oana for our Freshwater Dental Practice has secured her own rental accommodation on The Avenue, Totland and moved in on 02Jun2025. Her husband-to-be will join her soon prior to their marriage in September. We and other local residents donated furniture, bedding, lights, kitchen equipment and almost everything needed for them to set up home. Oana and Alex passed on their extreme gratitude for the donations and for the very warm welcome to our community. Alex is a mechanical engineer and we are now seeking potential positions for him for when he arrives.

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

I attend both Freshwater and Totland Parish Councils as a member of both and also some other Parish and Town Councils where relevant.

Charity events:

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 Ned Sparks who played the piano there and accompanied the children of Freshwater and Yarmouth Church of England Aided Primary School.

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

I donated from my monthly IWC allowance to Mountbatten IW, John's Club and MIND.

I sponsored runners for various charities in the Brighton and Hove Marathon.

Elections:

I supported local Freshwater South candidate Becca Cameron at the elections on 1st May and at the count and celebration following. Becca has joined our Empowering Islanders Group at County Hall unifying our representation of all the Totland, Colwell, Freshwater and Yarmouth residents.

Both of the other two by-elections were won by Reform candidates.

The annual meeting of Isle of Wight Council met on 21st May 2025 where the elections of Chair of Council, Leader and deputy, Committee chair and other committee seats under the new constitution were agreed. These continued with a further extended session a week later.

There has been significant controversy regarding the process followed at the 21May meeting where the existing Chair was removed from the chamber and not permitted to vote. Advice from LGA, NALC, independent constitutional specialists nominated by LGA, the Arnold Baker procedural guide, Knowles guide updated following the 2012 Local Government Act and now the external legal advisor to IWC have all confirmed "that the chair/mayor must preside over the election of their successor and, where necessary, have a second or casting vote, even for themselves.". As it now seems clear the process on 21May was unlawful and that no lawful act can follow from an unlawful one, it has been suggested that the process would need to be rerun. The elections on 21May include at least one and perhaps others whose voting intention changed during the debate after the Chair left the chamber with the result that a new chair was elected. The election of positions following included use of the casting vote by the new chair (including for Leader).

Cllr Rodney Downer has since resigned from IWC initiating a by-election.

IWC Constitution:

The now debated 21May2025 IWC Annual Meeting included agreement of the new Constitution. Work will continue to refine the document over the next 6 months when significant updates will be collated including those relating to planning protocols deriving from the long standing working group under Cllr Peter Spink.

Draft Island Planning Strategy:

28May - Participated in the Extraordinary Full Council regarding response to the planning inspectors following their rejection of the draft Island planning Strategy.

I submitted a detailed document of errors and issues relating to the paper before that meeting but have still to receive a response. None of my written questions were dealt with at the meeting.

A joint motion by the Empowering islanders and Conservative Groups to challenge the Planning Inspectors response and to join other local authorities in a Judicial Review of the Labour Government given their unevidenced and undeliverable housing demands, failed.

A motion led by the Alliance, Greens, Liberal Democrats and some ungrouped members was passed to agree to move forward with an interim plan for 703 dwellings per year over a five year period leading to the 1104 annual Labour Government requirement, revoking or significant reduction of our environmental protection policies, revoking or significant reduction of our Net Zero Carbon policies and the significant expansion of land allocation these delivery numbers require. It was noted that this would retain our Island under the presumption in favour of development for at least the next three years or until developers deliver at least 75% of the above numbers for 3 consecutive years.

Key updates from issues in May2025:

06May - supported the West Wight VE80 Day celebrations at CHOYD

06May - supported and donated to the Wessex Cancer Trust events

06May - attended and addressed Yarmouth Town Council

08May - supported the West Wight VE80 events at CHOYD including the beacon lighting.

09May - supported and contributed to the TimeBank at Freshwater Parish Hall

10May - attended and addressed the West Wight Villages Residents' Association AGM

11May - completed Walk the Wight having been joined at Freshwater Bay by a group of local residents waiting for me.

13May - Participated in the session for Chairs of Local Government Pension Committee to review the Labour Government plans for reorganisation of Local Government Pension Schemes and their rejection of our proposals.

14May - Participated in the Southern Water briefing session on IW water supply and related issues.

14May - Participated in the extraordinary meeting of IWC Corporate Scrutiny

15May - Participated in the IW Landslides and Coastal Loss Forum to review the latest technical data

16May - Engaged with IWC Trading Standards on multiple issues including extended cooperation on CCTV for antisocial behaviour and retail matters. Likewise on coordination of CCTV and other communications with Neighbourhood Watch groups Islandwide.

19May - Participated in the Island Planning Strategy update briefing including discussion of additional options regarding response to the Planning Inspectors' rejection of the dIPS

21May - Participated in the IWC Annual Full Council meeting as above.

22May - Participated in the initial meetings with internal auditors of IWPension Fund for their planned review.

22May - Attended the Southern Water session in Newport together with Cllr Becca Cameron.

Further commitments to additional water butts for residents, SW briefings to Freshwater Bay Residents' Association, resolved issues on well and other local water extraction regulations and various matters regarding sewage and surface water management were agreed.

22May - Engaged with Southern Water and resolved details of their electricity usage pumping water and sewage across our Island and of extracted water from mainland sources.

24May - Attended the splendid Dimbola photographic exhibition launch

26May - Supported multiple residents on their submission of and responses to FOIs relating to disclosure of S106 publications (and the failure to do so) over the past 7 years arising from the successful Judicial Review against IWC on Westridge Farm / West Acre Park.

28May - Issued renewed responses to IWC Members on investments in Middle East in response to queries relating to decisions of the ICC/ICJ/United Nations on the genocide in Gaza and wider Palestine.

28May - Participated in the Extraordinary Full Council regarding response to the planning inspectors as above.

29May - Initiated and hosted a session at CH for Members regarding potential investment in social rent housing.

2. Open Spaces

The new path at Stokes Green requires works and Councillor Blamire will ask the

contractor to carry out repairs as necessary.

3. Clerk

I have emailed Freshwater Parish Council regarding the Memorial Hall as requested last month, however, there has been no response. The solicitors recommended we negotiate the terms of the lease in the meantime as this can potentially be used as evidence and would process the application considerably quicker. I will ask if there is an update.

EMRC have been on site to carry out the initial survey on all buildings.

Legionella Risk Assessments will be carried out on the Public Toilets this month.

Colwell toilet fans were replaced.

3 x dog poo lids still outstanding.

New Beach Huts along the esplanade at Totland. I have spoken with Marine Leisure regarding the container and skip and they have assured me that this work is already underway, they are looking at other solutions to this problem. They are in agreement with you that current situation is not satisfactory. The plan is to create an exclusive Beach Hut area, to be used only by the Beach Huts occupiers and as such the site will obviously have to be kept smart, clean and tidy.

Colmar Way - Councillor Jarman is looking at an option to resolve this. I had reported a very low branch and asked if the owners will be made aware of this as well.

Heath Lane - I reported a very low branch which was dealt with quickly.

Colwell Chine Road Car Park - Clerk to pass all plans to Councillor Jarman in an effort to deal with this.

Allotment Access: The school has decided they want to limit access to the playground during school hours under Safeguarding remit of the DfE and Ofsted. To that end they are relocating their front entrance back to the old front entrance that faces the road as it once was and so that way no one will come into the playground during the school day. They will open at 8.30am and 3pm for arrival and departures and the rest of the day deliveries etc will go round the front entrance. This provides a bit of an issue as Nursery still needs to access the playground for our parents to come across and deliver children.

The school and diocese are proposing putting a pathway along the side of the church running from the car park to our back gate - which you used whilst the wall was leaning - as an attentive route that could then have a fence run alongside it and effectively create a safe place for the school but also as a blessing establish a formalised right of way for the Nursery. I have not been involved in all the planning over the year but a list of things that need to be carried out and the Nursery will need to pay for, work commences in the Summer.

The plan is to put in the pathway, fence the pathway off, separate buzzer system for Nursery the cost would be around £60 000 - £70 000. There are no formal quotes to date.

The Nursery is frantically looking at grant funding available and appreciate the Parish Council already do a lot to help already. This is making you aware and if there is a possibility of a donation to this project we would appreciate the help. Councillors have noted this for now.

Gareth has been welcomed by the Commissioners for the Harbour meetings in person.

121/25 VILLAGE HALL

a. To receive updates relating to the Village Hall

Works will commence shortly with the Parish Council purchasing the materials.

Scaffolding quotes have been obtained and Councillors have agreed to accept Dee

Scaffolding of £1200.00 + VAT.

b. To agree for the Junk Food Project to use the Hall on a Friday afternoon from September 2025 for the Community project.

Councillors agreed to this request. **RESOLVED.**

122/25 RECREATION GROUND

To receive updates to the plans for the Recreation Ground

Both goal posts have rotted and have been removed. Councillor Wyre has ask if a representative of the Football Club could meet with him to discuss if they would continue to use this pitch if improved. This would have an effect on the other projects we are carrying out on the field. Dog agility area, Cycle track and Public toilet.

The toilets will be starting in September.

123/25 CORRESPONDENCE

To receive correspondence and agree responses as required.

None

124/25 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.

Councillor Cave asked about the No Park Past this Point on Colwell Chine Road.

Meeting closed 7.30pm

Signed Chairman

Date