



## TOTLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the **Full Council** meeting of **TOTLAND PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Monday 5th February 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 Bennis, Mr S Blamire, Mr V Fennell, Mr J Howe, Mr C Jarman

Officers : Mrs H Gibbs

### 196/23 APOLOGIES

*To receive and accept apologies for non-attendance.*

None

### 197/23 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

### 198/23 MINUTES AND UPDATES

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

Monday 8th January 2024 - **RESOLVED.**

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

**199/23 FINANCE AND GRANTS**

a. To agree the approval of payments to 12th February 2024; by cheque, bank transfer and debit card payments listed below:

Proposed Councillor Fennell, seconded Councillor Cave all agreed.

£429.99	Swann - CCTV
£136.99	Ricoh - Photocopier rental
£234.46	Everflow - Utilities
£939.37	Brighstone Landscapes - Open Spaces
£24.00	High Glass - Window cleaning
£46.70	Biffa Waste - Rubbish inc. flytipping
£273.36	British Gas - Utilities
£729.00	ICS - Public toilet cleaning/supplies
£16.03	Wight Computers - 365 business & avast
£156.00	Wight Computers - Hosting and SSL Cert
£1,029.37	Brighstone Landscapes - Open Spaces
£1,239.40	Sydenhams - Colwell public toilets refurbishment
£91.69	Sydenhams - Colwell public toilets refurbishment
£379.96	Screwfix - Colwell public toilets refurbishment
£13,721.78	Wallgate - toilets and hand-dryers
£585.60	R & R Containers - Hire of container
£2,240.00	JOB Services - Colwell public toilets refurbishment
£565.51	JOB Services - Colwell public toilets refurbishment
£16.86	Sydenham - Colwell public toilets refurbishment
£272.00	Ringway Island Roads - Colwell Hoarding Licence
£164.35	Shop 4 Electrical - Colwell public toilets refurbishment
£1,615.26	RVN - Colwell public toilets refurbishment/Totland repairs
£18,864.43	Hi Tec Washrooms - Colwell/Totland Doors
£33.54	G Wyre - Expenses
£412.50	Mr R Nelson - Maintenance repairs

b. To receive a report from the Open Day outcome regarding the Post Office support and Church Hall purchase.

The survey had been available online from the middle of January and advertised along side the Open Day. The results from those who responded are below:

Question 1 related to the Post Office and the support and increase from £5000.00 to £7000.00.

96.4% Yes

3.6% No

Question 2 related to the purchase of the Church Hall with an increase in precept for 1 year or over 2 years.

1 year - 25.5%

2 years - 74.5%

Councillors all agreed to continue supporting the Post Office and purchase the Church Hall over 2 years.

c. To receive for approval the draft budget for 2024/2025

Councillors agreed and accepted the budget as proposed. Proposed Councillor Wyre, seconded Councillor Cave. All agreed. **RESOLVED:** Budget set.

d. To agree the precept request to the Isle of Wight Council for 2024/2025.

It was agreed for the precept request to be £230,000.00.

This will see a 61.97% increase, based on a Band D property.

Proposed Councillor Wyre, seconded Councillor Fennell all agreed. **RESOLVED:** Precept request to the Isle of Wight Council for 2024/2025 would be £230,000.00.

e. To receive thank you from West Wight Sports & Community Centre for the grant. - **Noted.**

f. To confirm the Public Work Loan application acceptance for Totland Recreation Ground.

Confirmation received and ready to draw down when required - **Noted**.

g. To receive updates to the Totland Beach Toilets

Following on from the December 2023 meeting the Clerk asked EMRC for a cost and timings to carry out a feasibility study to establish if any reasonable adjustments could be made to this block. Councillors agreed for the Clerk to deal with this matter and to circulate the report once received for discussion at the next meeting.

On Monday 5th February 2024, a Money Claim Form had been received via Royal Mail. Councillors agreed to complete the Acknowledgment of Service which will allow 28 days to file a defence. Clerk to prepare documents.

## 200/23 PLANNING APPLICATIONS, DECISIONS, APPEALS & TREE WORKS

1. To consider Planning Applications:

### Change of use, conversion and alteration of 2 existing holiday apartments to form a single holiday dwelling

Chalet 1-2 Honeysuckle Cottage Colwell Chine Road Totland Freshwater Isle Of Wight PO40 9NP

Ref. No: 24/00059/FUL | Received: Fri 12 Jan 2024 | Validated: Wed 17 Jan 2024 | Status: Registered

Comments: Councillors had no objections to this application.

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

52 Lanes End Totland Totland Bay Isle Of Wight PO39 0BE

Ref. No: 24/00037/HOU | Received: Wed 10 Jan 2024 | Validated: Wed 10 Jan 2024 | Status: Registered

Comments: Councillors had no objections to this application.

### Proposed detached garage, workshop and store

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

Ref. No: 24/00018/HOU | Received: Fri 05 Jan 2024 | Validated: Wed 24 Jan 2024 | Status: Registered

Comments: Councillors had no objections to this application.

2. To receive Planning Decisions - None

3. To receive Tree Work Applications - None.

4. To receive Tree Work Decisions

5. To note Appeal Decision - APP/P2114/W/23/3320044. 11-14 Trevanions Way, Totland, PO39 0LB. This appeal has been dismissed with planning permission for tourism unit replacing existing detached garage refused.

## 201/23 REPORTS

To receive reports as follows:

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

2. *Open Spaces*

The handrail from Stokes Green to Pier has been repaired at the top and bottom. Two rotten fence panels with posts to the back of Cokes Green have been replaced. One of the picnic benches on Colwell Common has been repaired - bolts had been removed. Toilet flushing chains at Colwell have been replaced. The flagpole at Totland beach has been repaired with new bolts. Maintenance to the memorial seats will commence early Spring.

3. *Clerk*

There has been an ongoing problem with the utility company billing over the last year, however, this has now been resolved for the office. I am still working on the FYTBus office and the public toilets.

Wallgate units from Colwell toilets are currently in storage.

Documents for the Memorial Hall have been collected from Freshwater Parish Council and the Clerk will speak with the solicitors this week as they are copies and not originals.

The Clerk will arrange an up-to-date quotation to install power on Colwell Common again.

#### 4. *Weston School*

A Confidential Report was read to Councillors regarding a proposal. Councillor welcome all proposals put before supporting this they would like to see a plan as they would like to reserve the right to comment when a full planning application is submitted.

### **202/23 SOLENT WATER QUALITY**

*To discuss and agree if the Parish Council should continue the Solent Water Quality testing. The cost to carry out this is £138.00.*

Councillors agreed not to go ahead with this testing for 2024/2025. Councillor Jarman would email the Clerk a few examples of the pipe network and discharges for circulation.

### **203/23 PROJECTS**

*To receive updates to the Public Toilets:*

#### *a. Colwell Refurbishment.*

Works are running on time however, we expect a slight delay due to the delivery of units and doors along with the road closure for The Broadway, as we will not be able to gain access to the storage container.

#### *b. Totland Recreation Ground*

Other than the borehole samples taken during December and the confirmation of the public work loan, works have not yet commenced. GW and SB are obtaining prices for the frame.

### **204/23 CORRESPONDENCE**

*To receive correspondence and agree action.*

A letter has been received from a resident of Summers Court. Some bungalows had been completed and sold with no further works taking place. They have asked if we could arrange for the fencing to be removed as it is very detrimental to the area. Councillors have no power to arrange this removal but would inform the Isle of Wight Council to deal with.

It has been noted the Pier works have another delay and will not be opening until September 2024 at the earliest. The Clerk would arrange a meeting to discuss the ongoing problems.

### **205/23 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 7.40pm

## **Report – Ward Councillor Chris Jarman – February 2024**

### **IWC 2024-25 Assistance on Budget comments**

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.

### **Camp Road - not Totland and Colwell but the discharges into the Yar and Solent impact us all.**

The planning application has been "re-advertised" with revised documents for a major development in Camp Road. Comments to the previous application will count and residents can submit comments on the revised documents. I am aware local community groups that objected previously have already been galvanised into action and will be available to assist those that cannot submit comments online themselves. A community meeting will be held next Saturday 10th Feb.

The link for comments is:

**<https://publicaccess.iow.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=QX77EBIQH9P0021/01552/OUT>** | [Outline for a residential development comprising of 127 dwellings; access roads with a proposed junction onto Camp Road and pedestrian access point onto Victoria Road; revised description; revised plans showing removal of pedestrian access to Victoria Road, revised layout, reduction of housing to 127 units; additional information relating to biodiversity mitigation and drainage, impacts on designated sites and highway information \(re-advertised application\) | OS Parcel 0059 Camp Road Freshwater Isle Of Wight \(iow.gov.uk\)](#)

### **West Wight Sports and Community Centre**

We were successful in reversing the previous decision by IWC (Portfolio holder for finance is Cllr Ian Stephens of the Alliance Group) to retrospectively remove the relief given to this critical facility. IWC had invoiced the WWSCC for backdated charges of £23,859.20 and as a result of our actions the bill is now £0. This challenge will need to be taken up again for the next financial year starting in April '24.

### **Southern Water**

Given the undertaking from SW to provide our community with Water Butts from the start of 2024 we are seeking confirmation of the process and entitlement. As soon as this is available we will circulate details through FWPC and FWBRA.

We have just obtained the telemetry for discharges from CSOs in the West Wight including those to the Yar and to local North shore beaches.

### **Hole in coastal path Totland/Colwell**

An online meeting regarding coastal issues confirmed the annual budget at IWC is £80k. There are a significant number of coastal movements that have arisen Islandwide since November 23. The estimated cost of this one hole was given as £80k - the entire annual budget.

### **IWC 2024-25 budget submissions**

A majority grouping of IWC Members (including all West Wight local Cllrs Medland, Sprink and myself) have been seeking to use their Constitutional provision to submit an Alternative Budget to that of the of present minority Alliance-Group-only Cabinet, but have found their access to critical data and resources consistently denied. We continue to press to exercise our entitlement through all available routes including IWC Committees and have taken legal advice. We have been advised that blocking our entitlement provided for under our Constitution raises the potential that, with legal process denied, any resulting budget may itself be illegal.

### **A3055 Coastal Highway - again this impacts all West Wight**

Given the holes at Afton Down and significant collapses and movements along our South Coast, the matters have received significant exposure and comments by West Wight residents. The current IWC Policy, established in 2010, is for no active intervention. In order for any potential mitigation measures to be considered or grants applied for, this policy must be revoked. I have submitted a question to IWC Corporate Scrutiny for next Tuesday to initiate this process (attachment 1).

Cllr Chris Jarman

### **Attachment 1**

Members question to Isle of Wight Corporate Scrutiny Committee of 6th February 2024  
Title: Prerequisite need to revoke current IWC policy of 'No Active Intervention' regarding coastal protection and specifically related to the A3055 'Military Road'.

In December 2010 the Isle of Wight Council published their Shoreline Management Plan 2 (Review Sub-cell 5d+e) in conjunction with the Environment Agency and with consultation with external partners including Natural England and English Heritage. This SMP2 comprises almost 400 pages of detailed analysis regarding coastal erosion and mitigation options. This December 2010 version was a revision of the earlier 1997 consideration of options and determination of Isle of Wight Council policy.

That document, now over 13 years old, considered 4 key management policy options as defined by DEFRA at that time:

- No Active Intervention (NAI): where there is no investment in coastal defences or operations.
- Hold the existing defence Line (HTL): by maintaining or changing the standard of protection.
- Managed Realignment (MR): by allowing the shoreline to move backwards or forwards, with management to control or limit movement
- Advance the existing defence line (ATL): by building new defences on the seaward side of the original defences.

Page 334 of SMP2 identifies various of the above policies to be applied to each section of coastline of the Isle of Wight and to its major rivers and estuaries. These include classification of the entire stretch from Totland Bay to East Ventor as "No Active Intervention" save for very sections such as South of Niton that is noted as "Managed Realignment". SMP2 also provides for adjustments of policy over time such that the policy for a specific location from 2010 to 2025 is amended post 2025 often to lesser degree of protection or active management.

Section 5.4 notes the implications of policy on each designated area including notes where applicable of "Coastal access through may need to be rerouted." These implications are detailed and foreseen although no financial provision of the order of magnitude to achieve them appears to have been secured.

Page 361 deals with the implications for Chale Bay through to Afton Down that has been the subject of considerable ongoing and recent erosion and the ensuing discussions. It notes "NAI [No Active Intervention] will maintain the natural landscape, beaches and scenery of the area, maintaining the amenity interest overall. However, loss of access through potential loss of the A3055 road link and loss of areas of car parking will impact on tourism use and access. The coastal footpath will need to adapt to cliff retreat." Again, despite much debate that has been amplified over the past months and years, no provision has been made for this clearly foreseen need and the resultant substantial impact on the A3055 - the most scenic and iconically beautiful route on our Island, a major tourist attraction and a major commercial route to and from West Wight.

Key is Section 1.2.1 of the 2010 document that notes "plans should be reviewed on a regular basis and re-considered in line with changes in legislation and guidance". Despite the growing alarm regarding the impact of recent erotions from Island residents, businesses, walking groups and many others including the potential impact on our tourism and hospitality sectors, this long overdue review does not appear to have been scheduled or in any way prioritised by the current administration.

A clear plan is required and the justification of inactivity citing an IWC Policy from 2010 noting designations of 'No Active Intervention' does not address the urgent need or inspire public confidence.

**Will this meeting of Corporate Scrutiny therefore recognise the need to overturn the 2010 policy and call for a definitive plan, developed in conjunction with the respective environmental agencies and land owners and working with our MP to help secure funds, that provides a sustainable solution to maintaining the present and long term future viability of the iconic Military Road A3055 and the associated Coastal Path along the South of our Island?**

ubmitted by Cllrs Mosdell and Jarman jointly on behalf of both IWC Conservative and Empowering Islanders Groups