

TOTLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the **Full Council** meeting of **TOTLAND PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Monday 13th January 2025 at 6:00 PM**, at Council Chamber, Parish Council Office.

Those present :

Chairman : Mr G Wyre

Vice-Chairman : Mrs J Cave

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

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.

1 member of public in attendance.

271/24 APOLOGIES

To receive and accept apologies for non-attendance.

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor John Howe. **RESOLVED**

272/24 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.

Councillor Jarman - Also a Freshwater Parish Councillor.

273/24 MINUTES AND UPDATES

*To receive for approval minutes of the Parish Council meeting (s) as below:
Monday 11th November 2024.*

The minutes were accepted and approved as a true and accurate record of this meeting. **RESOLVED**. Proposed Councillor Cave, seconded Councillor Fennell all agreed.

FINANCE AND GRANTS

a. To agree the approval of payments to: 18th December 2024 and 13th January 2025.

APPROVED and **RESOLVED** to make payments by bank transfer/cheque/debit card, link below:

EDF Totland Toilets 19.00
 EDF Colwell Toilets 44.00
 EDF Shed 8.00
 Talk Talk Phone Internet 55.27
 Everflow Water supply 126.77
 Everflow Water supply 167.74
 High Glass Window Cleaning 24.00
 R & R Container 105.60
 Vinyl Banners Xmas Banners 100.52
 Wight Computers Domain name renewal 15.59
 Christmas Direct Colwell Lights 574.80
 Biffa Waste Bin Rental 4.70
 G Wyre Chairman Allowance 200.00
 G Wyre Chairman Allowance 115.00
 RVN Memorial seat repairs/materials 24.94
 Wight Computers 365/Anti Virus 16.03
 Wight Computers One Drive issue 45.00
 Island Cleaning Solutions Public Toilet cleaning 729.00
 EDF Utilities Totland 19.00
 EDF Utilities Colwell 44.00
 EDF Utilities Shed 8.00
 Talk Talk Telephone/Internet 55.27
 SLCC Membership 238.00
 S Blamire Weston expenses 260.61
 R & R Containers Hire 105.60
 South Coast Flagpoles Remaining fee 1,240.00
 British Gas Office 126.42
 Ricoh Photocopier 127.01
 H Gibbs Clerk refund 76.92
 J Nash Court Order 500.00

NDL Colwell tree lights 936.00
 Brighstone Lanscapes Grass cutting 1,248.47
 Island Roads Widdick Chine dog bin 175.82
 thomson Nursery Christmas tree Colwell 245.00
 Biffa Waste 21.78
 High Glass Window cleaning 24.00
 Post Office Stamps - Recorded Deliver 2.55
 H Art Huxley Xmas Fair 161.00
 Talk Talk Telephone/Internet 55.30
 Talk Talk Telephone/Internet 55.30
 ICO Subscription 35.00
 EDF Utilities Shed 8.00
 EDF Utilities Colwell PT 44.00
 EDF Utilities Totland PT 19.00
 ICS Public Toilet cleaning 729.00
 Wight Computers 365/Anti Virus 16.03
 SSE Rec Utilities 160.42
 Honnor & Jeffrey logs & kindling 39.96
 Christmas Direct Baubles 2025 (sale) 78.11
 Marquees IOW Xmas Fair 1,787.50
 IOW Defibrillator Annual Grant 250.00
 D & A Garden Roundabouts 75.00
 Island Community Ventures Post Office 500.00
 R & R Containers Hire 132.00
 Brighstone Lanscapes Grass cutting 1,144.97
 NDL Xmas tree, deliver, install/remove 600.00
 Parish Online Software mapping 90.00

Biffa Flytipping 83.88
ICS Public toilet cleaning 729.00
Wight Computers 365/Avast 16.03
R & R Containers Container hire 105.60
British Gas office Utilities 203.14
R Selby Mower belt 24.73
EDF Totland PT 19.00
EDF Colwell PT 44.00
EDF Shed 8.00
Everflow Water all 147.88
PWL Colwell PT 5,032.92
B Nelson Labour 90.00

b. To ratify the expenditure of £1875.00 to replace 3 defibrillators.

The request had originally been for 4, however, IOW Defibrillators have granted a defib to the Needles Battery. The quotation which was a special offer, was to finish at the end of December and Totland Parish Council ordered 3 for the locations: Waterfront, Colwell public toilets and Memorial Hall. The Clerk has asked Freshwater Parish Council if they will support the one at the Memorial Hall at a cost of £695.00 and we await their decision. All defibrillators have been received and are in place.

c. To agree the annual grants for 2025/2026 as follows:

- West Wight Sports & Community Centre - £11,000.00
- Community Connector - £5,000.00
- West Wight Nursery - £5,000.00
- Isle of Wight Prostate - £400.00
- IOW Defibrillators - £250.00

Councillors agreed to continue the annual support to the above which would leave £350.00 in the grant pot for 2025/2026 - Proposed Councillor Wyre, seconded Councillor Fennell, all agreed. **RESOLVED.**

- Post Office support of £7500.00 was also agreed.

d. To approve the increase in the precept for the Memorial Hall in line with the Lease.

Councillor Wyre, who is also the Chairman of the MALCO Committee, updated Councillors on the Memorial Hall income and expenditure and the request to increase the Precept to cover the salaries and utility costs. Councillors agreed to add this increase to the budget.

e. To receive for approval the draft budget for 2025/2026

The draft budget had been circulated and Councillors agreed to reduce the Tree Works by £1500.00, and increase the Memorial Hall precept to £6000.00. The budget for 2025/2026 was agreed. Councillors had promised residents they would not increase the precept this year and Councillors thanked the Clerk for managing this. Proposed Councillor Wyre and seconded Councillor Cave, all agreed. **RESOLVED.**

f. To agree the precept request to the Isle of Wight Council for 2025/2026.

Councillors agreed to keep the precept for 2025/2026 to £230,000. Proposed Councillor Wyre, seconded Councillor Cave, all agreed. **RESOLVED.**

g. To accept the 5 year quotation from EdgeIT for the Finance and Admin package.

As the precept and other income which includes VAT returns will go over the next band, there will be an increase in the finance package FROM to £698.00, however, this band will cover up to £500,000 income. Proposed to accept this quotation for 5 years by Councillor Fennell, seconded Councillor Cave and all agreed. **RESOLVED.**

h. To accept the quotation for the Public Toilet cleaning.

The Clerk had requested 3 quotes and to date only 1 has been received. The price will remain the same for the next 4 years. Councillors agreed to accept this quotation as the contractor is very flexible with his service. Proposed Councillor Jarman, seconded Councillor Benns and all agreed. **RESOLVED.**

275/24 PLANNING APPLICATIONS, DECISIONS, APPEALS & TREE WORKS

a. To consider Planning Applications

Variation of condition 2 and removal of condition 3 on 23/00787/FUL to allow for a change in external materials

7 Farthings Way Totland Totland Bay Isle Of Wight PO39 0LD
Ref. No: 24/01906/RVC
Comment: No comment

b. To receive Planning Decisions

Application No: 24/01166/HOU

Location: Former Country Garden Hotel Church Hill Totland Bay

Proposal: Demolition of south garage wing, north-west single storey wing, eastern two storey wing & single storey northern structures; Proposed rear 'extension', orangery & greenhouse; detached gym building (revised plans) (revised description)

Decision Date: 13th November 2024 Decision: GRANTED

c. To receive Tree Work Applications

This application includes trees covered by TPO and Conservation Area: Front Hedgerow; H1 - H5; Holm oak, Beech, Hazel, Hawthorn, Laurel and Beech - Cut back to as close to boundary as possible, reducing canopies up to 30%. Island Roads has requested height clearance of 5.5m from the carriageway and 2.4m from the pavement. Garden Trees; T1; Oak - Reduce canopy up to 30%. T2; Holm oak - Reduce canopy up to 30%. T3; Holm oak - Reduce canopy up to 30%. T4; Beech - Reduce canopy up to 30%. T5 and T6; Sycamore and Holm oak intertwined - Reduce canopies up to 30%.

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Tinkers Ledge Church Hill Totland Totland Bay Isle Of Wight PO39 0EU

Ref. No: 24/01727/TW |

Pine; removal of entire crown, before death occurs and integrity can no longer be guaranteed, leaving approx. 2m of timber above first major bifurcation, to manage as a habitat asset.

The Rafters Warden Road Totland Bay Isle Of Wight PO39 0AD

Ref. No: 24/01621/TW

d. To receive Tree Work Decisions

T1 and T2; Holm Oaks - Pollard by 60% T3; Pine - Fell

St Winifreds Cliff Road Totland Bay Isle Of Wight PO39 0BH

Ref. No: 24/01465/TW

Decision Date: 5th December 2024 Decision: Split

Application No: 24/01407/TW

Location: Alberi 6 Woodlands Totland Isle Of Wight PO39 0FE

Proposal: Sycamore (Acer pseudoplatanus); Crown raise to 5.5 metres up from road side. Crown clean and thin Slight reduction on 0.5 to 1.5m of weighted limbs over the road toward house boundary opposite. Slight height reduction 0.5m to 1m.

Decision: GRANTED

e. To note Appeals.

None.

276/24 REPORTS

To receive reports as follows:

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

Verbal Report: The budget has been high priority with the recent government devolution plans. This is unsure times and due to decisions being to be made quickly it was felt that not enough information was available in order to make those decisions. Further updates will become available by the end of January. Parish Councillors felt there was no need to delay parish elections but if they did it would not have a large effect on them being delayed for 1 year.

Written Report: <https://www.totlandparishcouncil.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/January-2025-Ward-Cllr.pdf>

b. Open Spaces Report

The badgers have been active on Turf Walk and Stokes Green, no further action at this time.

c. Clerk Report

The chairs that had been flytipped on the Recreation Ground has been removed at a cost of £65.00 + VAT. The Clerk added to social media asking people who are giving away goods free to be aware where these items may end and the cost to others. The vehicle that had driven over Colwell Common and got stuck had been reported to Police and inquiries are still ongoing by our local Neighbourhood Team. It was noted that the recovery truck did not add to further damage. Brighstone Landscapes have been repairing this area and by Spring we will be able to determine if further repairs are required ie. Adding topsoil and reseeding the area damaged. Village Hall update. The Enviromental search is back and is showing low risk as expected. The amended Contract has been received and Councillors would like the second payment to be made 1 year from completion.

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

A meeting has been held which seemed promising. The groynes and beach area come under a different company as they are trying to raise funds to carry out the works. Quotations have been received which have come in much cheaper than expected.

e. Events Report

The 'Christmas Fair' was very well attended and all had a good time. The marquee was much better being a little bigger and the Memorial Hall were very well received serving mulled wine. Men in Sheds collected £350.00 on the door and this has been granted back to them. The traders who took card payments struggled with connection and the Clerk will speak with Wightfibre to see if they can help for next year.

f. To note the Community Connector annual report

The annual report has been duly noted and Councillors were very impressed with this. Clerk to send a thank you.

277/24 MEMORIAL HALL

To discuss the future of the Memorial Hall and the Totland Parish Council 1/3rd ownership.

Time and resources will soon be required to build the Totland Village Hall and it was agreed the input that has been put into the Memorial Hall over the years had now left the Memorial Hall in a very good condition both building wise externally and with hall bookings.

It was discussed that a 1 year notice be given to Freshwater Parish Council, from 1st April 2026 Totland would no longer be financially involved with the Memorial Hall. This was due to the need for financial input along with Councillor time that would be required for the Totland Village Hall to be up and running. A contract would be drawn up stating that should the hall be sold within 10 years Totland Parish Council would receive 100% of their third and this would decrease by 10% each year until zero. Councillor Jarman proposed this motion and it was seconded by Councillor Fennell. A vote was held with the outcome as 5 voted for with 1 against. Freshwater Parish Council would be notified of this intention.

The paperwork is still with HM Land Registry.

Freshwater Parish Council accounts department asked for the original invoice covering the legal costs that was issued on 30th September be reissued as 2/3rds and 1/3rd rather than a 50/50 split. The Clerk confirmed this invoice had been adjusted and resubmitted.

278/24 PUBLIC TOILETS

a. To receive the report from Isle Access for the Totland Beach public toilet access.
The report had been noted.

b. To agree for the Clerk and Chairman to meet with the recommended builder to

discuss legal options.

The Clerk will arrange a meeting with the builder to discuss legal options.

Last weekend the ladies toilets at Totland beach were vandalised with extreme damage to the Wallgate unit and two doors damaged beyond repair. The water pipes were also damaged and this has been switched off. The toilets have been locked off. The 3 units to the back of the building will be closed off, in preparation for the refurbishment that will take place in the future, and the wallgate units that had been in the Colwell toilets will to be installed with 2 new doors fitted.

279/24 PROJECTS

To receive the PEA (Preliminary Ecological Appraisal) report for Totland Recreation Ground and agree next action.

This reported was noted and will be attached to the planning application for the Cycle Skills area.

280/24 CORRESPONDENCE

To receive Correspondence

A reply has been received from the resident regarding the parking around the Recreation Ground for the Bowling Club use. Councillors are happy with the initial response and have noted these comments. At this time no further action will be taken.

Meeting closed 7.18pm

Signed Chairman

Date