

TOTLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the **Full Council** meeting of **TOTLAND PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Monday 10th February 2025 at 6:00 PM**, at Parish Council Offices, The Broadway.

Those present :

Chairman : Mr G Wyre

Vice-Chairman : Mrs J Cave

Councillors : Mrs H Benns, Mr V Fennell, Mr C Jarman, Mrs E Smith

Officers : Mrs H Gibbs

* Attended remotely

1 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 public were in attendance.

One member spoke about the Memorial Hall and how Totland Parish Council should continue to be involved. He left the meeting at 6.10pm.

281/24 APOLOGIES

To receive and accept apologies for non-attendance.

Apologies were received and accepted by Councillor John Howe and Councillor Steve Blamire. **RESOLVED.**

The Chairman expressed the Parish Councils sincere condolences to Councillor Blamire and his family at this time.

282/24 CO-OPTION

a. To consider co-option from 1 applicant.

Mrs Susan Elaine Smith had shared details about herself and Councillor Benns proposed to co-opt to the Parish Council with Councillor Cave seconding, all agreed. Councillor Smith was invited to sit at the table.

b. To accept and sign declaration of acceptance.

Councillor Smith signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office which was witnessed

and signed by the Proper Officer.

283/24 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 - as a member of Freshwater Parish Council declared an interest as follows:

Item 289/24 Memorial Hall, and 286/24 Planning.

284/24 MINUTES AND UPDATES

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

Monday 13th January 2025 - **RESOLVED**.

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

285/24 FINANCE AND GRANTS

a. To agree the approval of payments to: 10th February 2025.

APPROVED and **RESOLVED** to make payments by cheque, bank transfer, debit card and direct debit, payment link below: Proposed Councillor Fennell, seconded Councillor Bennis all agreed.

Ricoh Photocopier rental/usage £130.86
Edge IT Annual subscription Finance/Admin £1,035.24
Brighstone Landscaping Grass cutting December £1,144.97
Brighstone Landscaping Grass cutting January £1,248.47
Brighstone Landscaping Grass cutting February £1,144.97
Home Bargains Toilet rolls £9.98
High Glass Window cleaning £24.00
Everflow Utilities water £199.05
Biffa Waste Bin rental £4.70
IOW Defibrillators Defibrillator replacements £2,085.00
ICS Public toilet cleaning £729.00
Island Renewables Service of PV system £102.00
Wight Computers 365 Business & Anti Virus £16.03
Wight Computers Web Hosting & SSL Certificate £168.00

b. To note receipt of the Public Work Loan for works to Totland Recreation Ground
NOTED.

c. Clerk confirmed the VAT reclaim had been submitted from 1st April to 31st December.

NOTED.

286/24 PLANNING APPLICATIONS, DECISIONS, APPEALS & TREE WORKS

a. To consider Planning Applications

Application No: 25/00047/HOU

Location: Westhaven Colwell Road Freshwater Totland Bay Isle Of Wight PO39 0AB

Proposal: Demolition of existing porch and rear sunlounge; Proposed front porch and single storey rear extension.

Comments: No objections.

Application No. 25/00008/HOU

Location: Sherwood, Heath Meadow, PO40 9NQ
Proposal: Installation of an Air Source Heat Pump
Comments: Proper placement and consideration of noise levels should be considered for surrounding neighbours.

Application No. 25/0132/FUL

Location: Needles Headland Road, Totland

Proposal: Proposed automated gate and sensor

Comments: Councillors remain concerned with the gate location. The area has inadequate turning area and traffic flow. The gate is placed at a narrow section of the highway and this creates significant challenges for vehicles turning. Councillors also asked how the sensor will work with everyday vehicles gaining access, for example the tour buses and emergency services whether this is the Police, Ambulance, Fire or Coastal? Clarity is also requested with regards to the footpath and Rights of Way, will this need to be moved?

b. To receive Planning Decisions

Application No: 24/01606/HOU

Proposal: Colwell Cottage Colwell Road Freshwater Totland Bay PO39 0AH

Location: Proposed extension at first floor level on side elevation; Proposed outbuilding to form garage and office (revised plans)

Decision: GRANTED

c. To receive Tree Work Applications

T1; Macracarpa - Reduce overlong limbs by up to 2 metres. T2; Macracarpa - Reduce limbs on property side by up to 1.5 metres.

The Hermitage Cliff Road Totland Bay Isle Of Wight PO39 0EW

Ref. No: 25/00114/TW

Comments: Noted.

d. To receive Tree Work Decisions

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 |

Decision: 13th January 2025 - GRANTED

Application No: 25/00009/TW

Location: Freshwater Court, Court Road Totland Isle Of Wight PO40 9NU

****5 DAY NOTICE**** Decision: GRANTED

A; Selection of fallen, leaning, damaged and dead Elms - Remove

B; Horse chestnut - Clear away damaged section hanging in the upper limbs of adjacent tree.

C; Fallen sycamore type tree on drive - Log up.

D; Leaning Yew, fallen Yew and damaged limbs from adjacent trees - Clear away. Pine tree on drive - Clear away remaining stump (partially collapsed).

Application No: 24/01568/TW

Location: The Briary Moons Hill Totland Freshwater Isle Of Wight PO40 9RP

Proposal: T22; Lime tree - Remove heavily extending side stem to the north, which is decaying and an open hollow to its' base.

Decision: GRANTED

e. To note Appeals - None.

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REPORTS

To receive reports as follows:

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

A report was circulated and can be seen here -

<https://www.totlandparishcouncil.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/February-2025-Ward-Clr.pdf>

In addition the double yellow lines that had been planned for various locations around Totland are still outstanding. Councillor Jarman will request a schedule of works to determine when these may take place.

b. Open Spaces Report

To agree new bench for Turf Walk.

A new bench and artwork on Turf Walk with Timebank. The Timebank will no longer be operating from August 2025, however, sections of the group will continue, such as the Allotments and Eco Refill Scheme. Councillors agreed the new bench, location to be agreed with the Clerk. Once the hall is signed over talks can take place for the Friday afternoon usage with the Eco Refill team.

Overall the Open Spaces in Totland are very wet at the moment.

c. Clerk Report

We will be moving to Wight Fibre for the supply of telephone and internet service this month. It is estimated to make a saving of around £200.00/year.

Car Boots - Sadly we will not have the Scouts this year as they are struggling to find new leaders. They are holding an open evening on 6th March on the Recreation Ground to try and recruit. We will continue with the West Wight Men in Sheds, West Wight Nursery, West Wight Heritage and West Wight Youth Football.

I have asked Island Roads to clear the drains on Church Hill as they were already blocked and since the road works have taken place they have not improved. The District Steward advised that this would require a gully tanker and can be arranged but need to know the exact drains that need cleaning, Clerk has suggested all of them.

Madeira Road down to Pier. The road has been repaired and resurfaced with the double yellow lines now in place. The slow sign on the road just before the bridge has not been replaced and Island Roads have added to their request list. The Clerk has responded to them showing that the slow sign was on the road in August 2024 and is therefore not a new request. Many walkers use this road if they are unable to use steps including disabled access and pushchair users. The repairs have made this a fast road with no pavements. Councillor Jarman has been included in the emails.

Police - the damage caused to Colwell Common during December was reported at the time and the Clerk has received verbal confirmation that the case is closed with no further action. The Clerk has sent an email to the Police Commissioner Donna Jones expressing the disappointment to close this case.

d. Approval of 31 Granville Road Shed.

Councillors thanked the occupiers for requesting approval and agreed for this to go ahead. Proposed Councillor Wyre, seconded Councillor Fennell all agreed.

RESOLVED.

288/24 VILLAGE HALL

To receive updates on the purchase of the Village Hall.

It is expected this will complete at the end of March.

a. Councillors input to the plan for the extension.

Councillors continue to look at different layouts for phase 1 and this will continue and form part of the Open Day.

b. Island Renewables update

Solar Panels have been serviced and all working. We are just waiting for a report to see how this will work moving forward.

c. To agree quotation from Brighstone Landscapes.

Island Renewables suggested the panels may work better if not covered over by the bamboo. A quotation was requested from Brighstone Landscape and Councillors accepted this quote. The bamboo will be cut down to 1m in height with the rubbish being removed from site. Proposed Councillor Fennell, seconded Councillor Cave all agreed. **RESOLVED.**

289/24 MEMORIAL HALL

To receive updates relating to the Memorial Hall

a. Clerk confirmed letter had been sent to Freshwater Parish Council regarding Totland Parish Council 1/3rd Ownership. An email has been received from Councillor James suggesting a meeting between all parties. Councillors agreed for the Clerk to arrange this as clarification is required.

b. To agree a consultation event in the Village Hall with regards to the releasing of the 1/3rd ownership. To give residents the opportunity to decide the outcome for this. The financial cost and Councillors time required for both projects would be shared.

c. To confirm receipt of the 2/3rds legal fee costings from Freshwater Parish Council.
NOTED.

d. To receive updates on the Lease arrangement.
All Freshwater Parish Councillors have received a copy of the lease.

290/24 PUBLIC TOILETS

a. To update Councillors on the meeting with RPL Construction regarding the access to Totland Beach public toilets.

The Chairman and Clerk met with RPL and we are currently waiting for a quotation. We discussed using the whole grassed area rather than creating a curved path and end up with small sections of land to maintain.

b. Maintenance Team updates: The Ladies remains closed at Totland beach whilst works are carried out, expect to open for Easter. Solid doors are being made and the old Colwell Wallgate unit will be installed.

c. Colwell disabled has been locked due to vandalism.
A known person was using this to sleep inside whilst causing some damage and the porthole also requires repairs.

291/24 CORRESPONDENCE

To receive Correspondence.

None

Meeting closed at 7.15pm.

Signed Chairman

Date