

TOTLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the **Full Council** meeting of **TOTLAND PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Monday 10th March 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

.. **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.

No public present.

292/24 APOLOGIES

To receive and accept apologies for non-attendance.

Councillor John Howe and Councillor Steve Blamire - both apologies were accepted.

RESOLVED.

293/24 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 Freshwater Parish Council member.

Councillor Smith - item 296/24 Planning, property boundary.

294/24 MINUTES AND UPDATES

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

Monday 10th February 2025 - **RESOLVED**.

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

295/24 FINANCE AND GRANTS

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

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

British Gas Lite Utilities office £145.29
Sydenhams Materials Totland beach PT £181.12
EDF Utilities £44.00
EDF Utilities £19.00
Talk Talk Telephone/Internet £55.27
EDF Utilities £8.00
PWL Admin fee £25.00
Sydenhams Materials Totland beach PT £83.09
Everflow Utilities £189.65
Talk Talk Telephone/Internet £55.57
E3S Consulting Recreation Grd Study £1,110.00
High Glass Window cleaning £24.00
R & R Container hire £105.60
Biffa Waste Office Waste/bin rental £4.70
Mr P Nelson Totland beach toilets works £37.98
WightFibre Telephone/Internet £6.68
Wight Fire Fire extinguisher checks VH £70.07
Island Cleaning Supplies Public toilet cleaning £729.00
RVN Materials Totland beach PT £18.76
Wight Computer 365/Antivirus £16.03
Ricoh IP address update £48.00
A J Products Tables Village Hall £819.72
R & R Container hire £132.00

b. To ratify the agreement to purchase tables for the Village Hall at a cost of £683.10 + VAT

RATIFIED - Councillors agreed to the purchase of the tables for the Village Hall. Proposed Councillor Wyre, seconded Councillor Fennell all agreed.

c. To receive information relating to the cost to the Parish Council for the Elections 1st May 2025.

The cost involved, should an election be required, is estimated to be around £2000.00. The Isle of Wight Council have committed to advertising the local Town, Parish and Community Councils elections on Thursday 1st May, however, there will always be some who do not know this is happening, therefore the Clerk recommended Councillor have polling cards. Councillor agreed to this, proposed Councillor Wyre, seconded Councillor Fennell all agreed. **RATIFIED**.

Clerk to check if elections will be at Colwell Baptist and the Village Hall and if postal voters still receive polling cards.

296/24 PLANNING APPLICATIONS, DECISIONS, APPEALS & TREE WORKS

a. To consider Planning Applications

[Variation of condition 2 on 24/00059/FUL to allow change from external brickslips to render cladding](#)

Chalet 1-2 Honeysuckle Cottage Colwell Chine Road Totland Isle Of Wight PO40 9NP
Ref. No: 25/00235/RVC |

Comment: No Comment

[Condition compliance application on 21/01809/FUL relating to condition 4](#)

(Extraction) to be discharged

Stoats Farm Weston Lane Totland Isle Of Wight PO39 0HE

Ref. No: 25/00220/DIS |

Comment: No Comment

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

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

Ref. No: 25/00203/HOU |

Comment: No Comment

b. To receive Planning Decisions

Application No: 24/01906/RVC

Location: 7 Farthings Way Totland Bay Isle Of Wight PO39 0LD

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

Decision: GRANTED Dated: 14th February 2025

c. To receive Tree Work Applications - None

d. To receive Tree Work Decisions

Application No: 24/01727/TW

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

Proposal: 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%.

Decision: NO OBJECTION Dated: 12th February 2025

Application No: 24/01826/TW

Location: Solent Vista Heatherwood Park Road Totland Isle Of Wight PO39 0EL

Proposal: Bay tree - Remove branch obstructing the garden shed door.

Decision: NO OBJECTION Dated: 13th February 2025

e. To note Appeals/outcomes

An appeal was lodged against application 24/00014 Seven Gables - Appeal Allowed.

Proposed alterations and change of use from care home to create 9 flats with parking, cycle storage, refuse provision and landscaping (revised plans) (readvertised application)

Seven Gables Rest Home York Lane Totland Bay Isle Of Wight PO39 0ER

Ref. No: 24/00014/REF | Received: Tue 30 Apr 2024 | Status: Appeal Allowed

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REPORTS

To receive reports as follows:

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

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

b. Open Spaces Report

A branch of a tree on Recreation Ground has come down, looks to be okay but will take advice on this.

Councillor Bennis - seats on the promenade require works. Clerk to report this.

Councillor Bennis - has 10 trees grown on from seeds and ready to pot in larger pots.

c. Clerk Report

Wight Fibre works have completed.

Island Roads were asked to clear the drains on Church Hill - a ticket has now been raised and these works will be completed shortly.

Madeira Road - slow sign on road has now been replaced.

Police have been involved with youth knocking/kicking doors around Lanes End and Hurst Point View.

Police have reopened the file regarding the vehicle driven over Colwell Common at the end of last year.

The litter bin on Totland beach was set on fire last weekend and the ladies door, which has been locked off due to the repairs being carried out, was also kicked in the weekend just gone. Police have been notified of all.

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VILLAGE HALL

To receive updates on the Village Hall.

a. Clerk met with Wight Fire to test the fire extinguishers on 17th February - all good and a certificate has been issued.

A Fire Risk Assessment should be carried out to ensure the requirements are correct by law. Clerk to arrange quotations for this.

b. Contract and transfers signed by Totland Parish Council.

These have been signed by both parties now. The next stage will be to exchange contracts and pay the deposit with the completion shortly after. The Hall will be insured with Zurich until September and will cost £590.00. Meter readings will also be taken on exchange.

c. Island Renewables update.

The report was circulated. As Island Renewables did not install this system there is paperwork outstanding and may not be possible to locate after this time. Clerk will speak with suppliers.

d. Totland Village Trust Ltd - to consider closing the non-trading company.

This is a dormant company and has been for many years. The bank account has never been used and is not active. Moving forward it is likely a different set up will be used for the Village Hall. **RESOLVED** Councillors agreed to close this dormant company immediately, proposed Councillor Fennell, seconded Councillor Cave, all agreed.

e. Consultation Date confirmed - Tuesday 25th March 10am to 4pm

To agree the consultation event in the Village Hall.

1. Memorial Hall - discussed in the next item
2. Layout of the Village Hall

Phase 1: To display and explain the considered planning application for an extension to the side of the hall to form a Parish Office and meeting room. This will also involve a refurbishment and upgrade to the toilet area and bring upto current standards with accessible access.

Phase 2: will be about the hall usage which will include the stage/back area and another open day will be arranged for this once the hall is operating, however, ideas will be welcomed for consideration.

A quotation to carry out some immediate repairs to the hall has been requested. This includes replacing the dorma windows x 3, repairing the areas where plaster has blown and repointing areas at the front of the building. There is currently a leak which was thought from the roof, however, the builder is confident this is from the dorma windows and will be resolved once changed. The Clerk to contact the Conservation team to seek advice on this.

Three banners will be purchased to advertise the Open Day - 2 for Colwell Common and 1 for the railings outside the Village Hall. Posters will be sent to the 2 primary

schools asking for them to be put in their newsletters along with our normal distribution of posters.

299/24 MEMORIAL HALL

To receive updates relating to the Memorial Hall

a. Feed back from the meeting with Freshwater Parish Council.

Freshwater Parish Council are waiting for the outcome of the Totland Open Day before they move forward on the lease and other discussions.

b. To agree questions for residents at the Open Day in the Village Hall.

To give residents the option for Totland Parish Council to continue with their involvement in the Memorial Hall with eventually changing the committee set up or to walk away from involvement with the Memorial Hall fully.

Councillors agreed the question should be kept simple to a yes or no answer and agreed to the following:

Background: Totland Parish Council currently owns a 1/3rd share in the Memorial Hall on Avenue Road. The Hall was valued recently around £375,000 - £400,000. Three Totland Councillors sit on the Hall's Management Committee.

It has been suggested that Totland Parish Council could withdraw from any involvement with the Memorial Hall and dispose of the 1/3rd asset to Freshwater Parish Council. This would save Totland Parish Council £6000 a year in running costs plus an amount for ongoing maintenance. This could potentially reduce the local precept (Council Tax) by £4.00 per household per year (based on a Band D property).

Question: Should Totland Parish Council retain its share in the Memorial Hall and continue to have a say in how this facility is run for the benefit of its parishioners? Yes or No.

The Memorial Hall Committee will be asked if they would like a table to display what goes on at the Memorial Hall.

300/24 PUBLIC TOILETS

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

The quotation has been received but the Clerk has not yet looked through and will circulate to Councillors. This item will come back onto the Agenda.

b. Maintenance Team updates

The ladies remains closed at Totland Beach whilst works are carried out, expect to open for Easter.

Doors are being made and the Colwell handwash/dryer will be installed.

Mens were also vandalised in February and the womens main door was kicked in on Friday evening. Vandalism continues to be a problem in this area and Police are aware.

301/24 WEST WIGHT MEN IN SHEDS

To consider request from West Wight Men in Sheds.

The group have run out of space and are looking for more. Currently they are turning people away which is something they don't really want to do. They have asked to either look into another container or speak with the Scouts group about using their building during the day. Councillor Wyre will be putting the Men in Sheds and Scouts in touch with each other to discuss further.

302/24 CONSULTATIONS

Extension for enforcement powers to tackle alcohol-related anti social behaviour. This consultation is running until June.

The government consultation is out today regarding the proposed creation of a 'Mayoral Combined County Authority across Hampshire, Portsmouth, Isle of Wight and

Southampton', and to be known as Hampshire and the Solent. This will be added to the website and details could become available at the Open Day if required.

303/24 CORRESPONDENCE

To receive Correspondence
None.

Meeting closed at 7.30pm.

Signed Chairman

Date