

# TOTLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the **Full Council** meeting of **TOTLAND PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Monday 12th January 2026 at 6:00 PM**, at Totland Village Hall, The Broadway, Totland.

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Those present :

Chairman : Cllr G Wyre

Councillors : Cllr S Blamire, Cllr V Fennell, Cllr C Jarman, Cllr C M Pipe, Cllr E Smith

Officers : Mrs H Gibbs

\* Attended remotely

## **164/25 PUBLIC FORUM**

Before the meeting commenced the Chairman asked for a 1 minute silence in memory of John Howe who served as a Parish Councillor for over 50 years and as a Ward Councillor for Totland for over 20 years.

At this time we also send best wishes to Councillor Jan Cave who is dealing with health problems at this time.

*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.*

3 members of public were in attendance, none spoke.

## **165/25 APOLOGIES**

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

Apologies have been received from Jan Cave and these were accepted.

## **166/25 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.

## 167/25 MINUTES AND UPDATES

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

Full Council Monday 10th November 2025 - **RESOLVED**.

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

*Updates from the previous meeting;*

The West Wight Sports & Community Centre & West Wight Nursery sent their thanks for the continued support from Totland for 2026/2027.

New email addresses have been forwarded to all Councillors and the Clerk asked for all to set them up on their personal IT.

The Clerk confirmed the domain name has now changed to .gov.uk

The curtains and chairs in the Village Hall have all been cleaned and the smaller tables have been delivered.

## 168/25 FINANCE AND GRANTS

*a. To ratify the approval of payments to 8th December 2025*

**APPROVED** and **RESOLVED** to make payments by banks transfer/cheque/direct debit/debit card as below:

Proposed Councillor Fennell, seconded Councillor Jarman all agreed.

£161.00	H Arts - Huxley Magic Christmas Fair
£37.50	R Nelson - Village Hall foyer tap replacements
£78.11	Christmas Direct - Baubles
£24.00	High Glass - Office window cleaning
£18.99	Screwfix - Village Hall key box
£552.48	Wight Computers - .gov.uk - email set ups
£2007.50	Marquees IOW - Christmas Fair marquee, flooring, lights, generator
£9.31	RVN - Village Hall materials
£312.99	Thompson Nursery - Christmas tree Colwell Common and Village Hall
£729.00	Island Cleaning Solutions - public toilet cleaning
£5032.92	Public Work Loan repayment
£910.00	Mrs V Sloper - Office rent

*b. To approve payments to 9th January 2026*

£90.00	Bamboo Data Ltd - registration of domain .gov.uk
£397.46	Biffa Waste - Colwell Common, Recreation Ground bins and office waste
£1248.47	Brighstone Landscaping - Grass cutting
£3554.90	ERMC - works to date on Village Hall plans
£193.73	Everflow - Utilities water, public toilets and office
£24.00	High Glass - Office window cleaning
£27.97	Honor & Jeffrey - plant caddy and saucer Village Hall
£729.00	Island Cleaning Solutions - public toilet cleaning
£180.00	Isle of Wight Council - Ash die back inspections
£360.00	Joseph Barnes - Weston Field hedge clearance
£11.20	Lloyds Bank - bank charges
£90.00	Parish Online - annual subscription
£2617.06	Public Work Loan repayment
£87.97	Vinyl Banners - Christmas and New year banners
£77.06	Wight Computers - monthly subscriptions and new email set up advice
£187.20	WightFibre - Office & Village Hall internet/telephone Nov & Dec 2025

*c. To receive for approval the draft budget for 2026/2027 - Version 2*

The draft budget had been circulated and Councillors accepted this budget. Proposed Councillor Wyre, seconded Councillor Fennell, all agreed. **RESOLVED**.

*c1. To agree the precept request to the Isle of Wight Council for 2026/2027.*

Councillors agreed to keep the precept for 2026/2027 to £230,000. Proposed Councillor Wyre, seconded Councillor Fennell, all agreed. **RESOLVED**.

d. *To receive updates on the Awards for All application 29th December 2025.*  
This application was to equip the toilets in the extension on the Village Hall completely. The Clerk confirmed they had been successful and had been granted £19900.00.

e. *To confirm the adding of Facilities to the cloud based AdvantEdge to the website.*  
The Clerk was receiving training and once ready this would be available on the website.

f. *To approve the quote for the Hive system in the Village Hall.*  
A new light in the back kitchen has also been installed and all working well.  
**APPROVED.** Proposed Councillor Fennell, seconded Councillor Pipe all agreed.

g. *To agree the quote to replace the pump on the Village Hall Boiler.*  
This has been fitted and all working. **APPROVED.** Proposed Councillor Fennell, seconded Councillor Pipe all agreed.

## 169/25 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS, DECISIONS, APPEALS & TREE WORKS**

a. *To consider Planning Applications*

[Demolition of existing extension; proposed single storey and first floor extensions; alterations to fenestration; proposed outbuilding and replacement shed](#)

Alum Bay Cottage Alum Bay Old Road Totland Isle Of Wight PO39 0JA

Ref. No: 25/01807/HOU |

Comments: Councillors supported the concerns shared regarding the unmade and unadopted track leading to Alum Bay House would suffer significant wear and tear during the demolition and rebuild process with the numerous vehicles including heavy plant vehicles. This track must be put back into good order once the project is completed.

[Proposed single storey extension on rear elevation](#)

6 Meadow Barn Close Totland Isle Of Wight PO39 0DF

Ref. No: 25/01798/HOU |

Comments: No comment.

b. *To receive Planning Decisions*

Application No: 25/01381/HOU

Location: Corner Cottage Cliff Road Totland Bay Isle Of Wight PO39 0EH

Proposal: Timber garage

Decision: GRANTED Dec 25

Application No: 25/01389/FUL

Location: Land Adjacent Pilots Point Madeira Road Totland Isle Of Wight

Proposal: Proposed 5 beach huts

Decision: GRANTED – 21/11/25

Application No: 25/01400/FUL

Location: Beach Combers The Mall Totland Bay Isle Of Wight PO39 0DR

Proposal: Demolition of garage; proposed detached bungalow (revised scheme)

Decision: REFUSED: 20/11/2025

c. *To receive and note Tree Work Applications*

[G1; Mixed evergreen species including cypress, yew, bay - Lift from ground level to approx. 6m and reduce bay in height back to previous pollard points.](#)

[Reason: Maintain hedgeline.](#)

Aston House Church Hill Totland Totland Bay Isle Of Wight PO39 0EU

Ref. No: 25/01624/TW

d. *To receive Tree Work Decisions*

Reference 25/01312/TW

Location: Cedar Cottage Cliff Road Totland Bay Isle Of Wight PO39 0EH

Proposal Amendment to proposal received 18.12.2025:

T1; Copper Beech; Reduce growth back to previous points approx 2mtrs off height and 3mtrs off spread.

Reason: To reduce overhang to 1a Greenways and leave a balanced canopy.  
T2; Beech; Reduce height by 3 mtrs to match T1.  
Reason: To leave a better shape to the top of the crown.  
Decision Granted – 24th December 2025

*e. To note Appeals - NONE*

*f. Enforcement - NONE*

## **170/25 REPORTS**

*To receive reports as follows:*

*a. Isle of Wight Councillor for Totland & Colwell - Councillor Chris Jarman*  
Reports from November and December were circulated. Councillors asked questions relating to these reports including the Sandown Water Treatment Works.

*b. Open Spaces*

One tree on the centre area of Fort Warden Road will be removed and a replacement will be planted in February.

The Christmas tree from the Village Hall will be planted on Colwell Common this month. The corsican pines are also at the Hall with 3 ready to plant.

All areas are generally very boggy at the moment.

*c. Clerk*

Totland Village Trust Ltd – confirmation has been received, this company from 2nd December 2025 has been dissolved.

Memorial Hall registration - a land value has been requested and this has been replied to. Verbal valuation was £375,000 to £425,000. This is for the land/building only and not business.

Tree Council - under the name Wight Nature had added Totland Parish Council and others to a post on their social media page stating that they were looking for a tree warden for the Parish Council. This was incorrect and no permission had been given for them to do this, the Clerk emailed them and this was changed to Totland area. Another Council has also taken this up with the Tree Council and we await an update on this. This does seem to be only Councils who did not respond positively to attending an open event invitation.

The office photocopier will be replaced with a new one and the cost will remain the same.

*d. Memorial Hall*

Quotation/works - We are still waiting for the quotation that Freshwater Parish Council are arranging.

The Older Persons Lunch in December was very well attended. Thank you to the Waterfront for providing the food and cooking again.

*e. Archive Group*

The Parish Office Landlord confirmed verbally that they see no problem for the Archives to move into the meeting room. Further discussions will need to take place to confirm long term.

## **171/25 TENDERS AND CONTRACTS**

*To agree the advertising of the Grass Cutting Tender for 2026-2029.*

Two tenders one for the main works and the second for the smaller areas including the Village Hall have been advertised and this closes on 30th January and, any tenders received will be brought to the February meeting for consideration.

## **172/25 POST OFFICE TOTLAND**

*To confirm the continued financial support with Action IW to keep the Post Office open. Additional information has become available.*

At the November Parish Council meeting, Councillors agreed to cease the grant as

Action IW was no longer able to support the Totland Post Office financially. It was advised that, should the Parish Council wish the service to continue, an additional £6,500 would be required, increasing the grant to £14,000.

Further information became available following a meeting with Post Office Ltd and Action IW. It was confirmed that, with a reduced service, the Post Office could continue to operate three days a week at a cost of £1,500. This option was the preferred choice of the Parish Council, and Councillors unanimously agreed to support it.

No open day took place due to the new information received. It was noted that the precept will not be affected by this decision.

Action IW is also exploring potential sites within the Totland area for their mobile hot food vehicle. The Clerk suggested Colwell Common, as well as Turf Walk and Stokes Green, due to their central locations. Action IW will provide further feedback in due course.

### **173/25 VILLAGE HALL**

*a. To receive the updated plan from EMRC for the extension, approve for planning.* EMRC are working on additional toilets and a plan will be brought to the February meeting for consideration before a planning application is submitted.

*b. To agree the quotation to clear the back of the hall.*

The back of the hall needs clearing: old bricks and sinks, metal work all dumped there - not sure if flytipped over the years or items removed from the hall. It would involve skips which they are confident can be loaded along with contained fires. Cost to be obtained for skips but estimate up to £1500 this would include 2 men and 3 days labour £600 with the rest for the skips. This would be a one off clearance. Councillors agreed to this.

*c. To receive further updates:* Hive has been installed, pump replaced and there is now hot water to the front of the hall.

### **174/25 CO-OPTION**

To consider the co-option of a Parish Councillor due to one (1) casual vacancy.

*a. Candidates to introduce themselves and why they wish to become a member of the Parish Council. (Documents circulated)*

Two applications had been received and both candidates were in attendance and addressed the Council. Councillors then voted by a show of hands, with Candidate A receiving four votes and Candidate B receiving two votes. The Chairman thanked both candidates for their interest in becoming a Totland Parish Councillor.

*b. To sign the Declaration of Acceptance of office.*

Carol Johnson was welcomed to the Council and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of office and joined the meeting.

### **175/25 CORRESPONDENCE**

*To receive correspondence and agree responses as required.*

None

### **176/25 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.*

Cllr Jarman - can we encourage more people, including Councillors to be involved with the Isle of Wight Council Consultations. Small business also need to be involved.

Cllr Fennell - flowers for the troughs around the War Memorial. Cllr Jarman has some bulbs which he will give to the Clerk.

Meeting closed 7.20pm.

Next Meeting Monday 9th February 2026 at 6pm.

Signed Chairman .....

Date .....