

# TOTLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the **Full Council** meeting of **TOTLAND PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Monday 13th April 2026** at **6:00 PM**, at Totland Village Hall, The Broadway, Totland.

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Those present :

Chairman : Cllr G Wyre

Vice-Chairman : Mrs J Cave

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

Officers : Mrs H Gibbs

\* Attended remotely

## **100/26 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.*

*None.*

## **101/26 APOLOGIES**

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

*All in attendance.*

## **102/26 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 Smith - a member of Curtain Up.*

## **103/26 MINUTES AND UPDATES**

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

Full Council Monday 9th March 2026 - **RESOLVED**.

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

Full Council Extra Ordinary Meeting 23rd March 2026 - **RESOLVED**

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

Updates from previous minutes

- The signs have been reinstalled on Turf Walk and Stokes Green using concrete spurs.
- Work on the new path is planned to commence in late April to early May, as firmer ground conditions are needed to accommodate the required equipment.
- Colwell toilet windows - these have all been repaired.
- Back of hall has now been cleared of all rubbish.

## **104/26 FINANCE AND GRANTS**

a. To approve payments to 13th April 2026

**APPROVED** and **RESOLVED** to make payments by banks transfer/cheque/direct debit/debit card as below and to include the additional payments not originally circulated.

£312.31	Biffa Waste Services -March 2026 bin empty
£1248.47	Brighstone Landscaping - March 2026 grass cutting
£679.20	Edge IT Systems - Software Subscription
£24.00	High Glass - Office window cleaning
£12.99	Home Bargains - Kettle Village Hall
£7000.00	Island Community Venture - Grant Post Office
£105.60	R & R Containers - Container hire
£121.24	Ricoh UK - Photocopier rental/usage
£245.00	R Nelson - Maintenance/Repairs Labour
£8.22	R Selby - Oil Filter for mower
£190.30	RVN Building Supplies - Materials handrail and spurs
£850.00	West Wight Gardening - clearance of back of hall including skip
£70.04	Wight Computers - New email set up and 365 subscription
£93.60	WightFibre - telephone/internet office and hall

Additional payments:

£85.65	Business Stream: Village Hall
£164.00	West Wight Gardening Cokes Green area and Village Hall front
£81.00	Wight Reclaim - shredding
£90.00	Jason Morgan - Electrics yellow door Colwell toilet
£3200.00	Memorial Hall - first half precept and rent archive room

The Clerk will also look into and account which gives better interest rates.

*b. To note the bank reconciliation to 31st March 2026 - **NOTED***

Bank statements were received covering the period up to 30 March. The statement for 31 March was obtained directly from the bank account, and the reconciliation has been completed accordingly.

Owing to the timing of receipt of bank statements, it was agreed that the Clerk will, at the end of each month, print statements from the banking system and circulate them to Councillors with the meeting papers.

*c. To agree the additional £500.00 for mail collections for the Post Office. - **RESOLVED***

This had not been included and Community Action send their apologies for this. Councillors agreed to continue with this. Proposed Councillor Fennell, seconded Councillor Cave all agreed.

## **Memorial Hall**

d. To discuss and approve the replacement of two fire exit doors from the main hall. Councillors approved the quotation from contractor 2, £4134.00, cost to the Parish Council £1378.00. Proposed Councillor Pipe, seconded Councillor Fennell all agreed. **RESOLVED**

e. To consider the quotation to replace the smoke detectors. Under UK fire safety law, the responsibility for smoke detectors in a hall generally falls on the owner (freeholder/landlord). Councillors accepted the quotation £1062.13, cost to the Parish Council £354.04. Memorial Hall will be asked to contact the Fire Service first to ask if this is something they would carry out. Proposed Councillor Wyre, seconded Councillor Fennell all agreed. **RESOLVED.**

## **105/26 PLANNING APPLICATIONS, DECISIONS, APPEALS & TREE WORKS**

a. To consider Planning Applications

### **Demolition of conservatory; Proposed single storey side extension**

Green Close Westlands Totland Totland Bay Isle Of Wight PO39 0DJ

Ref. No: 26/00456/HOU

Comment: No objection

### **26/00362/RVC**

Variation of condition 2 on 25/00687/FUL to allow for a revised scheme - Hurstleigh, The Broadway.

Now the building works are underway, it became clear that there was space to improve the layout of the flats, and increase bedroom numbers. Condition 2 requires our client to construct the building in a particular way.

Condition 2

2. The development hereby permitted shall only be carried out in complete accordance with the details shown on the submitted plans, numbered: Drawing No. 545/VW/24/3 Block, Site & Location Plans Proposed Drawing No. 545/VW/24/1 Rev B Plans Proposed (Elevations and Floor Plans) Reason: For the avoidance of doubt and to ensure the satisfactory implementation of the development in accordance with the aims of Policy DM2 (Design Quality for New Development) of the Island Plan Core Strategy  
Comment: No comment.

### **Condition compliance application on 24/00899/FUL relating to condition 7 (Biodiversity Mitigation and Enhancement Plan)**

Spring Vale Summers Lane Totland Bay Isle Of Wight PO39 0HQ

Ref. No: 26/00100/DIS |

Comment: Appendix A missing - unable to comment.

- b. To receive Planning Decisions - None
- c. To receive Tree Work Applications - None
- d. To receive Tree Work Decisions- None
- e. To note Appeals - None
- f. Enforcement - None

## **106/26 REPORTS**

To receive reports as follows:

a. Isle of Wight Councillor for Totland & Colwell - Councillor Chris Jarman  
Report circulated upto 29th March 2026

### **A. IWC Committee issues with a local impact:**

#### **Economy, Regeneration, Transport and Infrastructure Committee (ERTI)**

As a member of this committee I have participated in the informal discussions on cost reductions and revenue generation. The committee have agreed a final version of our Island Transport Plan although ferries remain excluded.

#### **Policy Finance and Resources Committee**

The final meetings of the committee were subject to extensive preparation meetings focussing on budget preparation and completion. The fiscal gap of £23m brought on as a consequence of further central government cuts and adult social care demand was not closed leaving a structural deficit budget. The one off measures introduced, some limited further savings, use of reserves and securing a loan from central government were necessary consequences. Further fiscal gaps of circa

£40 for 2027-8 and £65m for 2028-9 are evident from the three year fixed model implemented by central government.

### **Constitution**

The anticipated significant redrafting of the constitution was not progressed despite well documented and material issues with the present version.

### **Isle of Wight Pension Fund**

Full Council voted to progress movement of the circa £882m IW Pension Fund from ACCESS to CENTRAL as required by central government and that our membership of Central be as a shareholder.

It noted the improvement of the fund over the past 5 years from being only 92% funded to now circa 165% funded with the result that circa £2m of IWC contribution savings were retained by IWC to assist with the 2026-7 fiscal gap.

The central government timescale was to implement the move to one of their approved pools by 01April2026 but the requisite Pension Bill remains in progress through the House of Lords with various amendments proposed. The legal consequences are unclear.

### **Floating Bridge Working Group**

I am a member of this new working group providing specific input on costs and procurement.

### **B - Local Issues**

I have progressed two further local residents in their citizenship applications. Both EU nationals that have been resident and worked in the UK for several decades.

I continue to help residents with initial registrations under the Digital ID initiatives including those at Companies House for directors and secretaries of housing groups, CICs and charities.

My weekly ward surgeries continue each Thursday starting at 09:00. I have also supported sessions at Our Place at the West Wight Community Centre.

I supported various local and international charities in March from my IWC Councillor allowance (including brought forward from Apr2026) including: Bulbs for Totland troughs, sponsorship of defibrillator training for the West Wight by St John's Ambulance, Wild Flower seeds and fencing for local rewilding projects, school trip to Peru and hedgehog monitoring equipment.

I promoted and supported the Craft Market at Totland Village Hall, Mini Markets at the Memorial Hall and the Freshwater Horticultural Show at Freshwater Village Hall..

My earlier intervention with the chief constable and local police regarding harassment and criminal damage caused by local youths has resulted in increased police patrols and their direct engagement with various local youths.

Interventions with Island Roads regarding road defects, ranging from blocked drains to sink holes on the Avenue and footpath deterioration have resulted in works being scheduled by the district steward and by the Island Roads crew inspecting and pumping out multiple blocked drains.

I have provided assistance to local businesses including the new Wight Hart Bakery.

I objected successfully during the budget process to the proposed removal of on street free parking and to the introduction of extended paid parking zones. My final intervention during the annual budget meeting prevented the introduction of paid parking at Fort Victoria and to the closure of their public toilets.

My significant IWC and local parish events:

02Mar2026 Apprentice Board

02Mar2026 Support meeting with Wight Hart Bakery

03Mar2026 Freshwater Parish Council meetings

05Mar2026 Landslides and Coastal Loss Forum

05Mar2026 Children's Services, Education and Skill Committee

09Mar2026 Totland Parish Council meeting

11Mar2026 Totland Parish Council meeting - Village Hall

12Mar2026 Policy Finance and Resources Committee

16Mar2026 Extraordinary meeting of Full Council

17Mar2026 LG Pension Fund Chairs meeting with Scheme Advisory Board

17Mar2026 Freshwater Parish Council AGM and Extraordinary meeting

18Mar2026 IW Local Pension Board

18Mar2026 Election briefing for Councillors

19Mar2026 Economy Regeneration Transport and Infrastructure Committee

19Mar2026 St John's Ambulance Presentation

23Mar2026 Rewilding logistics planning

23Mar2026 Totland Parish Council - Village Hall Planning

24Mar2026 IWC draft AI Strategy review

25Mar2026 Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy review

Cllr Chris Jarman JP

Police remain in contact with local youth with necessary processes ongoing. We are still waiting for a meeting date. There is a grant available through the PCC and the Clerk will look at the application process. This should involve youth and the Bike Park, football training ground or youth leader events in the hall will be considered.

*b. Open Spaces*

New trees will be delivered shortly and planted on Colwell Common.  
Clerk completing licence to carry out works on the badger collapsed on Turf Walk.  
Public toilets at Colwell have required works - blocked, electrical failure and a fault with a flush - part on order.

*c. Clerk*

Preparing for end of year - we have another review which requires additional paperwork.  
Meeting users of the hall and cleaning areas.  
Clearing the meeting room for the Archive Group who have started to move in.  
The old Colwell Bay information board has been received and is at the back of the hall. Its very big and heavy.

**107/26 VILLAGE HALL**

*a. To agree the proposal for the Biodiversity Net Gain Assessment for the proposed extension on the Village Hall cost £1050.00.*

This assessment is necessary as the extension is greater than 25m<sup>2</sup> in size.  
Councillors agreed to this, proposed Councillor Wyre, seconded Councillor Cave all agreed. **RESOLVED.**

*b. To receive details for the PPLPRS Licence.*

This is to allow music to be played in the hall. This was initially seen as a Community Hall and the charge of £140.00 + VAT was invoiced and paid. A couple of weeks later this team contacted the Clerk to inform that this licence would be cancelled as the building comes under Local Authority and the charge would be based on the sqm of the hall. The cost has therefore increased to £510.00 + VAT. The Clerk is still discussing this with them as Parish Councils around the Country have all been charged in different ways with no consistency. Councillor Smith would help if required.

*c. Registering for Premises Licence and questions regarding the rateable value have asked. Will keep you updated.*

The Clerk is still waiting to hear back regarding the rateable value. Councillor Jarman would chase this as well.

Curtain Up has been using the Hall to paint flats for their forthcoming show at the Memorial Hall and expressed their thanks to the Parish Council for permitting this use. The group indicated a wish to hold fundraising events to support the purchase of stage lighting and sound equipment, and to commence regular meetings on Tuesdays. Councillors agreed that events held solely for the purpose of raising funds for the Hall would not incur a hire charge.

It was further agreed that weekly meetings would be charged at a rate of £8.00 per hour as a regular booking.

**108/26 CORRESPONDENCE**

*To receive correspondence and agree responses as required.*

None.

**109/26 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.

Clr Cave - When will the toilets on the Recreation Ground start along with the Bike

Park and Dog Agility Area.

Cllr Wyre - I am still working on the plans for the Bike Park and talking with the builder for the toilets. Works for the toilets will commence shortly.

Cllr Johnson - An insect survey will be carried out on One Horse Field on 17th May and I will keep you updated on this.

Cllr Jarman - Hedgehog survey also being carried out in the Totland area.

Cllr Fennell the roundabout by the War Memorial looks great.

Meeting closed 7.15pm.

Signed Chairman .....

Date .....