

TOTLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the **Full Council** meeting of **TOTLAND PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Monday 8th June 2026 at 6:00 PM**, at Totland Village Hall, The Broadway, Totland.

Those present :

Chairman : Cllr G Wyre

Vice-Chairman : Cllr E Smith

Councillors : Cllr C Jarman, Cllr C Johnson, Cllr C M Pipe

Officers : Mrs H Gibbs

* Attended remotely

124/26 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.

Public x 1, County Press Journalist x 1.

One member of the public was in attendance and raised concerns regarding a metal post on the Colwell side of the sea wall, which was reported to be frequently left in a lowered position, thereby presenting a potential trip hazard to pedestrians.

It was agreed that the Clerk would, in the first instance, contact the Hut regarding the matter and would also notify the Isle of Wight Council of the concern raised. Member of the public left the meeting.

125/26 APOLOGIES

To receive and accept apologies for non-attendance.

Apologies were received from Councillors' Blamire, Cave, Fennell and Jarman, these were accepted. **RESOLVED.**

126/26 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.*
None.

127/26 MINUTES AND UPDATES

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

Full Council Monday 11th May 2026

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

Updates:

New Path works - No further update.

Clerk continues to look at various accounts and will bring back to a future meeting.

The ladies Wallgate at Totland Beach toilet is now working and therefore no follow up action required.

Memorial Hall: No update to the smoke detectors. A new quote for repointing an outside wall has been received. Further quotes required, this will be added to the July meeting.

Cigarette stubbers on bins - Island Roads have replaced the tops of 4 bins between Totland and Colwell sea wall, all 4 now have stubbers. This will be publicised with posters on bins.

128/26 FINANCE AND GRANTS

a. To agree the approval of payments to 8th June 2026

APPROVED and **RESOLVED** to make payments by bank transfer/cheque/debit card/direct debit as follows: Proposed Councillor Pipe, seconded Councillor Johnson all agreed.

£166.16	Biffa Waste - Bin collections
£1137.28	Brighstone Landscaping - grounds maintenance
£750.00	Mr D Shaw - Internal audit 2025/26
£933.07	Focus Plumbing - Public toilet repairs and legionella reports
£24.00	High Glass - Window cleaning
£729.00	Island Cleaning Solutions - Public toilet cleaning
£180.00	Isle of Wight Council - Parking permit
£223.20	Playsafety Ltd - Annual play.gym equipment inspections
£105.60	R & R Containers - Container hire
£134.84	Ricoh UK Ltd - Photocopier rental/use
£126.00	Ringway Island Roads - Widdick Chine dog bin empty - winter
£230.00	Mr R Nelson - Repairs and maintenance
£31.40	Mr R Selby - Wedge Belts for mower
£7.18	RVN - materials
£150.00	West Wight Gardening Services - grounds maintenance
£16.03	Wight Computers - 365/Anti Virus
£107.64	WightFibre - Telephone/Internet office/hall
£2150.40	B W Mooring - Swimming buoys Widdick Chine

b. To receive and note the Annual Internal Audit Report, reviewing internal controls and outcome of review for 2025/2026.

RECEIVED and NOTED. No action required.

c. To consider and approve section 1 Annual Governance Statement 2025/2026

Councillors considered and **APPROVED** section 1 of the Annual Governance Statement for 2025/2026. Proposed Councillor Pipe, seconded Councillor Johnson, all agreed.

d. To consider and approve section 2 Accounting Statement 2025/2026

Councillors considered and **APPROVED** section 2 of the Accounting Statement for 2025/2026. Proposed Councillor Pipe, seconded Councillor Johnson, all agreed.

e. To confirm no conflicts of interest with BDO.

Agreed there was no conflicts of interest with BDP LLP, Chairman and Clerk signed document to confirm this.

f. To note the request from BDO for an intermediate audit 2025/2026.

NOTED.

g. To note the dates of the Exercise of Public Rights as 11th June 2026 to 22nd July 2026. **NOTED.**

129/26 PLANNING APPLICATIONS, DECISIONS, APPEALS & TREE WORKS

a. To consider Planning Applications

Application: 26/00558/FUL

Proposal: Retention of two-storey building as built and proposed change of use to form one unit of holiday accommodation, including associated gatehouse.

Location: Totland Pier, Madeira Road, Totland Bay, Isle of Wight, PO39 0JP

The application was considered by the Parish Council and Councillors raised no objection to the retention of the building and the proposed change of use to holiday accommodation, recognising that the scheme represents a difference from the design approved under planning permission P/01745/10, which included the restoration of the pier, demolition of the café building and its replacement with a café, retail unit and garage, together with the erection of a holiday unit on the pier. The Council noted that the proposal effectively seeks a change of use from a restaurant facility to a holiday dwelling.

In considering the application, Councillors highlighted the importance of ensuring that public access along the pier to the gatehouse continues to be maintained.

The Council also wishes to encourage the applicant to explore opportunities to reopen the café. The Parish Council strongly supported the original café proposal and is disappointed that the facility has only operated for a limited period. The Council considers the provision of a café to be a valuable asset for both residents and visitors and would welcome its return in the future.

b. To receive Planning Decisions

Application No: 26/00456/HOU

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

Proposal: Demolition of conservatory; Proposed single storey side extension

Decision: GRANTED 26th May 2026

c. To receive Tree Work Applications - NONE

d. To receive Tree Work Decisions - NONE

e. To note Appeals - NONE

f. Enforcement - NONE

130/26 REPORTS

To receive reports as follows:

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

Not in attendance - no report

b. Open Spaces

One of the Happy to Chat benches has been vandalised and now removed.

Colwell Common is looking great at the moment and the new replacement trees have been received and will be planted in the next couple of weeks.

Handrail down the steps at the Village Hall has been repaired.

c. Clerk

The Clerk reported boat rubbish that had been blocking Widdick Chine steps and that the steps were a little wobbly. The rubbish was removed the next day and works planned to deal with steps by ROW.

Reports were received regarding litter accumulation around the beach during the

recent period of hot weather, particularly on the Brambles side of the bay by members of the West Wight Litter Pick Group.

It was suggested that Freshwater Parish Council be approached to ascertain whether additional litter bins could be provided in the area. The Clerk also considered that discussions should take place with local businesses offering takeaway food and beach hut hire services, with a view to encouraging improved waste management arrangements and helping to reduce littering.

131/26 VILLAGE HALL

a. To agree with the recommendation to submit planning in July.

After approving the costings the next stage is the planning permission submission. ERMCC were happy all is agreed and we can move forward now.

BNG, (biodiversity net gain) the challenge of delivering these gains on small sites is difficult and for the minor loss of grassed area or even a few trees the gain that is required can be challenging to achieve on the site. New tree planting may require long term legal agreements to inspect the trees and ensure they are still in place and healthy over a long period of time sometimes 30 years, and there can be issues with getting ecology considered and associated additional reports. The government has recently rowed back on this requirement as it is hampering planning permissions. So, this is a national issue one assumes for these small sites.

Therefore if we hold off until July for submission, BNG will no longer be required for sites under 0.2 hectares. We can still plant trees or carry out other BNG type inclusions on the project, wild flower planting or habitat creation as good will gestures, if so wished, but would not be legally obliged too or maintain them in perpetuity.

AGREED and NOTED

b. To agree with the recommendation to submit planning in July.

Councillors agreed to hold the submission of planning until July. **RESOLVED.**

c. To receive updates associated with the Village Hall.

The outside painting will commence in July. The Clerk also asked for Councillors to consider a sign on the post opposite directing people to the Village Hall. Councillors agreed and a quotation will be sourced.

132/26 PUBLIC TOILETS

To receive details regarding the problems relating to:

Colwell Public Toilets - blue door flush

The Clerk reported the problem and Focus Plumbing attended, they sourced the problem and ordered parts without confirming costs. Councillors agreed to pay this invoice but any future works must be quoted for approval prior to order and works being carried out.

133/26 TOTLAND RECREATION GROUND PARKING

a. To receive a report regarding the ongoing problems with parking in this area.

The report is attached to these minutes and should be read.

As the current car park is not marked out Councillors agreed that this should be the first step. The grass area would use wooden markers and the tarmac white paint. Clerk would arrange for a quotation to do this.

b. To discuss and agree to a public consultation for this parking area.

No discussion was held due to the outcome of above. Therefore this was postponed to see if the line markings resolved the problems.

134/26 CORRESPONDENCE

To receive correspondence and agree responses as required.

None.

135/26 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.

MP - During the hot weather users of the Hut gathered in groups outside with their drinks, this caused problems for people walking along the sea wall. Clerk to ask the Hut to remind their staff that drinking on the sea wall is forebid and keep them from blocking the path.

CJ - Would help with the War Memorial planting and possibly grow seeds to keep the cost minimal.

Meeting closed at 7.20pm

Signed Chairman

Date