

TOTLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the **Full Council** meeting of **TOTLAND PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Monday 13th July 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 V Fennell, Cllr C Jarman, 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.

1 member of public was in attendance.

Questions asked about the maintenance of Turf Walk.

Hedges are cut upto twice a year around the bird nesting season. Hedges and trees on the cliff come under private land ownership, Parish Council will not cut these.

Parking on Cliff Road and Turf Walk. Parking is free on Cliff Road and will therefore always attract many vehicles. We are lucky in Totland to have so much free parking.

Clerk will look at putting signs along the Turf Walk to stop cars parking on the grass.

125/26 APOLOGIES

To receive and accept apologies for non-attendance.

*Councillors' Johnson, Blamire and Cave - apologies 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.

Councillor Wyre declared an interest: 135/26 helps the Marquee company.

127/26 MINUTES AND UPDATES

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

*Full Council Monday 8th June 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 Smith, all agreed.

Updates:-

Path at Stokes Green - Councillor Blamire will arrange the works for August/September time.

Painting Car Park spaces Recreation Ground - Clerk speaking to maintenance to obtain a quotation.

Village Hall sign - Island Roads response: Road traffic signs are placed to provide either a road safety or traffic management benefit. In this case, they do not consider that a directional traffic sign opposite Totland Village Hall would be appropriate, particularly as there is no parking available at that location. The car park comes under Isle of Wight Council and not the Parish Council. A sign directing drivers to the hall could reasonably be interpreted as directing vehicular traffic to the building itself, and may encourage drivers to stop, wait, turn, or look for parking where this cannot be safely or practically accommodated.

The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016 prescribe the types of traffic signs that may be lawfully placed on the highway, including directional signs, while the Traffic Signs Manual provides guidance on their appropriate design and use. The general principle is that directional signing should assist road users in making safe and timely decisions and should not introduce unnecessary sign clutter or direct traffic to a point where there is no suitable vehicular access, stopping facility or parking provision. On that basis, while I appreciate the Parish Council's wish to promote the new name and help visitors identify the venue, a highway direction sign at this location would not meet the usual purpose of traffic signing. It would be more appropriate for the hall to be identified through on-site name signing, or other local publicity rather than by adding a directional sign to the highway network.

Clerk to check with Land Registry to the identity and if necessary change from The Church Hall or Christ Church Hall to Totland Village Hall.

128/26 FINANCE AND GRANTS

a. To agree the approval of payments to 13th July 2026

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

£44.90	Home Bargains - Village Hall
£202.50	Joe Barnes - Colwell Common tree replacement
£729.00	ICS - Public toilet cleaning
£130.00	South Coast Flags - Replacement beach flags
£107.64	WightFibre - Telephone/internet office and hall
£5032.92	Public Work Loan - Colwell Public toilets
£19.92	The Range - Stationery
£281.20	Everflow - Utilities water
£166.16	Biffa - Colwell/Recreation and office waste
£31.96	Home Bargains - Public toilet supplies
£29.95	G Wyre - refund LED light tube office
£910.00	Mr G Sloper - Office rent
£84.00	County Fencing - Post for Colwell trees
£234.52	Biffa - Colwell/Recreation and office waste
£1352.56	Brighstone Landscaping - Grounds maintenance
£1378.00	Freshwater Parish Council - 1/3rd Memorial Hall emergency doors
£24.00	High Glass - Window cleaning
£132.00	R & R Containers - Hire
£25.00	R Nelson - Maintenance

£170.00 West Wight Gardening - Village Hall grounds maintenance
£16.03 Wight Computers - Microsoft 365/Anti Virus

b. *To receive and note the quarterly budget comparison and reconciled statements (April, May, June)*

The quarterly budget comparison and reconciled statements were **NOTED**.

c. *To receive the report for the investment of the Parish Councils reserves to the CCLA Public Sector Deposit Fund (PSDF) account in the name of the Council.*

The report was received, read and accepted. **RESOLVED**. Proposed Councillor Wyre, seconded Councillor Fennell all agreed.

d. *To approve and adopt the Totland Parish Council Investment Strategy.*

Councillors **APPROVED** and **ADOPTED** the strategy policy. **RESOLVED**. Proposed Councillor Fennell, seconded Councillor Pipe all agreed.

e. *To authorise the opening of a CCLA Public Sector Deposit Fund (PSDF) account - SC-5 in the name of the Parish Council.*

Councillors agreed to authorise the opening of a CCLA Public Sector Deposit Fund (PSDF) account in the name of the Council. **RESOLVED**. Proposed Councillor Wyre seconded Councillor Fennell all agreed.

f. *To approve the initial transfer of £50,000 from the Council's bank account into the CCLA PSDF, representing general reserves.*

Councillors approved the initial transfer of £50,000 when the account is opened. **RESOLVED**. Proposed Councillor Fennell seconded Councillor Pipe all agreed.

g. *To nominate and authorise the Responsible Financial Officer as primary signatory and administrator to manage deposits, withdrawals, and instructions on the CCLA account with permission from Full Council with the Chairman as second signatory - Councillor Wyre.*

RESOLVED. Proposed Councillor Pipe seconded Councillor Fennell all agreed.

Note: Isle of Wight Council have issued Business Rates invoices for 2024/2025, 2025/2026 and 2026/2027. These were previously £0.00 and the outstanding balance is £10782.57.

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

a. *To consider Planning Applications*

Proposed single storey rear extension

Locksley Alum Bay New Road Totland Isle Of Wight PO39 0ES

Ref. No: 26/00738/HOU · Received: Mon 01 Jun 2026 · Validated: Fri 12 Jun 2026

Comments: No objection

b. *To receive Planning Decisions - None*

c. *To receive Tree Work Applications - Noted*

T01; Pine - Fell to ground. Reason: The tree is in terminal decline and has no future potential. T03; Pine - Remove dead wood. Reason: To remove hazard. T06; Bay - Coppice to around 0.5 and allow to regenerate. Reason: Garden management. T07; Bay - Coppice to around 0.5 and allow to regenerate. Reason: Garden management. G08; Mixed including Leyland cypress and Bay - Reduce back southern side to boundary. Reason: Manage overhang. T09; Eucalyptus - Re-pollard at 4 metres. Reason: Decay/damage at base and continue the initiated management regime. T10- Leyland Cypress - Fell to ground. Reason: Unwanted tree will grow to cause nuisance in the future. G11; Leyland Cypress - Fell to ground. Reason: Unwanted tree will grow to cause nuisance in the future. G12; Leyland Cypress - Fell to ground. Reason: Outgrown its space close proximity to house. G13; Leyland Cypress - Fell to ground. Reason: Poorly located specimen, detracting from the aesthetic appearance of the house.

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

Ref. No: 26/00797/TW

T1; English Oak (*Quercus robur*) - Remove significant deadwood from Crown (25mm and above diameter); Reduce over extended boughs back approximately 3M as in picture (attached). Reason: To make the tree safe for neighbours, put less leverage on canopy and increase uniformity.

1 Needlemakers 41 The Avenue Totland Totland Bay Isle Of Wight PO39 0JT

Ref. No: 26/00796/TW

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

Report received by email and circulated.

b. Open Spaces

Replacement trees replanted on Colwell Common, looks like one of the residents is also watering them which is very much appreciated.

c. Clerk

A letter had been sent to a couple of campervans parked on private land who have been using the Colwell public toilets to empty their chemical waste toilet, they have now moved on.

Colwell Car Park - this is now moving forward and should receive a firm costing for these works.

BBQ on beach area at Widdick Chine, residents concerned with the hot weather that a spark could cause a danger to them. Added a message on Social Media which was picked up by the County Press, also a poster in the window. Contacted land owners asking for them to display posters as well.

d. Councillor Rebecca Cameron - Southern Water report

Councillors received the report from Councillor Cameron and agreed to support a no confidence vote in Southern Water. Clerk to action.

131/26 MEMORIAL HALL

a. To receive quotations for repointing the wall

Two quotes have been received and a third is required before approvals. Councillor Wyre will contact JOB Property who carried out the same work on a different wall a couple of years ago.

b. To receive revised quotation for the repairs to the entrance way

The quote has been resubmitted to not included upvc to cover wood. Cost to Totland £233.33 from reserves. It was noted Freshwater Parish Council had approved this quote. Councillors agreed to these works.

c. To confirm the smoke detectors works have been completed by ADT

Noted the works had been carried out.

d. To receive the Draft Lease from Freshwater Parish Council

This is based on the draft lease Totland sent in 2024 with two Freshwater Parish Councillors making some small changes. To note this is still based on the original lease but with some break clauses as both Councils agreed.

Term is now 25 years rather than the original 21 years

Charity law references has been updated

Underletting - Freshwater Parish Council has opened this to give the Memorial Hall a broader flexibility. Originally it was the two Parish Councils only - updated to read

'connected body' authorised by Joint Parishes.

Parish Precept - guaranteed continuance of annual subsidy towards Admin and Maintenance costs - to be agreed annually.

Confirmation to be added on the Property Schedule/Property Description

Councillors agreed to invite the two Councillors from Freshwater who have worked on this Lease to a meeting with the Chairman and a Memorial Hall Committee member along with the Clerk.

e. Update: The doors have been made, fitted and invoiced - Memorial Hall are very happy with them.

132/26 VILLAGE HALL

To receive updates associated with the Village Hall.

Painting works will commence this month. The painter has kindly agreed to repaint the toilet facilities at no charge, bringing them up to the same standard as the rest of the hall and foyer.

The planning application will be submitted shortly.

The boiler has been serviced, and the emergency lighting test is scheduled to be carried out in August.

The front door is proving difficult to close. Councillor Wyre will make the necessary adjustments.

The Clerk has identified several potential grant opportunities and will submit an Expression of Interest in the first instance.

133/26 PUBLIC TOILETS

a. Totland Recreation Ground

To discuss the future of this project and receive projected costings from Councillor Wyre.

Agreed to defer as not all the costings have been received. Bring back in September.

b. Totland Beach

To receive an update on the inclusion of an accessible toilet and access within the Totland Beach public toilet improvement project and to consider and agree the proposed timescale for delivery.

The estimated costs for the project are as follows:

- Planning application: £500.00 plus VAT
- Construction of an accessible ramp: £14,821.55 plus VAT
- Provision of an accessible WC facility: £14,172.30 plus VAT
- Additional improvements required to the remainder of the building: approximately £25,000.00

The total estimated project cost, including contingency, is approximately £55,000.00. Councillors noted that Totland Parish Council does not currently have sufficient funds available to undertake the project immediately.

Various options were discussed. Following consideration, Councillors agreed that the earliest feasible timescale for commencement would be upon completion of the Village Hall improvement works, which are expected to be completed within the next five years. At that point, the £70,000 allocated through the precept would be used to deliver the project in full. Any grant funding opportunities identified in the meantime would also be pursued to help support the project.

RESOLVED. Proposed Councillor Wyre seconded Councillor Fennall all agreed.

It was further noted that the Clerk has submitted a request to the Isle of Wight Council regarding the availability of Section 106 funding. The Clerk will provide an update to Members when further information becomes available.

c. Colwell Beach

To consider turning the old disabled toilet into a shower.

This toilet was no longer fit for purpose and now the main toilet block has been completed updated this block could be used for an open shower. Councillors agreed for the Clerk to obtain a quotation for these works.

Updates: Colwell toilets - green door has a flushing problem - Councillor Wyre will speak with the builder and ask for his plumber to have a look.

134/26 TOTLAND RECREATION GROUND PARKING

To receive updates regarding the parking.

Notices had been issued asking residents to not park here and this does seem to be working. Maintenance will be looking at marking the car park up shortly once a quotation has been confirmed.

135/26 EVENTS

To receive updates on the following events organised by Totland Parish Council

Colwell Car Boots - all going well

Colwell Christmas Fair - To receive and accept quotation for the marquee, flooring, lighting and power as previous years.

RESOLVED - Councillors accepted the quotation for the marquee, flooring, lighting and power as previous years. Proposed Councillor Fennell seconded Councillor Pipe, all agreed.

136/26 CORRESPONDENCE

To receive correspondence and agree responses as required.

Clerk has received notes regarding the youth jumping off the pier. Clerk to notify owners and Police.

137/26 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.

Councillor Wyre - Totland bins had additional rubbish in black sacks put by the bin and pleased that after reporting Island Roads collected. It was however noted that the bin further along the seawall was not emptied. Clerk to remind Island Roads of the number of bins on the seawall.

Councillor Smith - A member of public complained about the Totland toilets and cleaner - Clerk to speak with them.

Councillor Pipe - Concerned that the quad bike riders who spray the weeds are going far to fast and not being accurate with their dispensing. Clerk to request Island Roads slow them down.

Meeting closed 8.20pm

Signed Chairman

Date