



# TOWN CLERKS' REPORT

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 63/21

12 JULY 2021

The purpose of this Report is to record developments since the last meeting not requiring an Agenda item at this meeting.

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**No. DETAILS**

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**1) RETAINING WALLS**

- a) The Mayor and I were updated at a virtual meeting on 29 June by Isle of Wight Council Strategic Manager Natasha Dix on a six-week programme by Island Roads to inspect 84 retaining walls.
  - b) As the works will affect 24 of the Town's Roads, the presentation noted that the works *will cause some congestion in Ventnor* but it goes on to note that it represents *significant investment in the town and will maintain a safe road network*.
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**2) VENTNOR DAY PLANNING**

- a) Tony McCarthy has been holding fortnightly planning meetings with Alison Killick, Morgan Williams, Jacky Tiller, Theresa Grimaldi and me.
  - b) There are now over 100 stalls booked into the event.
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**3) BOB SEELY'S MEETINGS**

- a) The Island's MP holds regular meetings for representatives of Town and Parish Councils and I attended the most recent ones held on 23 June and 7 July
  - b) A summary of each of them is provided in the following week's Clerk's Column.
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**4) RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES MEETING**

- a) Alison and I now have a very useful monthly meeting with the Isle of Wight Council's Recreation and Open Spaces Officers the latest of which was on 28 June.
  - b) It was agreed that the Town Council would meet the Park's Grounds Maintenance costs from 1 July now that the Lease has been signed.
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**5) WORKING GROUPS**

- a) The Assets & Services Working Group met on 29 June.
  - b) Items included the completion of the required adjustments to our various water supplies, the Boniface Fields Lease, Car Park tariffs (no increase in ours at this time), works at Salisbury Gardens, the Gaiety hoarding and busking at Spring Hill Gardens.
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