



VENTNOR TOWN COUNCIL

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Welcome to the second Clerk's Column of 2021 circulated as usual to the 490 residents on our Residents' Forum email list and through the Chronicle's page 4.

VENTNOR PARK LEASE AGREED

The final Lease has been agreed with the Isle of Wight Council for the Town Council to manage the Park for the next 30 years. Our thanks to our County Council colleagues for working with us to ensure that their Budget restrictions will not reduce the very high standards to which they have maintained it to date.



PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

The Planning Committee's business has already required a second meeting this new year with another seven applications on its Tuesday Agenda. The Committee was able to support five of them: at Ventnor Holiday Villas, Wheeler's Bay, Skyfall, Steephill Road. Ventnor Tennis Club, the Esplanade's Beachlands and Undercliff Cottage, Seven Sisters Road. It found no reason to oppose the development at 9 Zig Zag Road while drawing attention to the Island Roads' report on the matter. Finally, it opposed the application at 11 High Street because: 'the undecorated shiplap boarding that has been erected is not appropriate to the High Street scene in a Conservation Area.'

INFORMAL 2021-22 BUDGET MEETING

The first stage of the Town Council's Budget-setting process for 2021-22 is being held this evening as the usual first discussion of the coming year's challenges and opportunities. The actual Budget for 2021-22 and the associated Precept will be set at the Town Council Meeting of 8 February.

JANUARY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday's meeting noted the successful completion of the tender process for the new public toilet, following the process unanimously agreed at its meeting of 10 February 2020 and signed off at its 14 December meeting. It then agreed the final version of its Lease of Ventnor Park and agreed the continuation of the 31 Bus on its current basis for the rest of the current financial year.

Other items were the arrangements for the Local Elections due on 6 May this year, the Isle of Wight Council's Budget Consultation and receipt of Gift to Nature's Annual Report.

VENTNOR'S WEATHER YEAR: 2020

Our weather reader Christopher Watts has provided a full year view of Ventnor's 2020 weather

Rainfall (mm):		Date
Total amount	845.0	
% of average	114	
No. of dry days	*	
Highest	40.5	2nd October
Wettest month	165.0	October
Driest month	3.0	May
Temperatures (deg C):		
Mean	*	
Difference from average	*	
Highest	30.9	9th August
Lowest	-0.9	31st December
Coldest day	3.6	29th December

apart from the days when access to the weather station was prevented by lockdown, marked here by an asterisk.

SUPPORT FOR VULNERABLE RESIDENTS

Our volunteers are still providing support with shopping and collecting medication for those unable to go out and without others to support.

If you need help, or know someone who does, contact us by phoning our help lines: 853775 or 857848.

ROAD CLOSURES THIS WEEK

From today to 2 April 2021, SGN will be replacing the gas main along St John's Road in Wroxall.

VIA MY TWITTER FEED LAST WEEK

- A graphic today from the Institute for Financial Studies demonstrates the disturbingly clear link between Covid-19 deaths and deprivation: <https://t.co/3ZEBNXCvug>
- The King's Fund assesses the impact of Brexit and the end of the transition period on the health and care system: <https://t.co/ruGbGfYNfx>

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