



# VENTNOR TOWN COUNCIL

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Welcome to edition 52 of our Clerk's Column circulated as usual to the 490 residents on our Residents' Forum email list and through the Chronicle's page 4; it comes with a repeat Local Elections Supplement.

## LOCAL ELECTIONS 6 MAY: JOIN US?

Nomination Forms for anyone considering standing for election to Ventnor Town Council need to be completed and hand-delivered to 30 High Street, Newport PO30 1SS by 4pm on Thursday, 8 April. The three one-page forms that need to be completed are available by clicking this [link](#) or the link on the home page of our web site. If you need assistance with the forms please give me a call on 07720 771114 anytime.

## RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS 2019-20

Wednesday marked the end of the 2019-20 financial year and with it the completion of the Town Council's Receipts & Expenditure Accounts showing the funds received during the 12 months and the spending completed with them. As our turnover is in excess of £200k we have to also produce an Income and Expenditure version of the Accounts but they can't be completed until all the invoices for work before 31 March have been received.

These initial accounts show that during the year the Town Council received a total of £504,749 with the Precept contributing £360,589 (71%) of that and the remainder coming from various activities apart from grants we secured of £17,421.

In the same period we spent a total of £461,355 giving a surplus of £43,394 and a closing balance of £163,619.

## WHAT'S IT WORTH?



Is a question Councillors Brian Lucas and James Toogood are having to ask about all the assets we're responsible for as our Insurers are asking us to conduct a Pre-Renewal Review 2021 across a 39-page document. First stage is to identify those where the replacement cost can be estimated and those that will require a professional valuation. Our current Insurance charge is approximately £8k a year.

## NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Although the Agenda for the final meeting of the current Town Council before the elections is not yet finalised, it will include: the Finance Report for March, the Annual Receipts & Payments Account, Ventnor Haven, the Annual Parish Meeting and post-election arrangements.



## ASSETS & SERVICES WORKING GROUP

The Group's latest meeting was on Tuesday with an Agenda including Ventnor Park, the inspection of its benches, Ventnor Haven, Salisbury Garden's Fire Risk Assessment and first floor kitchen, the roof of the Eastern Esplanade Public Toilet and parking at the top of Bonchurch Shute.

## SUPPORT FOR VULNERABLE RESIDENTS

If you need help with shopping or collecting medications contact us by phoning our help lines: 853775 (Alison) or 857848 (Tony).

Collections of shopping and/or medication will be available on Wednesday and Friday this week and Monday, Wednesday and Friday next week.

## BOB SEELY MEETING

On Wednesday evening I joined 20 other representatives of the Island's Town & Parish Councils for this fortnightly session.



The Q&A included the government's (much regretted) decision not to formally extend the power to hold virtual meetings beyond 7 May, dredging of the Bay, the Ferries, the impact of Portsmouth's coming Clean Air Zone on the Island and the impact of that town's pollution on us with a northerly wind and the proposals for more motorbike racing on the Military Road,

## VIA MY TWITTER FEED LAST WEEK

- A Blog from [Trussell Trust](#)'s Chief Exec today: 'During the first six months of the pandemic, food banks in our network provided more than 1.2 million emergency parcels 'to people unable to afford the basics, a 47% increase.'
- An [Institute of Public Policy Research](#) report today finds that 1 in 4 (330,000) health care workers say they are more likely to leave the NHS due to the unprecedented pressures of the past year.

**MORE INFORMATION:** including contact details for Town Councillors is available from the Town Council's website and @ventnorclerk  
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