



# VENTNOR TOWN COUNCIL

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Welcome to edition 58 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.

## NEW TOWN COUNCIL – NEW APPOINTMENTS

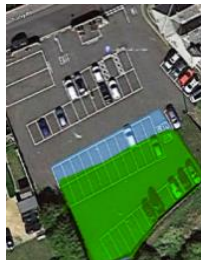
This evening's Annual Town Council Meeting has appointed Councillor Stephen Cockett as Mayor for this year with Councillor Steph Toogood as Deputy Mayor. Their appointments run until the Town Council's Annual Meeting of May 2022.

Membership of the Town Council's two Committees was also agreed with Councillors Julie Hutchinson, James Toogood, Phil Warren and Steph Toogood on the Planning Committee and Councillors James Toogood and Ian Bond as the Staffing Committee.

Councillors Julie Hutchinson, Mark Jefferies, Steph Toogood and Phil Warren are the members of the Community Development Working Group with the Assets and Services Working Group consisting of Councillors Julie Hutchinson, Mark Jefferies, Brian Lucas, James Toogood, Phil Warren, Ian Bond, Colm Watling and Stephen Cockett.

## DUDLEY ROAD CAR PARK

Island Roads have again requested the use of a part of Dudley Road Car Park for use by the heavy equipment



they need locally for a range of substantial works in the coming months. As previously, the green area has been agreed to be reserved for them starting today. An appropriate rent has also been agreed and arrangements have been made for residential parking

permits to be valid also in Market Street Car Park for the duration of the restriction.

## OFFICE OPENING

Since the end of March last year our office-based staff have been working from home, with office phones diverted to mobiles and frequent use of on-line meetings for staff meetings and shared work. From today the office will be staffed routinely again from 9am-4pm Monday to Friday with one member of staff on a rota basis, until at least 21 June.

## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

This is an invitation to join in the Annual Town Meeting that will be held on-line at 6pm on Monday 24 May.

It will be chaired by the new Mayor, Stephen Cockett, and begin with a report by the previous Mayor, Stewart Blackmore, on the highlights of the Town Council's work over the last 12 months. That will be followed by five-minute presentations from some of the town's remarkable voluntary groups including the Carnival (Teresa Preston), Youth Club (Jordan Royl), Ventnor Community Volunteers (Christine Larcombe/Jon Idle), Ventnor Enhancement Fund (Mike Gaukroger), Flower Fairy (Lesley Brown) and Ventnor Community Shed (David George).

It's easy to join in: just book in with Alison Killick on [alison@ventnortowncouncil.org.uk](mailto:alison@ventnortowncouncil.org.uk) or phone her on 853775 to give her your email address and you'll receive a link to the meeting in time for its opening at 6pm.

## ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

The Town Council's Annual Accounts on the required Income and Expenditure basis as presented to this evening's Meeting recorded total income of £504,749 for the financial year 2020/2021 with the Precept providing £360,589 (71%). Expenditure in the year came to a total of ££461,355.

## PADDLING POOL REOPENS

As a sign of summer, the Esplanade's Paddling



Pool, will be open this week following the completion of its annual refurbishment

## 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).

## VIA MY TWITTER FEED LAST WEEK

- A National Child Mortality [Database](#) records ' There was a clear association between the risk of death and the level of deprivation for children who died in England between April 2019 and March 2020.'
- A study by the [Centre for Mental Health](#) finds 'the equivalent of 8.5 million adults and 1.5 million children and young people will require mental health support as a direct impact of the pandemic during the next three to five years.'

**MORE INFORMATION:** is available from the Town Council's website and @ventnor clerk