



# VENTNOR TOWN COUNCIL

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Welcome to edition 62 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.

## TWO MORE NEW TOWN COUNCILLORS

The five residents that responded to the invitation to express an interest in being co-opted to the two vacant positions left by the local elections were interviewed on Thursday by a panel of those already elected. The panel is recommending the appointment of John Watkins to the vacancy in Bonchurch and Ventnor East and Steve Cooper to that in Lowtherville. We expect them to be formally appointed at next Monday's Town Council Meeting.

## JUNE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

This month's meeting will be at Lowtherville's St Margaret's Hall at 7pm next Monday, 21 June. Although the Agenda isn't complete at the time of writing it will include the appointment of the two new Councillors, May's Finance Report, some other appointments, costs of and income from the four car parks we manage, the 31 Bus, the Lease for Boniface Fields and the Time & Tide project.

## BOB SEELY'S TOWN & PARISH COUNCILS' MEETING



Bob Seely's latest meeting with representatives from the Island's Town & Parish Councils was on Wednesday at 5pm. In a short summary of his recent Parliamentary work we heard that he had proposed three amendments to the Environment Bill, had discussions with PTEC and on proposed Boundary changes. The Q&A covered the Chillerton School closure (supports closure suspension), two MPs for the Island (good, but some adjustments needed), Southern Waters (sewage release needs banning), Cycle Routes (need improving), access to GP Surgeries (they are actually responding to 27,000 patients a week, 67% face-to-face).

## SUPPORT FOR VULNERABLE RESIDENTS

The Volunteers are still ready and willing to assist with any resident that needs help with shopping or collecting medications. Contact us by phoning 853775 (Alison Killick) or 857848 (Tony McCarthy).

## NORTH STREET PLAYGROUND WEEDS CLEARED

Determined to support Long down residents' campaign to avoid the use of Glyphosate weed killer in their children's playground the pictured group of



Town Councillors, led by our new Deputy Mayor Steph Toogood, cleared the weeds by hand on Friday evening.

## VENTNOR'S MAY WEATHER

It has been widely reported that May was very wet and cold, but there is

no strong evidence for this at Ventnor. Rainfall was only 1mm above the average of 45.9mm, with four of the last ten years having greater amounts.

Rainfall (mm):		Date
Total amount	46.9	
% of average	102	
No. of dry days	13	
Highest	11.2	7th
Temperatures (deg C):		
Mean	11.8	
Difference from average	-0.7	
Highest	20.7	31st
Lowest	3.5	1st
Coldest day	11.4	5th

The temperature was similar to that of 2015, but not as cold as in 2013.

## NEW TABLE - NEW CARE?

Last week saw the installation of a new table facility available in Springhill Gardens. This is a really important area of the town centre much enjoyed since its creation by both residents and visitors.



Unfortunately, our inspection of it last week revealed plants broken by trampling on them and extensive dog fouling. Repairing the planting damage costs the town money and dog fouling is the responsibility of dog owners to clear up behind their pets. Help the town's development by taking good care of this.

## VIA MY TWITTER FEED LAST WEEK

- Today's Report from [Common Wealth](#) asks 'Why are some children worth more than others as on average the private schools in this sample had a mean per pupil income 3.7 times higher than their local state-funded schools.'
- A new Report today from the [Resolution Foundation](#) - Low Pay Britain - finds 'low paid workers have been three times as likely as higher paid workers to experience a negative impact on their work.'

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