



# VENTNOR TOWN COUNCIL

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Welcome to edition 71 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.

## AUGUST TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

The last time the Town Council met in our Salisbury Gardens' Green Room was on 9 March 2020 so after 13 virtual meetings and three face-to-face meetings in St Margaret's Hall it was good to be home again on Monday.

Following the usual monthly Finance Report (details in this Column last week) the Agenda included the New Public Toilet (the Isle of Wight Councils offer to halve their proposed annual charge of £5,900 for the four Central Car Park bays it will take up), Car park Management (continuing our proposal to take on the other four car parks), the 31 Bus (to start the process of ending the present service in search of a more efficient arrangement) and the planned new Web Site (agreement to invite three selected potential suppliers to quote).

## BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Councillors Ian Bond, Steph Toogood and Steve Cooper joined me on Thursday afternoon as the Panel to interview two of the applicants for this new post. The Panel's unanimous decision was to appoint Nigel Slater-Bishop to the post. Nigel lives in Ryde and has extensive career experience of the work involved in this role. He has accepted the job and will join us from Monday 23 August.

## DOGS ON SHOW

The return of this Carnival-run event welcomed over 100 local dogs and their owners to Ventnor Park for the 15 categories and raised over £500. Thanks to the local Pet Shop for donating 45 prizes and joining the Judges who included our Deputy Mayor.



## VIA MY TWITTER FEED LAST WEEK

- An excellent guide from [Citizens Advice](#) to the coming cut of £20 a week to Universal Credit affecting 6 million people including ' Latest figures show roughly 1.9 million families with children will see their benefits cut.'
- A Press Release by the [Town & Country Planning Association](#) says that its research shows up to 80% of High Street shops could be lost as a result of changes to the planning system.

**MORE INFORMATION:** is available from the Town Council's website and @ventnor clerk  
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## VENTNOR DAY 2021: WHAT A CELEBRATION!

Hundreds of residents joined the celebration of the town's remarkable location and community life on Saturday afternoon in Ventnor's Park.



In an amazing show of nearly 100 stalls, set up and staffed in all areas by volunteers and mingling's and meetings everywhere with stunning entertainment from an afternoon-long programme of musicians



## NEW BENCH(ES)

Vventnor Community Shed have taken on the making of our memorial benches following the closure of the Prison's Wood Shop due to Covid and the first one from their current production line of five has just been installed near the



sundial and our offices at Salisbury Gardens. We're grateful to the Shed – and Martin Rayner and Phil

Warren in particular - in achieving superb results.

## VENTNOR SIGN REFURBISHED

+With the much-appreciated help of local volunteers, Brian Roberts our maintenance manager has been busy refurbishing the Ventnor sign along West



Cliffs, strimming and tidying the entire area, in readiness for painting the lettering – kindly volunteered by local decorating company Top Coat.