



# VENTNOR TOWN COUNCIL

CLERK'S COLUMN

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Welcome to edition 81 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.

## LOWTHERVILLE BY-ELECTION ARRANGED

Following the request for an election by at least 10 Lowtherville residents to fill the vacancy for a Town

NOTICE OF ELECTION	
Election of a Parish Councillor for the Electoral Area listed below	
Electoral Area	Number of Councillors to be elected
Ventnor Town Council – Lowtherville ward	One

1. Forms of nomination for the Parish Election may be obtained from the Clerk to the Town Council or County Hall, Newport, Isle of Wight, PO30 1UD from the Returning Officer who will, at the request of an elector for the electoral area prepare a nomination paper for signature.

Councillor to represent them, the Isle of Wight Council's Elections Officer has informed us of the

arrangements for it. The formal notice invites nominations of people to stand for election and any completed nomination papers must be delivered to County Hall by 4pm on Friday 5 November. If there are two or more nominations the election will take place on Thursday 2 December. A copy of the formal notice is available [here](#) and the nominations pack [here](#). Copies of both can be downloaded from the home page of our web site, collected from our office or by emailing [alison@ventnortowncouncil.org.uk](mailto:alison@ventnortowncouncil.org.uk).

## ASSETS & SERVICES WORKING GROUP

The Group's meeting on Tuesday started by agreeing the Heads of Terms for the Lease and Licence the Town Council will have from the Isle of Wight Council for the construction of the town's new Public Toilet on the four parking bays at the town end of the northern side of the Central Car Park with work due to start very soon. We next noted the successful treatment of the Japanese Knotweed in two areas of Boniface Fields. We received a report on progress with the Time & Tide Bell Project that will be on the Town Council's November meeting agenda. The Group discussed the removal of the now redundant Aviary from Ventnor Park and the plan for the treatment of the exposed roots of four of its trees and agreed to meet with the Isle of Wight Council's senior Tree Officer before proceeding with the latter. The need to provide better facilities for the Park's Gardener's Hut was strongly supported.

## COMMEMORATION

To commemorate the contribution of British and Commonwealth military and civilian servicemen and women in the two World Wars and later conflicts the Town Council is organising the Remembrance Sunday events taking place on 14 November with a Service of Remembrance, 2pm at St Catherine's Church, followed by the laying of wreaths, 3pm at the War Memorial, Park Avenue.



There is no official parade this year, so please make your own way to the War Memorial for 3pm. On the 11 November, a short memorial service will be held in the High Street at the Royal British Legion with the road closed.

## SOUTH WIGHT HEALTH & WELLBEING FORUM

The Forum, organised by the Town Council, gives representatives from the 13 Town & Parish Councils of the area to hear from, and ask questions of, the leaders of the Island's Health and Wellbeing services. Its latest meeting took place on Wednesday at Wroxall's Community Centre with guest speakers Victoria White, Head of the Ambulance Service, Jane Hughes, Safe Places Co-ordinator and Lisa Beaney and Ray Harrington-Vail, Footprint Trust. The Ambulance service gave a short presentation that can be viewed [here](#).

## PLANNING COMMITTEE

Our Planning Committee met on Tuesday with five applications on their Agenda. It agreed to support all, finding for example that the development at 38 Castle Close 'provides enhanced privacy for the adjacent property', that the proposed detached garage at Orchardleigh, Shore Road 'is in-keeping with the size of the property and grounds' and development at 2 Rew Farm Cottages 'is a good use of space.'

## VIA MY TWITTER FEED LAST WEEK

- A new [Institute for Public Policy Research](#) study of health inequalities finds: 'Today, a child born in the most deprived part of the country can expect to die 10 years before a child born in the least deprived part of the country.'
- New [Joseph Rowntree Foundation](#) Research: 'We find that 3.8 million low-income households across the UK are in arrears, and 4.4 million have had to take on new or increased borrowing through the pandemic.'

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