



VENTNOR TOWN COUNCIL

CLERK'S COLUMN

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Welcome to edition 106 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.

ASSETS & SERVICES WORKING GROUP

Tuesday, 9am, Green Room: location of Platinum Jubilee Tree in the Park agreed; installation of lights for the path to the Green Room agreed; arrangements for applying the children's pavement games to the Paddling Pool area agreed; adjustment to the new Public Toilet Doors agreed; car park receipts and costs 2021/22 noted; North Street Playground Heads of Terms recommended to next Town Council meeting; first meeting with our Grounds Maintenance Contractor re Glyphosate use discussed.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

With four planning applications ready for comment, the group gathered on Tuesday afternoon. The first, a first floor extension over a garage at Maranatha, Seven Sisters Road it saw no reason to oppose; it supported a revised plan for a single storey extension at 1b Pelham Road; agreed in principle a proposal for stabilisation work at 45 Ocean View Road subject to *Island Roads being satisfied with the further information they have requested*; and supported the change of use application for the ground floor of The Central Tap subject to *relevant checks being made to meet the conditions for Change of Use, particularly fire safety*.

DOG FEST

More than 100 people with over 60 dogs enjoyed the sunny beach on Saturday afternoon with games and competitions and a raffle with generous prizes from



local businesses. Dog owners were thanked for being responsible and letting children have the beach for summer.

MAYORS' SURGERY

Our Mayor and Deputy Mayor will be at our Green Room at 6pm on Wednesday to meet informally with any residents wishing to discuss local matters or individual issues.

VIA MY TWITTER FEED LAST WEEK

- New [Office for National Statistics](#) analysis shows 'Nearly a quarter (23%) of adults reported that it was very difficult or difficult to pay their usual household bills in the last month, compared with a year ago.
- A [King's Fund](#) analysis of nursing vacancies finds 'the supply of nurses into the NHS is not keeping pace with demand, that increasing the number of nurses is having no substantial impact on the number of vacancies.'

WELLBEING CAFÉ GO VISITING

Thanks to the generosity of the owner of an open



top bus and to the volunteer driver, John Killick, members of our Wellbeing Café enjoyed a visit to the

Island's Donkey Sanctuary on Saturday.

Accompanied by Terri Expodite (the group's leader), Deputy Mayor Steph Toogood and Councillor John Watkins, so successful was the visit to the Sanctuary the group have adopted a Donkey (Pinky).

DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME PART 3

Members met on Monday evening with our Youth Worker Jordan Royle to discuss the activities provided for over 50 young people and plans for our new Youth Club in Boniface Fields.

SUSTAINABILITY & BIODIVERSITY GROUP

The Group's monthly meeting on Wednesday evening considered energy saving measures for Salisbury Gardens, insulation of houses, food waste, transport and the Wild Gardens project.

ISLE OF WIGHT CHALLENGE VISITS VENTNOR

Salisbury Gardens and its Green Room was the chosen venue by the organisers of the Isle of Wight Challenge over the weekend for one of their First Aid, rest and hospitality stops on their mammoth 106km trip around the Island. Our facilities were open for the entire period of the Ultra Challenge providing a safe and secure area for the events team and their first aiders.



NEW WEB SITE LAUNCHED

Our new web site went live on Friday afternoon and is now available to all at the new address of www.ventnortowncouncil.gov.uk. Thanks are due to our web site working group of Councillors Ian Bond, Brian Lucas and Julie Hutchison and to our Business Development Officer Nigel Slater-Bishop as the lead staff member.

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