



# VENTNOR TOWN COUNCIL

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Welcome to edition 109 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: THE MISSING SWINGS

Without prior notice or on-site information, the swings in Lowtherville's only children's playground went missing. So we asked the Isle of Wight Council for an explanation and received this response: *Following a recent inspection of the play ground the swings were found to be in an unsafe condition and have regrettably been removed on health and safety grounds. We shall be reviewing our options on replacement next week.* We've added it to the Agenda for the monthly virtual meeting we have with their officers that is due today.



## ASSETS & SERVICES WORKING GROUP

The Group's latest meeting was on Tuesday and began with a request for a Memorial Tree in the Park and the use of barbeques in the Park. That was followed by a discussion of Baby Box's addition of one of the three proposed new Community Pantries for the Island to their current services. The repainting of some of Salisbury Gardens' rooms has had to be postponed due to sickness but is expected to be completed soon. Arrangements for the installation of the pavement games at the Paddling Pool were finalised and an update on progress with the new Public Toilet in the Central Car Park was welcomed. We noted the agreement for the continued use of the Maintenance Manager's van and the Town Council's formal acceptance of the Heads of Terms for the Lease of the North Street Play area.

## VENTNOR SIGN CLEAN UP

As part of Ventnor Town Council's grounds maintenance contract with John O'Conner, the team



have done an excellent job, thoroughly strimming around the iconic VENTNOR sign along West Cliffs, to

clearly depict the bold white block lettering embedded in the slopes.

## MAY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday's meeting of the Town Council was unusually short at just 20 minutes! It opened as usual with my finance report on April's receipts and payments followed by the Income and Expenditure Annual Accounts for 2021/22 that were formally adopted and are ready for our Internal and External Auditors. The Council then agreed to accept the Isle of Wight Council's Heads of Terms as the basis for a lease of the North Street Play Area. Councillor Mark Jefferies was appointed as an additional representative to our South Wight Health and Wellbeing Forum meetings with my Report of other activities during the previous month concluding the meeting. As with all our Town Council meetings it was live-streamed and remains available on our YouTube Channel [here](#).

## VENTNOR'S APRIL WEATHER

Here's the summary of the weather pattern the town experienced during the month based on the

Rainfall (mm):		Date
Total amount	29.1	
% of average	63	
No. of dry days	21	
Highest	13.0	6th
Temperatures (deg C):		
Mean	10.7	
Difference from average	+1.0	
Highest	19.2	24th
Lowest	0.5	3rd
Coldest day	8.6	1st

daily readings from our own Weather Centre collected and collated by Chris Woods.

## FAMILY FUN AFTERNOON

We've completed the addition of three traditional children's pavement games to the paddling pool area.

Come and join Ventnor Carnival Junior Queen and Princesses at 2pm next Sunday 29 May as they launch the games. At 3pm

you can enjoy an open air Concert with the Chilton Music Academy. Thanks to Brian, James, Nigel and Ben from John Nicholson Ltd for installing the games.



## VIA MY TWITTER FEED LAST WEEK

- A [Food Foundation](#) chart shows 7.3 million adults have gone without food over the past month.
- The [Nursing Times](#) reports 'More than half a million people are now waiting for social care services, a survey has found, as experts warn levels of unmet need is increasing.'

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