



# VENTNOR TOWN COUNCIL

CLERK'S COLUMN

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Welcome to edition 115 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.

## VENTNOR DAY 2022!



An amazing day as hundreds came to Ventnor Park on Saturday afternoon to share, enjoy and celebrate the town's rich community life.

## ASSETS & SERVICES WORKING GROUP

Tuesday morning's meeting of the Group agreed revised arrangements for the Salisbury Gardens rooms requiring repainting, discussed the completion date for the new public toilet, noted shared arrangements with the Isle of Wight Council for management of the Park's trees and agreed the installation of a drop post at its entrance, noted that Legionella inspections would take place soon and welcomed Nigel's report on ongoing positive discussions with many of the town's traders.

## ISLAND MP'S MEETING WITH LOCAL COUNCILS

Along with 20 other representatives of Town & Parish



Councils I attended Bob Seely's latest virtual meeting for us on Thursday. He started as usual with listing his main Parliamentary work for the Island,

support for Community Pantries, the new Planning Bill and an Island abattoir then opened a 45-minute Q&A during which representatives asked about: the Planning Bill (we still don't know the government's intentions); the cancellation of the extensions to Island Line (always a long shot); Devolution proposals (the Council needs to decide whether it wants in or out of the new Hampshire authority); the Island Forum (welcome development); Compulsory Purchase powers (need strengthening).

## VIA MY TWITTER FEED LAST WEEK

- New [JRF research](#): 'some 7 million low-income households were going without at least one essential (eg a warm home, enough food, appropriate clothing or basic toiletries) over 2 million families were neither eating properly nor heating their home adequately.'
- A Press Release by the [Health Foundation](#) today announces 'More than a quarter of GP and general practice nursing posts could be vacant in 10 years.'

## RADIO SOLENT'S VISIT TO VENTNOR

Presenter Lucy Ambache came in the radio car on Saturday to both our Paddling Pool where, as Radio Solent's picture shows, she interviewed our Mayor before moving on to talk with the Carnival's Chair and Beauty Queen amid the Park's Ventnor Day as part of Lucy's Clued Up! Programme. The interviews are available on BBC Sound at 2 hours 24 minutes into Saturday's 10am slot for the first, 2 hours 49 minutes for the other.



## PLANNING COMMITTEE: LA VANESS

This single Agenda item meeting of the Committee on Monday was attended by seven members of the public with concerns about the proposal to replace the present building with a block of four two-bed and one three-bed flats. The Committee shared those concerns and did not support the application for reasons including that the Ground Condition Survey *still shows marked areas of concern, the mass of the proposed structure raises serious concerns and construction can only take place during the summer...over several years.*

## LITTER PICKING

We are excited to let you know there was actually less rubbish to pick than on previous sessions. The Mayor has highlighted with this image the four caring residents who have now their own litter picker, hoop and bags to pick regularly around town. The next full session will be in early September.



## NEW ROAD CLOSURES THIS WEEK

*Victoria Street* along the slipway downhill in a south-western direction from its junction with High Street and *High Street between East Street and Victoria Street* 6pm to 11pm from Wednesday to 15 July.