



VENTNOR TOWN COUNCIL

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Welcome to edition 130 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.

SHORE ROAD TOILETS TO REOPEN

The Town Council took over the management of the Shore Road Toilets in 2012 to prevent their closure by the Isle of Wight Council, thanks to the offer of neighbours to take on the cleaning of them. Last year surface water flooding through the retaining wall behind the toilets required them to be closed. After a major engineering project – and much support from County Councillor Rodney Downer – the water flow has now been diverted and the toilets can reopen.



LIVING WELL & EARLY HELP PARTNERSHIP

The Town Council is one of four partners in an Island-wide project led by Ryde's Aspire and including Pan Together and West Wight Sports and Community Centre. Its aim is to establish semi-autonomous community 'hubs', similar to those already existing in areas like Ryde, West Wight, Ventnor and Pan, throughout the Island. Our Community Development Officer Tony McCarthy is a Board member.



BELGRAVE ROAD

Island Roads' decision to simply restore the road to its original state has been deplored by its residents and users. After discussion at Monday's Town Council meeting the decision was to *Inform both the Isle of*



Wight Council and Island Roads of the Town Council's disappointment and concerns that an unsafe route is being restored and ask the Mayor to consider a press release.

NEW ROAD CLOSURES

Zig Zag Road: 7pm on Monday 24 October until 5pm on Wednesday 26 October between its junctions with Bellevue Road and Castle Road.

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday's Meeting agreed to support all four of the Applications on its Agenda: the demolition and rebuilding of a house at 15 Castle Close because it *adds to the design variety in the street*; the conversion of a bungalow to a house at 69 Leeson Road that *increases the accommodation within the existing footprint*; the new roof terrace at the Leconfield Hotel in Leeson Road *as the changes will enhance the appearance and use of the building*; and the revised scheme for a detached house at 53 Gills Cliff Road because *the application is a practical adjustment to access*.

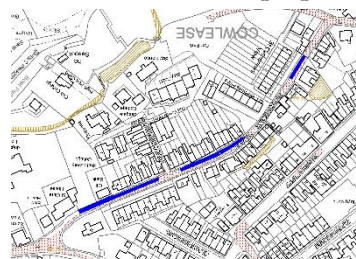
CLIMATE CHANGE CONSULTATION

The Town Council's Sustainability & Biodiversity Working Group is clear that climate change and biodiversity losses are one of humanities greatest challenges. The Group proposed a public Consultation to Monday's Town Council Meeting that was unanimously supported. The plan is for four events – in Ventnor, Bonchurch, Lowtherville and St Lawrence - by the end of November.

The objectives are to: increase the council's knowledge about local residents' concerns; identify positive themes and projects in the town that can be built upon; identify individuals that can contribute or lead on projects; and discover reservoirs of local knowledge and capacity.

ST CATHERINE'S STREET PARKING

Among proposed parking changes to eight of the Town's Roads it's the proposed introduction of



double-yellow lines to the majority of St Catherine Street that is likely to cause the most concern for residents. The

Plans are out for consultation until 28 October.

MY TWITTER FEED THIS WEEK

- A [British Medical Association](#) Press Release today: 'its new survey of nearly 8,000 doctors reveals that nearly half (44%) of hospital consultant respondents in England plan to leave, or take a break from working in the NHS, over the next year.'
- The [Independent Food Aid Network](#)'s October survey of its members: 'As the winter sets in, half of the organisations contributing say they 'may not be able to support everyone who needs their help or may have to reduce the size of their food parcels.'