



TOWN CLERKS' REPORT

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 40/15

13 APRIL 2015

The purpose of this paper is to record developments in the past month not requiring an Agenda item at this meeting.

No. DETAIL

1) BUNTING

- a) An order has been placed with the Hampshire Flag Company for the replacement Bunting authorised at last month's Town Council meeting in a total of £612.50, well within the allocated Budget for it.
 - b) It will arrive no later than Tuesday 14 April, in good time for Ingrams to put it in place in advance of the Isle of Arts Festival and the May Bank Holiday.
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2) SIGNAGE

- a) The Public Buildings Working Group's recent Agendas have included work on the signage required for Salisbury Gardens, the four Car Parks and those identifying the Town Council's responsibility for the Cascades and the Paddling Pool.
 - b) Our designer attended the 31 March meeting of the Group to present proposals that have been agreed and discussions are now underway with two Sign production companies to secure quotations for their production and installation.
 - c) The costs of the Salisbury Gardens signage will be met from the building's income with the rest being covered from the £5,000 allocation from the 2014/15 unspent contingency provisions agreed at the February meeting.
 - d) Samples of the signage style are attached for Members' information.
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3) GUARDIAN COLUMNIST VISIT

- a) As part of the *Guardian's* programme of sending their columnists back to their birthplace to reflect on subsequent changes to the area Polly Toynbee – born in Shorwell – spent two days on the Island at the end of March.
 - b) Her visit included an hour and a half at Salisbury Gardens in discussion with the Mayor and Clerk about the Town Council's programme and response to localism. A reference to that visit was included in her column of Tuesday 7 April.
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4) PRECEPT FOR 2015/16

- a) In line with the Isle of Wight Council's helpful policy of paying Precepts to Town and Parish Councils in one amount in early April, we have been notified that the payment for 2015/16 of £250,153 will be credited to our Bank Account on the date of this meeting.
 - b) Included on the same payment advice notice were the three outstanding payments from the last financial year in respect of the 31 Bus in a total of £3,948.
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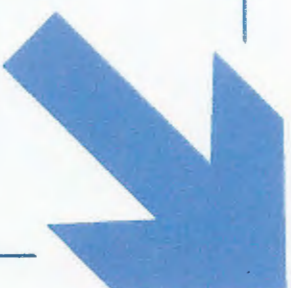
5) HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

- a) This meeting is the fifth anniversary of my surprise – to me, anyway – appointment as Ventnor's Town Clerk at the meeting of 12 April 2010.
 - b) It's also an opportunity to record the privilege it has been – and remains – beyond the then temporary 3-month appointment to work with the Town's remarkable Councillors and talented staff in these interesting times for us all.
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SALISBURY
GARDENS



Ventnor Enterprise Centre



Second floor offices: 13 | 14 | 15

SALISBURY GARDENS



THE
GREEN ROOM

— THE MEETING PLACE —





Welcome to

Dudley Road Long stay car park

Maximum stay 24 hours

Pay and Display

No overnight camping permitted – Penalty charges applicable

Managed by Ventnor Town Council



This
Paddling Pool
is maintained
by Ventnor
Town Council



The
Cascade Gardens
are maintained
by Ventnor
Town Council