

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

11th April 2019

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

I am very pleased to report that the Council has been proactive in attempting to resolve some of our longer term issues and particularly the input from all members of the Council that has made us think more widely on the issues we face. The new seat on the Lower Green and the service held in remembrance of those who have lost their lives in serving their country proved to be a moving occasion and the seat is a lasting tribute to these gallant men and women and an asset to the community. My thanks to everyone involved in the organisation.

I would also like to thank the residents who organised the Royal Wedding party last year and the Parish Council was pleased to be able to contribute towards the costs.

In May I had the honour of representing the Island's Town and Parish Councils at a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace and it was a grand occasion that will last in my memory.

Deliberations with Wightlink continue and the new arrangements at the Fishbourne terminal falter from time to time. The Council is well aware of the problems and the lack of staffing of the reception booths and discussions with the relevant managers are taking place.

Councillors Talbot and Honeywill have been working on our Age Friendly Charter and we are keen to help where we can to assist those more elderly and less able members of our community.

The Council arranged for the installation of a dog waste binx at Quarr and this has been well used, with the benefit of less pollution problems from some not so careful dog owners. We are also planning to install a litter bin next to it, with permission from the Community at Quarr Abbey.

Our interaction with Island Roads this year has been poor but at long last Fishbourne Lane is to be resurfaced. We have not seen much of our District Steward but I am aware he has many issues to deal with. There is also a glimmer of light on the horizon in respect of parking at the Lower Green and hopefully this will help us achieve some control of parking in this area.

I would like to thank all the Councillors, the Parish Clerk, and the members of the Parish who have attended meetings and suggested issues we should consider. Also, I would like to thank John Kilpatrick who has supported the matters we have raised and chased various officials on our behalf.

The Council holds Parish Surgeries every Tuesday morning at RVYC from 10.00 a.m. when at least one Councillor and the Clerk attend, usually with Cllr Kilpatrick from IWC, to enable our residents to meet the Councillors and raise any issues they may have.

We have held 14 meetings over the year and considered 14 planning applications. I feel it is essential that we review each application and comment accordingly. We welcome comments on these applications from any member of the parish

The meetings diary for the new Council year will be published next month.

M. Hector
10th April 2019