

Councillor Report: February meeting of Fishbourne Parish Council, 11th Feb 2021

Wootton Creek and Fairways Association:

Meeting held on Zoom Tuesday 2nd Feb 2021

Not a great deal to report that affects the Parish.

Slight increase in mooring fees agreed.

AGM date confirmed to be held via Zoom 25th March

No police report, so appears all quiet on the Creek.

Environment and Sustainability Forum

This meeting postponed until 15th Feb. as previous date of 4th Feb, clashed with 2 other meetings that many councillors needed or wished to attend.

I have submitted questions regarding Flail cutting and Oil and Gas exploration, and Cycle paths.

Unfortunately it will now take place after the deadline for consultation regarding the new application by UKOG, for permission to drill for oil and gas in the Arreton area, which I believe to be 12th Feb.

I would like to know if Fishbourne PC will be making any comment? I will of course be writing as an individual, esp as the former Nasa scientist, has written to the prime minister calling on him to stop all support for fossil fuels and “earn a special place in history” for tackling the climate crisis.

I attended the Cabinet Roadshow, and the zoom meeting with Town and Parish councillors and Bob Seely. I believe Cllr Hector or Cllr Hopper may be reporting on these.

Local Deaths.

I sadly report that 2 local residents have died in the last 2 weeks, Margaret Young and George Cassell.

Margaret died at St Mary's and George at his home at Old Abbey Farm House.

Sarah Talbot