

Chairman's Report – Fishbourne Parish Council 8th July 2021

Wightlink – Following the meeting with Bob Seely last night there is a possibility that a third ferry company will come into operation across the Solent. The only details I have are that it will operate from Portsmouth International port (which will please Portsmouth Council) to a port on the Island yet to be identified. It will be a basic service for cars only. I also suggested to our MP that the tax rules on claiming interest as a charge against profits should be revised and have today written to him with the suggestion as he requested..

Dinghy on the lower green – The dinghy proved to be water tight and is now at the RVYC. There is an agenda item on this regarding its future.

Traffic on Fishbourne Lane – Should we get to a position to operate a traffic speed watch team we have a volunteer to join the team.

The Highways Safety and Improvement Register – Following complaints regarding the Network Integrity Register an officer of the Council spent several weeks or months sorting the Register out and it was renamed to the HSIR. The problem with both documents is that they are a wish list of changes that in the main, will never be actioned. I think we should petition the new Council to have all suggestions for improvements to be agreed with the relevant local Councils – have the register reviewed each year by IWCC and local Councils – delete or archive all the projects that will not be actioned in the next two years and thus have a much smaller document that is circulated annually and every project needs to be checked before it goes on the register that it meets legal requirements, then the method of funding needs to be stated, and the total value of projects to be funded by the County Council is limited to 2 times the current annual funding budget

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