

## **Isle of Wight Councillor Report**

Firstly please accept my apology for not attending tonight's meeting. It was my intention to remain for the whole meeting this time but I now have two meetings in Newport this evening.

With regard to the 20 mph sign for the school in Chillerton Village, having had no reply from Bill Murphy I sent an email backing up Bob's email to Antony Cooke and I did receive a response from him as I know the Parish Council did also. This is indeed good news and should help to get the sign in place and maintained into the future.

On the matter of speed I am setting up a meeting through Brighstone Parish to discuss speed on the Military Road as requested by the Leader of the Council Dave Stewart. Chale Parish Council will be invited as will Dave Stewart as the Ward Councillor and the police will be invited. Should you wish to join in on this meeting please let me know and I will add you to the list. Whilst this request was regarding the Military Road I am sure speed more generally could also be discussed.

Another meeting that I am setting up is with the Council and National Trust to attempt to get a future plan in place for when the Military Road is affected by erosion. I am trying to make it a part of the new Island Plan so this meeting will be at County Hall with the Head of Place, Bill Murphy, Oliver Boulter and a representative of National Trust.

On the 5<sup>th</sup> February a major works project began on the Brighstone Viaduct on Military Road and will last for 17 weeks with traffic control lights in place. For three of these weeks the road will be closed for drainage works however the closure dates have not yet been announced but Island Roads will keep me informed and I will pass this on via Parish meetings, Facebook and the Newsletter. These works are keeping to schedule despite the very bad weather recently. [www.islandroads.com](http://www.islandroads.com)

With regard to beach cleans I have now connected the Plastic Aware group who have been organising these days with the appropriate person in the council in order to have vehicles available for the collection of waste and to make the whole process more organised with calendar dates etc. rather than random sessions.

As you can imagine since the election I have been very busy with meetings and ward casework. I have been asked to join the Scrutiny Committee and the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee, which I am now taking part in.

I have taken part in planning training with a visit to two farms recently in the very cold weather (Farmers and animals are made of tough stuff) and I will be attending a site visit this Friday with a possibility that I will be joining the Planning Committee this month.

There are a number of planning matters that I am dealing with as requested by residents and will be following these closely along with some enforcement matters.

I am attending a meeting with Island Roads on the 28<sup>th</sup> March where I will have their senior officers in front of me. I intend to discuss the flooding at Yafford and the Traffic Lights on Limerstone Road that seem to have no work going on since a vehicle went through the fence which has now been repaired and I will get an update on the Viaduct works. If there is anything else that you would like me to discuss with them, please let me know.

I wish you all well and look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

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