

Isle of Wight Councillor Report for May 2018

Residents will be pleased to know that following a meeting I had with Southern Water at which I complained about the long standing leak in Warnes Lane, Brighstone, the leak has now been repaired. This repair was carried out within a couple of days of that meeting.

Residents might also like to know that there is a service that Southern Water offers via their website which is a free water saving home visit. This can be booked by filling in a form online and asking for a visit and they will arrange an appointment whereby a check is carried out on taps, showerheads toilet cisterns etc. They are giving away up to £100 worth of water saving devices so it is worth booking an appointment at www.southernwater.co.uk/savewater/homevisit

I have now had a site visit with Island Roads regarding the flooding at Yafford pond for a feasibility survey at which they determined the road levels and checked how the drains run and what solution could be offered.

The possible solution that we discussed was to install a large silt catching gully at the lowest point where the floodwater sits longest. This would prevent the silt entering the pond but would allow for fresh water to enter and leave the road and the pond level can be controlled by use of sluice gates already installed by the landowner to allow the water to continue along into the ditch.

I have discussed this with the landowner and he would be satisfied with this.

A report will now be written up by Island Roads and sent to me at which point I will bring it to the Parish Council for consideration.

Following my meeting with Southern Vectis regarding bus services a question was asked by the Chairman of Chillerton Parish Council regarding the ability of a driver to stop to collect a passenger when they are not at a bus stop.

The General Manager informs me that there is no legislation or ruling that they can only stop at bus stops and it is to the drivers discretion as to whether he stops or not, obviously it would have to be in a safe place to do so.

Therefore it would be worth signaling to the driver if you are between stops and he might be able to stop for you or wait for you if you are near to the stop.

He also confirmed that the No. 6 would continue to be a double decker for the foreseeable future. The No. 12 might be able to continue to the ferry at Yarmouth and the possibility of later buses from Newport. (He is looking into these)

There has been a lot of talk about the tip and queues associated with it. I should point out to residents in case they are unaware that for garden waste you can order via the council website a home collection every two weeks for the sum of £60 per year (£1.15 per week) which would save the drive to the tip if it was just for green waste which is probably cheaper than the fuel cost of getting there and back. It is often this time of year that a lot of trips to the tip are for garden waste.

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