

Ward Councillor Newsletter Update

Hello fellow residents of Central Wight.

Firstly thank you for electing me to be your County Councillor and represent you in County Hall; I consider it an honour and a privilege.

I will be visiting all Parish Council meetings to catch up with issues that need my attention and I am regularly in contact with our MP Bob Seely.

A few updates that I can pass on at this time are, firstly I have an objection listed to the Atherfield site on the amendment which I will keep an eye on, this is in line with the Brighstone Parish Council objection and is not against the original plan to develop holiday homes which would be good to get on with to improve tourism.

There is also a concern regarding asbestos contamination at Atherfield, which I have received an email about, and I have asked the Environment Agency to look into this with some urgency.

Secondly I contacted Island Roads to get them to remove the hump in the Limerstone Road, which had been caused by badgers and solidified, which became a hazard for cycles and motorbikes and it was removed.

I also contacted Island Roads regarding the abandoned van in the lay-by just outside of Brighstone and they made it safe as the glass was smashed. Within a couple of weeks they have done what I requested and removed the van from the lay-by.

With regard to the 20 mph sign for the school in Chillerton Village I am following up on the matter of the maintenance finance with Island Roads and have written to Bill Murphy but await an answer. I will be at the very least requesting that the payments for maintenance should be paid in instalments and not paid in total upfront before they have done any work. I will further be requesting that the maintenance should fall as part of the contract or that the council should be paying for it. No promises on this but I will try.

Having spoken to a resident of Chillerton during the recent election campaign regarding superfast broadband, I am in discussions with Bob Seely MP to see what can be done to deliver this for all residents.

I will be contacting the Planning Enforcement team at County Hall to see what action can be taken regarding an unlawful development on Limerstone Road.

On the 5th 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.

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My wife and I attended the beach clean up at Brook on Sunday 28th January and what a success it was, there seemed to be hundreds of people with bags collecting rubbish and the beach was stripped of plastics and we even managed to drag a very heavy old fishing net with metals and plastics to the Compton steps for collection alongside a large pallet and a tyre all removed from the beach.

I am sure residents will be pleased to hear that the potential for oil drilling off Compton Bay is now over as it was announced recently by UKOG that they have scrapped plans for Compton. However they do still have plans for Arreton so I will be keeping an eye on that.

I wish all residents well and look forward to seeing you at the various events in the coming year.

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