

Chairs report may 2026.

It is difficult to believe it was a year ago you last elected me as chair, where has the last 12 months gone? So thank you for electing me as chair again this year .

Can I take this opportunity to say that although I may take a more relaxed attitude to chairing meetings than some chairs may. I would like to remind councillors that there is a process to follow during meetings. If you wish to comment during a discussion please follow the accepted protocol of raising your hand, I do try to get to everyone in the correct order. Please also try to refrain from interrupting a fellow councillor while they are speaking. There is always plenty of time for everyone to have their say .

I would like to thank everyone who has worked so hard to make Bembridge look beautiful this <sup>year</sup>. I have had lots of positive comments about how great the village looks. It is a shame that there isn't an isle of wight in Bloom this year. I did notice today that the green plastic fence alongside Solent Landing has been removed to reveal the new hedge behind, which looks much better as you enter the village .

I would like to thank Marianne for organising the beach clean this month in my absence . The next one will be Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June all are most welcome.

I would like to remind everyone it is the street fair next Monday. The resilience team will be helping with marshalling and the car park in Steyne Park, again help with that will also be welcome .

Mark and I met with southern water at the beginning of the month to discuss the mural at Lane End , and although they can't help fund the mural they will tidy the site and repaint all the walls to give us a clean canvas to paint on , will are still hoping to find funding for the mural itself.