



Clerk's Report 24th June 2026

Event/Project updates:

Annual Parish Meeting was held on Tuesday 26th May.

Thanks should be given to Mrs Ally De Trey for delivering a presentation on plastic pollution on our beaches.

Mrs Liz White raised questions about the Swains Road steps and was informed that the IOWC Rights of Way dept are currently looking into getting a quote for two further concrete steps.

Mrs White also requested that at Full Council reports from outside bodies should be written up by the relevant Councillors for addition to the website papers.

Cakes for Cancer 29th May:



The Cakes for Cancer morning in the Village Hall was a great success with a grand total of £661.50 raised for Wessex Cancer Support. Well done all involved and especially Debbie for organising and Steve for donating over £150 in loose change!



Climate Action Workshop 30th May:

The Climate Action workshop was held at the BYCC and attracted a dedicated crowd with many interesting ideas to be taken forward by the Environment and Neighbourhood Committee.



Southeast in Bloom and Bembridge in Bloom.

The judging of the village for Southeast in Bloom was carried out on Tuesday morning. A huge amount of effort has been put into this competition and hopefully you all agree that the village is looking great. Fingers crossed that we improve upon our results last year of Silver for the village and Silver Gilt for the War Memorial Gardens. I'm not sure we could have done much more!

Bembridge in Bloom judging will also take place this Saturday. We look set to have a 100% increase in entries for the second year running!

And for those who haven't seen the new signage on the boat as you enter the High Street, up Kings Road, please see below. Turned out great!



Items on the Agenda:

Agenda item 5: Finance

5.3. Budgets

Final budget for 2025/26 is included with notes on any income expenditure variance above £500. General headlines are that despite a fall off in cemetery income we have offset that with more timely income from the EV charger and efficient use of long-term deposit bank income. All depts have made savings with the main savings coming from Legal and Professional costs and Election costs – we didn't incur any expensive legal costs and there were no elections in the year due to uncontested elections. As a result, we ended the year bringing forward more general reserves than expected. Therefore, the Finance and Governance Committee have recommended that for 2026/27 we increase the opening Steyne Park Regeneration Fund from £60,000 to £75,000 and also earmark an additional £1,500 for Christmas Illuminations Fund.

5.4 AGAR

The council will need to approve the Annual Audit Report, the AGAR for 2025/26 and the dates for the exercise of public rights.

The Council should also confirm any conflicts of interest with the external auditors BDP LLP.

The Internal Auditor has made a number of sensible and reasonable recommendations that the Council will need to consider throughout the year. Many of which we were already aware of.

Agenda item 7: MUGA resurface

The Steyne Park Regeneration Committee have been working on a plan for resurfacing and upgrading of the MUGA in Steyne Park.

They have finalised the following plan for recommendation to Full Council.

Chemically treat the surface with moss and algae substance

Up to 5 no. minor repairs using 2mm emerald stone mixed with polyurethane binder

Thoroughly clean, porous macadam sports surface

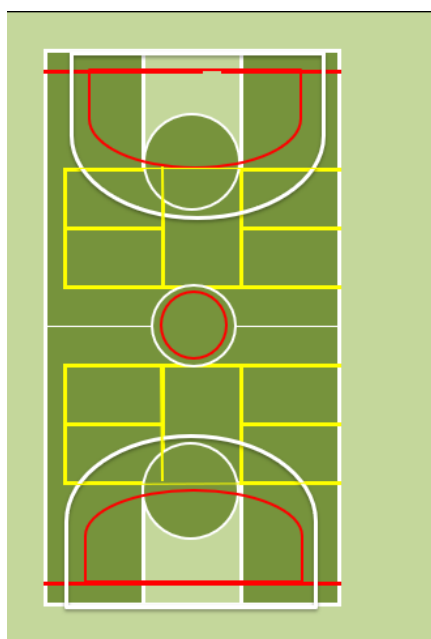
Supply and install specialist court binder to help strengthen existing surface

Supply and install anti slip colour coating

Supply and install 50mm Line Markings for Basketball, Pickleball and Futsal

Supply new Basketball hoops, backboards and post padding.

A budget of £15,000 to be funded by the Steyne Park Regeneration Fund is recommended.



The final court will be designated as follows:

White court 28m x 15m = **Basketball**

Red court 26m x 15m = **Futsal**

2 x yellow courts = **Pickleball**



If Full Council agree to the requested budget and to move ahead with the works, we will hope to complete work in time for this summer (2026).

Note: Negotiations are also ongoing with the BYCC who hold a £10,000 donation that is ringfenced towards the costs of a new MUGA in Steyne Park.

There is also an expression of interest entered towards a Football Foundation Playzone grant. Cllr H Brabazon will be able to update further on these details.

[Agenda 8: Street names](#)

A list of potential new street names for the development of 130 homes by Captiva have been submitted to the Parish Council for comment.

Thank you

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