

Reports from Outside Bodies:

Village Hall Committee:

A meeting of the VHMC took place on Monday 13 July which I attended.

A discussion took place on progress of the restoration of the village hall. This centred around the report and estimate from Joshua Sibley. He is a local surveyor who was asked to prepare specification for the works to be undertaken. This will allow contractors to give estimates on a like for like basis. The fee for this work is £2,750.00. The VHMC have offered to pay 50% of the fee. The Finance and Governance Committee of the Parish Council met on Tuesday 14 July and agreed to pay the remainder of the fee. This will be recommended to full council on Wednesday 22 July.

It was also suggested that a fund-raising committee be set up to raise money for the restoration project. The membership of the committee may come from user groups, the VHMC and the Parish Council. VHMC are moving this forward.

Councillor Ian Davis

Bembridge Harbour Advisory Group.

There was a meeting of BHAG on the 25th June.

The harbour were pleased with rock The Boat this year, their annual fundraiser with £1700 being raised this year.

Brading Haven now have two Teign Long boats which at twenty-four feet long are slightly shorter than the gigs, they are owned by Brading Haven, and the gig club have moved to Island Harbour.

I updated the meeting on the latest from Southern Water regarding the plans for the CSO.

Speeding in the harbour has been an issue with the possibility of enforcement being looked at.

The next meeting is the 13th August

IWALC:

I attended the IWALC AGM on 25th June. This is normally a standard meeting to appoint a Chair and Vice Chair and representatives for outside bodies and this was duly agreed. However, there was much concern over the Monitoring Officer's ruling that it was inappropriate for an IWALC representative (a statutory consultee) to be on the IOWC Planning Committee (and indeed other Committees) in the new IOWC structure. It was agreed to set up a Working Group to review which outside bodies are still relevant for IWALC to be represented and to seek a legal view from NALC.

Best wishes

Harriet