

Dear Resident

The Parish Council will have set the budget for 2019/20 as £35,820, and after assuming income of £2,000 and a grant of £249, will result in a precept of £33,571: and this includes provision for improvements to the Public Conveniences on the Duver.

Following extensive due diligence reports, including a CCTV survey of the drainage, the Parish Council have allocated an indicative budget of £15,000 for the renovation project, with extensive work on the building, improved plumbing and a more targeted cleaning programme – the work should start at the beginning of March 2019, resulting in a short term closure, for which the Parish Council apologises, with a target re-opening before Easter.

It is hoped to involve local students from the Parish School in colour selection, and other initiatives for the project, and help with other connected projects – such as the introduction of larger dual use recycling bins along the Duver, additional Dog Bins, and consideration of mechanical cleansing for the Beach during the summer season.

Members of the Council are also hopeful that the public tap can be reinstated for the benefit of residents and tourists alike – considerable feedback has been received supporting this initiative.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Considerable work has been undertaken by Cllr Tutton drafting a comprehensive response to the IW Council's Draft Island Plan, and the response has been fully adopted by the Parish Council at their February meeting, with full details available on the Parish Website, with the feedback highlights:

- Potential impact of local infrastructure (eg Schools and Health provision)
- Need for affordable housing to meet local need not unrealistic targets
- Potential loss of green space and environmental concerns

The Parish Council continues to encourage residents to comment individually to the consultation, which can be located on the IW Council website.

Representatives from the National Trust updated Councillors, and over 30 residents, at the recent meeting, on plans for the Duver and work that has been undertaken – future plans include improved interpretation panels and signage, work on footpaths and other maintenance: and the Parish are now represented at future briefings with the Trust, as well as the involvement of an IWC Councillor.

The Parish Council plan to have further presentations in the Future, including from the local Police following incidents of anti-social behaviour in the village and along the Duver – and are planning for future meetings (2nd Monday of the Month in the Community Centre from 7pm).

Parish Councillors have also agreed, with other stakeholders, a service specification to help protect the Greens, ensure their longer term maintenance and incorporate an area for a meadow – these are longer term initiatives, and will be reported on in future reports.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on Monday 11th March 2019, and it is hoped the meeting will include updates on the Duver Toilet Project, plans for Church Green, and other initiatives in the village.

Best wishes