

Annual Report 2019

Councillor Steve Hastings – Central Wight Ward

In Chillerton we now have a new 20mph flashing sign installed near the school.

Finally Brook Lane is destined to be re-surfaced this summer.

In Brighstone there were two long-standing water leaks not being attended to by Southern Water, despite many requests by the Parish Council. I took this on and both have now been repaired. The leak in Warnes Lane also has new drainage pipework from the Newsagents Cellar into which to pump floodwater.

I was pleased to be asked by Island Roads to officially open both the Brighstone Viaduct and the Military Road, which are essential for the link from West Wight to the rest of the Island.

I convened a meeting regarding the erosion of the Military Road and invited the National Trust, AONB, ward members of County and Parish Councils and officers from planning to discuss what would happen when erosion takes out the Military Road. I am pleased to report there is a plan for diverted routes and during this year a bridge will be added by Island Roads at the weakest point at Brook to keep this iconic road open.

At the request of the Parish Council Chairman I had a meeting with Cllrs Stewart and Hutchinson regarding the predicament for Brighstone Library following funding cuts.

An application was invited from the Parish Council for business rate relief, which was successful.

Cllr Hobart and I visited Dorset County Council regarding wild verges. We met with the Council's Green Team and Butterfly Conservation's Dr. Phil Sterling.

We hope to replicate some of the methods they have used to improve their verges and also save money on the PFI contract.

Much has been achieved but much more to do in the coming year.

Steve Hastings
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