



Minutes

Name of Meeting	IWC Public Realm and Coastal Meeting – West Wight	
Date and Time	05/05/2026 10:30 am	
Venue	Microsoft Teams	
Attendees		
	Alaster Sims [AS]	Penny Acton [PA]
	Stu Brown [SB]	David Gordon [DG]
	Emily Tapsfield [ET]	
	Ian Dawson [ID]	
	Abigail Reynolds [AR]	
	Bonny Pettinger [Note Taker]	

1. Welcome/Apologies /Housekeeping		
Kristian Horlock		
Claire Gale	Cllr Nicholas Gurney-Champion	
Joy Walker	Cllr John Cirrone	
Val Taylor	Cllr John Angell	
Michaela Bailey	Cllr Dave Stewart	
Debbie Faulkner	Cllr John Hobart	
Sue Chilton	Mayor Cllr John Nicolson	
Heather Rowell	Mayor Cllr Tracy Reardon	
Gareth Hughes	Cllr Emma Cox	
Richard Shaul	Cllr Alison Child	
Fiona Capewell	Cllr Penny Acton	
Sherlie Burridge	Cllr Martin Oliver	
Katie Riley	Cllr Tim Addison	
Sally Woods	Cllr John Pullen	
Michael Davies	Cllr Elizabeth Wills	
Helen Gibbs	Cllr Steve Cowley	
Brian Jacobs	Cllr Keith Cram	
Cllr Paul Fuller	Cllr Gareth Wyre	
Cllr Lora Peacey-Wilcox	Cllr Dawn Haigthomas	
Kate Scragg	Cllr Andrew Burroughs	
ED – Welcomed all.		

2. Update from Coastal	
ID Provided an update for Coastal:	
Island Wide General Health and Safety minor jobs, to avoid slips, trips and falls.	
Over in St Lawrence drainage pipes have been fixed successfully, no more land movement has been reported, this is being monitored twice weekly by our team.	
Wells at Castle Haven have been cleaned as of W/C 20.04, compressors will be upgraded in mid-May.	
Quote has come in for works at Cowes seawall, will aim to get works completed before end of May.	
ID enquired whether dimensions for the new sign have been sent in? Are plans for this to be sunk into the wall or placed onto the wall?	
DG – responded that this will be sent over.	
DG – Enquired regarding the broken bollard on the parade where the starting marker used to be?	
ID – Responded that this is not something we are aware of, we will look into this and site visit to assess.	
DG – Responded that it is on the seawall.	
ID – requested if a W3W could be sent over.	
DG – Confirmed.	
3. Update from Public Realm	
ED Provided an update for Public Realm:	
We have moved into the summer mowing schedule	
Freshwater benches have now been reinstalled	
Currently obtaining quotes for the three flower beds at Fort Victoria, for bedding.	
In Newport Church Litten the Box hedging has been decimated by caterpillars and will be replaced.	
4. Update form Public Realm Officers	
SB provided an update for Public Realm Officers:	
Successfully launched Operation clean and safe jointly with Hampshire constabulary tackling anti-social behaviour. Patrols are imminently starting in Cowes, Yarmouth and Freshwater.	
5. Pre-submitted Questions	
<i>PA - concerning vandalism at Gurnard's 'secret beach' and on the new steps (part of the King's Coastal Path) which lead down to it.</i>	
SB - Responded advising that an officer attended this morning and could not locate any damage.	
PA – responded that the local swimmers are very good at assisting and cleaning up, they reported a disposable bbq and broken bottles.	

SB – advising that there will be a lot of attention from our Public Realm Officers on the beaches over the coming months as we have entered the season of PSPO Dogs on Beaches.	
PA – Added that the Secret Beach at Gurnard is widely used to the left, beyond the sailing club. We have also had reports advising that there has also been damage received to the steps.	
ED – Responded that the steps fall under the remit Right of Way as they installed them.	
PA – confirmed that this has been raised with RoW.	
ACTION - SB – added that he can forward this to the local neighbourhood police team for them to add to their patrol areas list – all patrols are on foot and cover weekends.	
PA – responded, this is fantastic, could Gurnard also request contact details for their local PCSO?	
ACTION – SB to provide.	
6. AOB	
None reported.	
7. Next meeting 2nd June 2026.	