

FILEY TOWN COUNCIL
PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 15 MARCH 2016 AT 10.00AM
IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM

Present: Cllr Richard Walker (Chairman), Cllr John Casey (Vice Chairman), Cllr Diane Glanvill,
Cllr Jeff Meek, Cllr Anna Shaw, Cllr John Shackleton
Mr K Leathley, Health & Safety Risk Advisor (arrived 10.25am)
Clerk – Mrs Gina Robinson

Also present: Mr M Lloyd, SBC Principal Engineer

Cllr Richard Walker, Chairman welcomed Mr Lloyd and everyone to the meeting.

NOTICE OF THE MEETING

RESOLVED: That Public Notice of the meeting had been given in accordance with Schedule 12, para 10(2) of the Local Government Act 1972. 253/016

APOLOGIES

It was noted that all members of the Property Committee meeting were present.

RESOLVED: That the above information be noted. 254/016

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chairman reminded members of the need to consider whether they needed to declare a disclosable pecuniary interest (DPI) or personal interest as detailed in Appendix A and Appendix B of the Town Council's Code of Conduct and reminded Members that they could make a declaration of interest at any point in the meeting. It was

RESOLVED: That no declaration of interests be noted. 255/016

QUEEN STREET GARDEN

Members were circulated with a report and photographs which had been sent by Mr Lloyd and he went through the information in detail. Mr Lloyd stated that he had met with the surveyor to map out the site and had referred to the geotechnical report supplied by the Town Council. Mr Lloyd had undertaken a number of boreholes with a hand auger and it had become apparent that the samples taken were very soft and saturated with water (images were supplied) and he was of the opinion that at a depth of 1.6m this is considered as very soft and not suitable for founding material and would need to go down deeper than 1.6 metres for any footings. Mr Lloyd stated that in order for him to progress he would need to look at the risk of collapse and may have to look at pile foundations and he had provided a quotation to design a piling programme to suit and know what they would be drilling in to, this also included a fee for testing of standing water to ascertain if sewage markers are present. Mr Lloyd stated that whilst he was on site the water level was at the top and had a milky appearance which possibly could suggest some contamination and this needed to be determined by testing the water. Members noted that Yorkshire Water had tested the water approx. 2-3 years ago which confirmed there was no water contamination but noted things could have changed over this period. Members asked various questions of Mr Lloyd and how expensive this scheme could potentially be for the Town Council and also considered whether it would be better to sell the land. After much discussion it was

RESOLVED: That Mr Lloyd be requested to obtain an invoice for specific testing of water quality and the Clerk be given delegated power to authorise an amount of no more than £450 for this purpose with funds being utilised from the Council Property Reserve. 256/016

Addendum following the meeting

Since the meeting Mr Lloyd has confirmed that Scarborough Borough Council's Environmental Services have agreed to test the water quality in Queen Street Garden at no cost to the Town Council and therefore the above decision will not be pursued by the Clerk.

PROPERTY UPDATE

Cllr Casey requested additional seats on Church Ravine be discussed at the next meeting and Mr Leathley requested that cemetery walkboards be discussed at the next meeting. Cllr Shackleton informed members that he had undertaken a site visit to Parish Wood earlier that morning with another member of the Town Council and a considerable amount of mature trees had been removed by the management group – Filey Brigg Ornithological Group and it was noted that some dead trees still remained.

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PROPERTY UPDATE continued

The Clerk stated that all members of the Property Committee had been informed in February that selective tree felling would be taking place as part of the tree management programme by the Filey Brigg Ornithological Group. The Clerk was requested to contact the group's representative and request a detailed programme of which trees are to be removed each year. Cllr Walker requested that a site visit be arranged to Filey Museum as soon as possible. It was

RESOLVED: That the above information be noted and actions carried out as requested.

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The meeting closed at 10.50am

Councillor R Walker
Chairman
Property Committee