

FILEY TOWN COUNCIL
PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2016 AT 10.00AM

Present: Cllr Richard Walker (Chairman), Cllr John Casey (Vice Chairman), Cllr Diane Glanvill,
Cllr Anna Shaw, Cllr John Shackleton
Clerk – Mrs Gina Robinson
Mr Ken Leathley, Health & Safety Risk Advisor
Mr Graham Wilkinson, Health & Safety Volunteer
Mr N Edwards, SBC Director of Finance
Mr P Thompson, SBC Operations, Transport and Countryside Manager

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the above members, the Clerk, Mr Wilkinson, Mr Leathley and Borough Officers for attending a site visit to view the public toilet provision in Filey prior 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. 673/016

APOLOGIES

Cllr Jeff Meek (holiday) had sent his apologies to the meeting. It was

RESOLVED: That the above apology be duly noted. 674/016

RESOLVED: That the above reason for absence be accepted. 675/016

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 declarations of interest were made at this point. 676/016

FILEY PUBLIC TOILET PROVISION

Site Visit

Prior to the meeting Members of the Property Committee and Borough Officers had undertaken a site inspection of all the public toilets in Filey which are the responsibility of Scarborough Borough Council. Mr Edwards had provided the number of footfall for each facility to members during the site meeting. Members commented that they found the public toilets in a reasonable condition with some requiring more updating on maintenance than others. Members commented on the number of toilets and whether there were too many and whether some of them could be put to other uses. Members noted that there was a mix of different equipment and facilities which in time would need to be standardised.

Information from Borough Officers

Mr Thompson verbally reported on figures for running and maintenance costs for each facility and agreed to provide more definitive costs to the Clerk as soon as possible, he stated the Filey public toilets did not suffer problems from vandalism and he could provide a specification to the Town Council should the council wish to contract out the cleaning of the toilets. Mr Wilkinson asked if Mr Thompson could supply maintenance records for the facilities and he agreed he could provide this information to the council. Mr Edwards stated that the government were currently looking at reducing business rates for public toilets and if introduced the Borough would pass any reduction over to the Town Council. Mr Edwards stated that he was yet to clarify whether the buildings would be transferred to the Town Council on a freehold basis or whether they would form part of the Borough's Asset Transfer Scheme. Mr Edwards stated that the Borough Council would consider the provision of up to £5K per unit (there are 7 public toilets in Filey) as a one off payment should the Town Council wish to take on the responsibility of the Public Toilet provision in Filey. Members discussed the possibility of a pay on entry system for toilets to be able to cover the costs of maintaining the public toilets. Mr Edwards stated that he was willing to come back for another meeting with members but would really like a decision from the Town Council as to whether they would like to progress 'in principle' taking on the responsibility for public toilets in Filey by no later than 31 October 2016 so that he could then inform his members.

Mr N Edwards and Mr P Thompson left the meeting at this point.

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FILEY PUBLIC TOILET PROVISION continued

Members discussed the pros and cons of taking over the responsibility for the public toilets in Filey and following much discussion it was agreed that a recommendation be made to full council that a Special Council meeting be held in early October to discuss this matter further with all members of the Town Council being present. The Clerk was requested to try and obtain as much information for the Special Council meeting as possible. It was

RESOLVED: That a recommendation be made to full council that a Special Council Meeting be held on Monday 17 October 2016 at 7.30pm (immediately following the Planning Committee meeting) to discuss the Filey Public Toilet Provision. 677/016

PROPERTY UPDATE

The Clerk informed members that the report from Mr M Lloyd had been received in respect of proposed drainage works for Queen Street Garden and this would be discussed at Finance & General Purposes Committee that evening. Similarly quotations for the drainage works for the Lawns Cemetery would also be considered at the same meeting. It was

RESOLVED: That the above information be noted. 678/016

The meeting closed at 12.40am

Councillor Richard Walker
Chairman
Property Committee