

FILEY TOWN COUNCIL

ORDINARY MEETING HELD 12 FEBRUARY 2014

AT 7.00pm

Present : Councillor John Shackleton (Chairman) and Councillors Susan Bosomworth, Kerry Burton, John Casey, John Haxby, Jeff Meek, John Thurston, Richard Walker, Kevin Wilkie, and Tony Willis.

Also present : Boro Cllr Mike Cockerill, Cty/Boro Cllr Sam Cross, Sgt Chris Gosling, North Yorkshire Police, Natalie Bosomworth, Filey Bay Today editor + 1, Mrs Gina Robinson Town Clerk, Mrs Maureen Prentice Deputy Town Clerk, and 5 members of the public.

Cllr Shackleton reminded everyone present of the emergency evacuation procedure in the event of an emergency taking place. He also went on to remind members of the Town Council as well as the press and public present of Standing Order No 1 (m) – Photographing, recording, broadcasting or transmitting the proceedings of a meeting by any means was not permitted without the Council's prior consent.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Chairman introduced Nick Henderson and Nigel Ward of the Real Whitby Group and suggested that they outline their intentions. Mr Henderson stated that they would like to film the meeting and then upload the un-edited film to a popular video sharing site for members of the public to view which in turn would create greater transparency of the Town Council. A discussion then took place regarding future filming of the proceedings but members considered that the above Standing Order should be adhered to until such time as the Standing Orders were amended to include this facility. The Clerk stated that Standing Orders were up for review at the end of the month and the future filming of proceedings could be considered at that time. The representatives of the Real Whitby Group accepted this decision.

NOTICE OF 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. 138/014

APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Diane Glanvill (work), Eddie Holden (ill health) and Marion Wright (hospital).

RESOLVED : That the above apologies be accepted. 139/014

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.

RESOLVED : That it be noted no declarations of interest were made at this point. 140/014

NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE

Members had been circulated with a copy of the Police Report and Sgt Gosling stated that the crime figures remained down on the previous year however the rare occurrence of a burglary had taken place in the town and several items taken, a similar burglary had taken place in Hunmanby the same day. A further attempt to burgle another property in Filey had taken place but no entry had been gained. With regard to the Section 59 Warning which is normally given to boy racers, this problem had calmed down as if they re-offended their vehicles were taken from them and they had to pay over £280 to get it returned to them. Sgt Gosling commented on the Town Council's request for them not to park their Police vehicles on John Street stating that they paid their road taxes the same as everyone else however the vehicles in question had been from other visiting forces as his staff park in the 3 bays provided at the Evron Centre. Cllr Burton stated that 7.30am on the Saturday morning he had witnessed a youth walking down the railway line who kept stopping and looking at the rear of the properties he was passing and talking on his telephone. Sgt Gosling stated that he would pass this information on to the British Transport Police.

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Sgt Gosling was asked if he knew anything about the visit of Border Agency Staff to premises in Filey the previous week but he had no information on this.

Cllr Casey enquired about the outcome of the licensing review in respect of the Three Tuns and Sgt Gosling stated that unfortunately this had been cancelled due to an administrative error on behalf of Scarborough Borough Council however the Police were to take their own criminal proceedings against the licensee.

There being no additional comments it was :

RESOLVED : That the Police Report be accepted and additional comments noted. 141/014

Sgt Gosling left the meeting at this point 7.40pm

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Boro Cllr Cockerill, speaking as a member of the public, commented on the current practice of vehicles parking on Cargate Hill which he considered was a potential to impede emergency vehicles especially if both sides were used for parking and felt that a total ban should be applied. A further member of the public stated that he had witnessed a fire engine not being able to get down Murray Street due to traffic congestion. Cllr Haxby commented that if vehicles were parked on both sides of Cargate Hill emergency vehicles would not be able to get down to the seafront should they need access if there was another flooding event in Filey. Members considered that the County Council did not seem to understand the priorities involved in this area however Cllr Cross stated that he would continue to press for an all year round traffic order on Cargate Hill. A member of the public stated that she knew of two persons who were writing a book on Filey and enquired whether the Town Council would like to be involved, she was informed that they should write in to the Town Council with their request.

RESOLVED : That the above comments be noted. 142/014

MINUTES

Special Council held 29 January 2014

RESOLVED : That the Minutes of the above meeting, as circulated and taken as read, be and are hereby approved as a true and correct record of the proceedings thereat with Minutes 106/014 to 121/014 inclusive being accepted by the full Council and action be taken thereon as necessary. 143/014

Bandstand Meeting held 4 February 2014

RESOLVED : That the Minutes of the above meeting, as circulated and taken as read, be and are hereby approved as a true and correct record of the proceedings thereat with Minutes 122/014 to 131/014 inclusive being accepted by the full Council and action being taken thereon as necessary. 144/014

Planning Meeting held 10 February 2014

RESOLVED : That the Minutes of the above meeting, as circulated and taken as read, be and are hereby approved as a true and correct record of the proceedings thereat with Minutes 132/014 to 137/014 inclusive being accepted by the full Council and action being taken thereon as necessary. 145/014

REPORT OF WORKING PARTY MEETINGS

RESOLVED : It be noted that no meetings had been held. 146/014

Members were informed that the new Filey Town Guide was now available and was an excellent publication and Cllr Casey commented that he had received favourable comments from the public stating it was the best so far. Cllr Haxby expressed thanks to all the members of the Working Party for all their hard work in producing this publication and a letter expressing this was to be sent to them.

RESOLVED : That a letter of thanks be sent to the Working Party as requested. 147/014

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TO RECEIVE ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES WHICH REQUIRE FURTHER CONSIDERATION

Min 018/014 Country Park Litter Bins

Members had previously been circulated with copy of the email response from an SBC Officer regarding issues raised by members however Cllr Haxby considered that it was the distance between the bins which was critical rather than the size of the bins and was still of the opinion that the one half way down Arndale should be re-instated as well as placing one at the top left hand corner of Country Park. Cllr Casey suggested that the SBC Officer should visit the Country Park during the summer months as he would then ascertain the situation better.

RESOLVED : That the information received be duly noted and a letter requesting the above bins be sent to the Borough Council.

148/014

Min 022/014 Cargate Hill

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of the email reply from Mr N West, NYCC Area Highways Manager regarding the request for an all year round Traffic Regulation Order which stated that as there had not been a recorded history of injury accidents at this location it could not be viewed as the highest priority and therefore a Traffic Regulation Order could not be progressed. After a short discussion it was :

RESOLVED : That despite the above reply, Cty Cllr Cross be requested to pursue the Town Council's request for an all year round Traffic Regulation Order for Cargate Hill.

149/014

TO RECEIVE ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES WHICH MAY NOT REQUIRE FURTHER DISCUSSION

RESOLVED : It be noted that no items had been received.

150/014

FINANCE

RESOLVED : That members accepted the financial payment schedules for the following accounts and agreed to pay the amounts detailed thereon.

151/014

General Fund :	16 – 31 January 2014	£ 6,021. 41
	1 - 12 February 2014	£ 6,808. 83

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Report from County Councillor

Cty Cllr Sam Cross had submitted an email report which had been circulated to members a copy of which is attached hereto (Appendix 1). Also circulated was a copy of the updated highway report for information. Cty Cllr Cross stated that all members were welcome to go on the walkabouts with himself and Mr West when they would have the opportunity to raise their own items of concern. Cllr Casey commented that despite several requests, the re-instatement of the yellow lines on Queens Terrace were still not on the list of outstanding items. Cllr Meek also passed comment that there was a pothole adjacent to the gully outside 40 Wharfedale. Cllr Susan Bosomworth reported that there was a pothole on the corner of Ashley Court, off West Road, which was full of water. Cllr Willis commented that the mini roundabout needed major work and not just inlay patching. Members commented on the poor state of Muston Road and Cty Cllr Cross stated that this would be resurfaced in 2014/15.

RESOLVED : That the contents of the written report, updated highway report and additional information be duly noted.

152/014

Traffic Management Meeting

Members were requested to consider whether they wished to hold a Traffic Management Meeting or were they quite happy with Cty Cllr Sam Cross undertaking monthly walkabouts with members being invited and reporting back to full council on a monthly basis. After a short discussion it was :

RESOLVED : That the Traffic Management Working Party be retained with a meeting being arranged after the Annual Council meeting in May.

153/014

SCARBOROUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report from Borough Councillors

Boro Cllr Cross had submitted a written report which had been circulated to members a copy of which is attached hereto (Appendix 2) and had no further comments to make.

Boro Cllr Cockerill had submitted a written report which had been circulated to members a copy of which is attached hereto (Appendix 3) and went on to give a verbal update (Appendix 3A) which included the following topics : Filey Flood Alleviation Scheme; Bridge Hole; Crescent Gardens trees; Southdene Tennis Courts; Council Tax; Natural England; Community Infrastructure Levy and Ravine Top collapsed wall.

Cllr Haxby enquired whether the capital receipts from the proposed sale of the tennis courts would be ring-fenced for Filey to which Boro Cllr Cockerill stated that he would push for 100% for Filey.

Cllr Meek thanked Boro Cllr Cockerill and Cllr Haxby for investigating the discoloured water being discharged from the Mill Meadows site as this was now running clear.

RESOLVED : That the reports be accepted and other information noted. 154/014

Sale of Land at Southdene

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of the report to the Cabinet from Mr N Edwards, SBC Director of Business Support and Cllr Haxby enquired as to whether the refurbished courts would be for public use and was informed that the Filey Tennis Club would have priority on 2 of the courts with other being for public use. It was suggested that the Town Council formally request that all capital receipts from the sale of this land be ring-fenced for Filey especially as this was from the sale of one of the Town's assets.

RESOLVED : That the information be noted and the formal request be sent to the Borough Council regarding the capital receipts. 155/014

1 of the members of the public left the meeting at this point

SBC Revenue Budget and Council Tax

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of the reports in which there was a proposal to increase council tax by 1.94% which would result in an increase of £4.10 per annum for a Band D property however Boro Cllr Cockerill stated that when this was placed before the Cabinet for consideration they recommended no increase in council tax and this would go for approval to their full Council meeting on 28 February 2014.

Cllr Haxby commented on their proposed Revenue Budget stating that the information was needed in an easier format and there seemed to be an indifference in items i.e. how much to Stephen Joseph Theatre and Silver Royd etc.

RESOLVED : That the above information be noted. 156/014

Filey Country Park Proposed Fake Festival

Members had previously been circulated with a brief outline information from Scarborough Borough Council stating that the event organisers had submitted an application for a premises licence which had been advertised on notices around the Country Park to which there had been some objections and these would be considered at a hearing on 5 March 2014. Should the licence be granted, the event organisers would give a presentation to the Town Council prior to SBC granting an event licence. Cllr Wilkie commented that the event should be supported as the Town Council had requested the Borough Council to market this area for events on numerous occasions.

RESOLVED : That the members of the Town Council note the proposed event and await further information in due course. 157/014

SBC Media Release

Members had previously been circulated with copies of the following information leaflets -

(A) *Helping the vulnerable keep warm and well this winter* and

(B) *Householders urged to cash in on cheaper fuel scheme.*

RESOLVED : That the contents of the above be noted. 158/014

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**FLAMBOROUGH & FILEY COAST POTENTIAL SPECIAL PROTECTION AREA AND
FLAMBOROUGH HEAD POSSIBLE SPECIAL AREA OF CONSERVATION**

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of the formal consultation documents together with a 'frequently asked questions' document. The Clerk stated that she had contacted Natural England to enquire whether any Filey groups had been consulted and in particular Filey Brigg Ornithological Group and as it appeared that they had not, she proposed to send a list of all the Filey groups who should be consulted to them.

Cllr Haxby commented on the problem with Herring Gulls and whether the removal of their eggs would still be permitted as at present. After a short discussion it was :

RESOLVED : That members complete their own consultation document and return to Natural England prior to the deadline of 14 April 2014.

159/014

NORTH YORKSHIRE & CLEVELAND COASTAL FORUM NEWS

Members had been previously circulated with a copy of their Winter Newsletter for information.

RESOLVED : That the contents be noted.

160/014

A break for refreshments was taken at this point 9.15pm

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Outstanding Matters from previous meetings

Min 425/08 Dog Warden Service – members were informed that the Senior Dog Warden was to attend the forthcoming Community & Police Meeting on 26 February 2014.

RESOLVED : That the above information be noted.

161/014

Diary Dates for Members

Members had been circulated with a list of various dates of meetings and events etc. during the forthcoming month. Attention was drawn to the Archives and Property meetings which were to take place the following day.

RESOLVED : That members would make a note of the dates submitted.

162/014

Mayoral Engagements

Members had been circulated with a list of engagements for February and early March 2014. Cllr Shackleton informed members that his sponsored cycle ride was to take place the following Saturday and he would leave Driffield at 10.30am and estimated that he would arrive in Filey at 12.30pm with the money being raised for local youth groups. Cllr Wilkie and members wished him good luck.

RESOLVED : That the list of engagements be noted and full support be given to Cllr Shackleton for his personal sponsored cycle ride.

163/014

Honorary Citizen of Filey

Members had previously been circulated with letters of thanks from both the nominated Honorary Citizens and therefore the presentation will take place on Friday 11 July 2014 at 7pm.

RESOLVED : That the letters of thanks be accepted.

164/014

Grant Awards

Members had been circulated with copies of the letters of thanks from Filey Lions Club, Filey Community Sports Club Ltd and Filey & District Safety Committee acknowledging their grant awards.

RESOLVED : That the letters of thanks be accepted.

165/014

Information Panels

Members were informed that the damaged Information Panel at Filey Bus Station had now been replaced.

RESOLVED : That this be noted.

166/014

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT (cont)

Filey Town Council Contact List

Members had previously been circulated with an up to date list of Town and Ward Councillors.

RESOLVED : That members retain this up to date list for their information. 167/013

Newsletter

Members were reminded that items for inclusion in the next newsletter were required with distribution scheduled for mid March 2014. The Clerk stated that to date the following articles would be included – toilets; bus sponsorship; precept; grant awards; broadband and Honorary Citizen.

RESOLVED : That the above be noted and any additional articles be submitted as soon as possible. 168/014

Annual Parish Meeting – Wednesday 2 April 2014

The Chairman of the Council, Chairman of Committees and Working Parties were reminded that reports for the Annual Parish Meeting need to be submitted to the office by no later than Friday 14 March 2014. The meeting was to be advertised in the Filey Bay Today magazine.

RESOLVED : That the above be noted. 169/014

Staff Update

Members were informed that the Clerk would be unavailable from 17 – 21 February 2014 as she was on annual leave. The Deputy Town Clerk would be available during the above dates.

RESOLVED : That the above be noted. 170/014

Report on items raised at Public Question Time

All questions raised had been responded to at the meeting. The North Yorkshire Building Control had been contacted regarding the property in Belle Vue Street however the property was not of concern to them but that the matter should be passed to the Borough Council's Enforcement Officer. Boro Cllr Cockerill would also report on the request for further pollarding of trees on the Crescent.

RESOLVED : That this information be noted. 171/014

REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

Members were requested to give a report if they had attended any meetings of any other outside organisations between 16 January 2014 and 12 February 2014.

Cllr Willis stated that he had attended meetings of the Filey Community Sports Club and an additional Director had been appointed. There were some issues at the moment regarding names of Clubs etc. A tractor had been purchased to undertake the grass cutting.

Cllr Meek had attended a recent Filey Performing Arts Supporters (Filey Festival) stated that everything was going well and the programme was being produced.

Cllr Wilkie informed members that the Filey Sports Development Committee had ceased to exist and therefore the remaining funds of £1200.00 were being handed to the Town Council to form part of the annual grant scheme but were to be earmarked for sports related applications only. Cllr Haxby thanked them for the excellent work they had done although there were still no sports facilities. Cllr Wilkie stated that the swimming pool at Filey School still had water in but the County Council had put monies aside to de-commission this. At this point Boro Cllr Cockerill handed the cheque for the above amount to the Town Clerk who confirmed that this would be ring-fenced for the above scheme as requested and thanks were expressed by the Town Mayor. The Clerk stated that the Town Council's Finance & General Purposes Committee would need to identify where to place these funds in order that they could be utilised for future sport related grant applications and would refer this to their next meeting.

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REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS (cont)

Cllr Casey stated that the Filey Bay Traders proposed to hold a Music Festival on the 5/6/7 September with the grand opening being held at the Evron Centre. The bandstand was to hold an event from 2pm to 6pm on Saturday 6 September and it was also hoped, nearer to Christmas to have a Winter Wonderland event with stalls and an ice rink in Murray Street provided a road closure could be obtained.

Cllr Walker informed members that the Yorkshire Local Councils Associations would like to know their thoughts on Fracking and requested that this matter be placed on the next Agenda for discussion, he would then report back to the YLCA.

RESOLVED : That the above reports and further comments be noted. 172/014

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED : That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, members of the press and public, with the exception of Boro Cllr Cockerill who had requested to be allowed to be present as he was referred to in the letters, are excluded for the following item of business in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted. 173/014

FILEY TOWN COUNCIL POLICY FOR DEALING WITH ABUSIVE, PERSISTENT OR VEXATIOUS COMPLAINTS AND COMPLAINANTS

The above document had previously been circulated to members who were asked to note the sections highlighted for consideration in respect of a complainant.

A confidential document was circulated to members, which was returned to the Town Clerk at the end of the meeting, following which a discussion took place and after a recorded vote was requested it was unanimously :

RESOLVED : That the contents of the above policy be utilised including the restriction on the complainants contact with the Town Council which would be reviewed after six months. 174/014

RESOLVED : That the Clerk and Chairman have delegated powers to arrange for a letter to be sent to the complainant after taking legal advice. 175/014

REQUESTS TO OBTAIN OR PRESENT INFORMATION

RESOLVED : It be noted that no items were raised. 176/014

Under Section 17 of the Crime & Disorder Act 1998 members considered that none of the above decisions would impact on crime and disorder

The meeting closed at 10.45pm

Councillor John Shackleton
Town Mayor & Chairman

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

APPENDIX 1

-----Original Message-----

From: Cllr.Sam Cross [mailto:Cllr.Sam.Cross@northyorks.gov.uk]

Sent: 08 February 2014 11:50

To: mail@fileytowncouncil.co.uk

Subject: NYCC Report For Ftc

1 Myself and Cllr Meek went round with Nick West and Paul Birkett and looked at ongoing traffic issues and the upto date report will follow

2 At the last meeting trimming of the trees on Wharfedale was discussed (brought up by councillor meek) I visited Wharfedale with The FTC contractor and he felt the trees needed trimming and also with Nick and Paul and it was agreed to trim the trees ,i have been advised this is the time of the year to do it .

3The Bus service changes has been called in by myself and fellow councillors as requested by FTC.

4 NYCC are looking to increase council tax by just below 2% in 14/15 I have my own views and would like a discussion with FTC on its Views.

5 At the next council I have put forward a motion for a Unitary Authority for North Yorkshire because this is the only way real savings can be made in the future.I have had support from the leader of NYCC and lots of other colleagues. The idea would mean the increase of power to The 650 parish councils in North Yorkshire.

If you require me to chase anything please advise rgds Sam Access your county council services online 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at

www.northyorks.gov.uk.

SCARBOROUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT

-----Original Message-----

From: Cllr.Sam Cross [mailto:Cllr.Sam.Cross@scarborough.gov.uk]

Sent: 08 February 2014 11:23

To: Filey Town Council

Subject: Sbc Report For FTC

Gina

1 Attended group Leaders to London to meet the operator of the New waterpark Anton and Benchmark who are keen to get the project started and finished.

2 Also attended meeting about the University with the Vice Principal and other group leaders about the creation of the University Technical College in Scaborough and the Future of the University.

3 I now sit of the Governance Working Group

4 I have also taken a position on the Health and Well being Scrutiny Committee.

Sam Cross

07774 675194

SBC UPDATE from MJC

1. Bridge Hole

The work to remove the original steel structure has started. The remaining items, mainly the 2 main beams were expected to have been removed last week but the work has taken longer than expected.

The rest of the work is on schedule.

When the original beams have been removed and the stonework made good, the new main beams and façade will be lifted into place.

The decking slab will then be cast.

The balustrade and handrail are then installed.

The stone pillars will be reconstructed and finishing touches completed.

I have made arrangements for the information sign to be manufactured.

2. Southdene

A report recommending the grass courts off Southdene to be marketed will be discussed at Cabinet next week.

3. Motorhomes Signs

I eventually managed to convince the County officer, actually employed by Jacobs, to come to Filey to discuss the detail of the location of new sign posts.

The Town Mayor and I met the officer, who had already amended his plans so that the new posts in the area of The Crescent had been moved back off the kerbside as I had requested. I thanked him for this and agreed that the position may need to alter if underground services were in the way.

Suggestions were also made regarding the locations on the grassed area along the seafront but there was little room for manoeuvre due to the specifications contained within the Regulations.

I have, reluctantly, agreed to the proposed locations on SBC land except for one about which I am waiting for further discussion with County Officers.

4. Mill Meadows

Concern was raised by Cllr Meek re the water being discharged via the new outfall.

Investigations show that this is muddy water from the Mill Meadows site. The Environment Agency visited the site and discussed various matters with site staff.

5. Town Bus Service

I am pleased that the Town Council have welcomed the offer from the Borough Council that it will contribute £5,000 per year for the next 2 years as long as the service continues. I welcome the fact that the Town Council is also to contribute £6,000 per year for the next 2 years, it is a sad fact that the County Council has not seen fit to make a similar commitment.

I also welcome the fact that the Town Council have accepted my suggestion that it administers the mechanism for allowing the funds to be drawn down by Olympic on a regular and frequent basis as long as the service continued up to a maximum of 2 years.

Arrangements are in hand to transfer the whole of the funds to the Town Council before the start of the next Financial Year.

6. Water Quality & rBWD

I continue working closely with Yorkshire Water and the Environment Agency to identify a practical solution before having discussions with the householders in regard to existing cross connections. I have arranged that this unresolved matter is discussed by the Bathing Water Partnership group. This discussion will take place the day after I have a meeting with senior representatives from SBC, the Environment Agency and Yorkshire Water.

7. Coble on Coble Landing

I had suggested to the current owner of the 2 remaining cobbles that he has the vessels surveyed as this will allow a view to be taken as to whether it is viable for them to "put to sea" to operate commercially.

This was reiterated at a meeting attended by the owner and the MP.

When the outcome of this process is known it will allow more focussed consideration of the best way forward to retain the presence of a coble on Coble Landing.

I have contacted the owner asking for an update re progress.

8. Pollarding of trees

Following the member of the public raising the issue at your last meeting, I have again spoken to officers and am arranging a site visit. I have stated that I am unaware of any reason why the trial of pollarding cannot be extended to include quite a few more trees. Any trees should be selected from those, that if there was any die off, the overall effect would be mitigated.

9. Filey Flood Alleviation Scheme

Mainly for benefit of those who did not know the area, a short visit to various points around the town has been arranged prior to the next meeting. This will be beneficial and it is planned to have a more detailed site visit later in the year, particularly for the benefit of the major funding agencies.

We have made good progress with the landowners re access their land to undertake the necessary Ground Investigation.

Progress on the proposed web page is being made.

The Project Team meet the afternoon of your meeting, I will include any further items of interest in my verbal update.

Borough Councillor M J Cockerill

Verbal Update

Filey Flood Alleviation Scheme

The project team met this afternoon following a brief walkover.

The Ground Investigation, particularly around the possible sites for the temporary storage areas is due to start this week

Bridge Hole

The remaining steelwork was removed last week, repairs to the brick and stonework are underway prior to the installation of the new main steelwork.

The pipe that is believed to a redundant Yorkshire Water asset will remain as it is not possible to be completely sure that it is redundant and empty.

Southdene

Yesterday, the Cabinet authorised the marketing of the grass tennis courts.

If and when any tenders are received, a further report will go to Cabinet and probably a Council meeting.

If and when any tender is accepted this will trigger the formal consideration of the funding bids I have submitted to improve sport and leisure provision in Filey.

Pollarding of trees

As the Borough's Tree Officer is still off sick, another officer will be consulting with an independent arboriculturalist and I will be having a meeting on site later this month to discuss the issue.

Filey Special Protection Area

Some time ago, together with Borough officers, I met an officer from Natural England to have preliminary discussions – during the meeting I stressed that the Town council needed to be consulted.

Last Friday I received information that Natural England were to hold an event at Flamborough to allow people to give their views. I copied the Clerk into my expression of concern that no similar event was planned for Filey.

I received a reply but remain dissatisfied at the apparent refusal to hold an event in Filey that covers a far greater area than the proposed amendments around Flamborough.

I look forward to hearing the views of the Town Council, particularly as I have a meeting tomorrow to formulate the formal response from the Borough Council.

Borough Councillor M J Cockerill