

FILEY TOWN COUNCIL

ORDINARY MEETING HELD 12 MARCH 2014

AT 7.00pm

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

Also present : Boro Cllr Mike Cockerill, Cty/Boro Cllr Sam Cross, Sgt Chris Gosling, North Yorkshire Police, Natalie Bosomworth, Filey Bay Today editor, Leona Walker and Amanda Rowan, Superfast Broadband; Martin Kerby and Paul Lane, Natural England; Mr C Galway, Olympic Coaches. Mrs Gina Robinson Town Clerk, Mrs Maureen Prentice Deputy Town Clerk, and 10 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 stated that he had received an email request from Mr Nigel Ward of the Real Whitby Group to film the meeting and suggested that the Agenda item no. 12(d) Strategic Planning Minutes be brought forward for Cllr S Bosomworth to make the recommendations to full council prior to any decision to give permission to film/record being made.

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.

218/014

APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Marion Wright (ill health) and Tony Willis (ill health)

RESOLVED : That the above apologies be accepted.

219/014

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. 220/014

MINUTES

Strategic Planning Meeting held 27 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 and after due consideration of recommendations made in respect of Minute No's 194/014, 196/014, 197,014, 198/014 and 201/204, Minutes 191/014 to 202/014 inclusive be accepted by the full Council with action being taken thereon as necessary. 221/014

With regard to Minute 201/014 in respect of *Filming at Council Meetings*, the Chairman of the Strategic Planning Committee and the Clerk explained that until the draft regulations for the 'Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014' had come into force and advice on appropriate wording received from YLCA/NALC then no changes would be made to the Town Council's Standing Order No. 1(m).

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 with the exception of drug offences. Tesco was still being targeted by eastern Europeans but this practice was all over the country. With regard to anti-social behaviour figures, there had been 7 reports of Nuisance Behaviour.

NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE (cont)

Sgt Gosling was asked about the incident involving the school boy who had been slightly injured when he was hit by a car on Muston Road and was informed that the Pcsos were working with the school. There being no additional comments it was :

RESOLVED : That the Police Report be accepted and additional comments noted. 222/014

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A member of the public congratulated members for dealing with the filming of meetings issue in a civilised way and thanked them.

RESOLVED : That the above comments be noted.

223/014

FILEY TOWN BUS SERVICE

Mr C Galway, Olympic Coaches thanked members of the Town Council for their financial support, together with the Borough Councillors, which has secured the town bus service for at least the next two years following the County Council withdrawing all its funding. He then circulated copies of his new timetable. At this point Cllr Cockerill presented the Town Mayor with a cheque for £10,000 being the Borough Council's 2 year contribution. The Town Clerk stated that a legal agreement had been drawn up and signed by the Borough Council, Town Council and Mr Galway which would ensure the protection of the public funds. Cllr Meek went on to thank Mr Galway for running this essential service.

RESOLVED : That the thanks of Mr Galway in respect of the financial support for the Filey Town Bus Service be noted together with the 2 year contribution from the Borough Council.

224/014

Sgt Gosling left the meeting at this point and 2 members of the public arrived

SUPERFAST BROADBAND

The Chairman welcomed Leona Walker and Amanda Rowan from Superfast North Yorkshire to the meeting and Leona Walker stated that North Yorkshire was the first County to get on with the project which was now half-way through. By 2017 all would have access to high quality broadband and she goes round communities to tell them when it is in their area. Ms Walker went on to state that they had secured another £8m to undertake the work in the more rural areas especially as BT and Virgin etc were not interested in these areas.

Amanda Rowan stated that she was involved in the businesses side and worked with small businesses from just 1 man to larger businesses of 250 and hoped that businesses would talk to them as there were several options available to them. She went on to state that the free business support package consisted of : One to one business adviser support; technology for business workshops; free master classes on a variety of topics and a financial incentive, worth up to £700, of grant funding to improve or extend internet use.

Ms Rowan stated that there was a workshop being held in the near future at the Palm Court Hotel in Scarborough and she was leaving some literature, including maps, with the Town Clerk. The Town Clerk enquired whether Groups in Filey could avail themselves of these options and was informed that they would have to be registered as community interest companies in order to be assisted by them.

The Chairman invited questions from the floor and a member of the public enquired why NYCC schools and libraries got cheaper broadband from BT with a further member of the public querying as to why, as they were a subsidiary of NYCC, were they not subject to the Freedom of Information Act as he considered this to be a dangerous and slippery slope. Cty Cllr Cross requested the two presenters obtain answers to these questions which they agreed to do.

RESOLVED : That Leona Walker and Amanda Rowan be thanked for attending and for the informative presentation.

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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 information on the above with a consultation document being available on their website which needed completion by 14 April 2014. The Chairman welcomed Martin Kerby and Paul Lane to the meeting and Mr Kerby stated that the proposed pSPA boundary was being considered to incorporate important breeding colonies that currently fall outside the existing SPA, as the cliffs of Filey had been surveyed and 21,000 sea birds use these cliffs. In view of these the pSPA was also to incorporate a marine extension of 2 km from the seabird colonies. They had contacted commercial fishermen and recreational fishermen regarding this marine extension but as these groups already worked to a voluntary code of conduct he confirmed that shellfish and recreational angling would not be affected.

Standing Orders were suspended at this point for Boro Cllrs Cockerill and Cross to speak

Boro Cllr Cockerill stated that the documents had been discussed at the Borough Council and queried why Filey was not on its own to which Mr Kerby replied that as part of a bigger site it could be afforded protection but was not big enough in its own right to achieve this. Boro Cllr Cross asked what effect there would be on the salmon fishermen to which Mr Lane replied that the impact was insignificant as they also adhered to a code of conduct on a common sense basis.

Standing Orders were re-instated at this point

Members were asked to respond to the consultation document and include their request to separate the two areas i.e. Filey Bay and Filey Brigg SPA being separated from the Flamborough SPA.

RESOLVED : That members each respond to the consultation document. 226/014

FILEY COUNTRY PARK – TOP SCRUB

Members had previously been circulated with photographic images of the newly erected fence and felled trees at Top Scrub and Cllr Haxby stated that on the 18 February 2014 he had been informed that a post and wire fence was being erected around the top scrub at Filey Country Park and he therefore contacted Boro Cllr Cockerill about this. He went on to remind members that at a presentation given by Mrs Pauline Reeve of the Discover Filey Group in June 2013 they had been informed that the old toilet block was to be removed, some fencing work undertaken etc but public consultation would be held prior to any of this taking place and although Filey Town Council had agreed 'in principle' to the Discover Filey project it had requested that the Council be consulted at each stage. Cllr Haxby went on to state that 30 mature trees had also been cut down in this area and others marked possibly to indicate that they would also be felled. He considered that there were 3 issues :

1. the fence was illegal
2. the destruction of approx. 30 trees
3. ruts created by contractors vehicles when undertaking this work

Cllr Haxby stated that the whole of the Top Scrub had been fenced off and not just the area around the small pond and queried what the fence was to keep in or out, especially as other fences in the County Park were of the rustic type.

Cllr Wilkie agreed that no public consultation had been held but hopefully the work had been done by competent people and considered that there was plenty of open space on the Country Park for walking a dog rather than taking them in the scrub area.

Cllr Haxby proposed that as, in his opinion, the fence around the top scrub on Filey Country Park was illegal and a letter should be sent to the Borough Council requesting that this be removed and the land reinstated, including the grassed area which needed filling, rolling and re-seeding before Summer.

Standing Orders were suspended at this point for Boro Cllr Cockerill to speak

FILEY COUNTRY PARK – TOP SCRUB (cont)

Boro Cllr Cockerill stated that as no formal permission had been requested from the Borough Council none had been granted. He went on to state that as the Portfolio Holder for Land at Scarborough Borough Council he needed to consider the following :

- (a) The management of the top scrub as there appeared to be no formal agreement.
- (b) The Town Council's opinion of the fence which had been erected.
- (c) The proposal to plant 600 trees as he needed a plan of the exact locations where they were to be planted.

*Standing Orders were re-instated at this point
Cllr Holden left the meeting during the above discussions*

At this point Cllr Meek stated that he would second the proposal put forward by Cllr Haxby and on being put to the vote it was 5 for and 5 against. The Clerk requested that the Chairman give his casting vote however Cllr Shackleton stated that as he and Cllr Bosomworth were Council representatives on the Board of the Discover Filey Development Trust he should have declared a personal interest and not voted. The Clerk pointed out that as Council representatives they could exercise their right to vote. It was :

RESOLVED : That Cllr J Shackleton's personal declaration of interest be noted. 227/014

Cllr Shackleton (Chairman) after declaring a personal interest as the Council representative on the Board of the Discover Filey Development Trust then asked members if, in view of the above, they could vote again on the same proposal which was:

'That a letter be sent to the Borough Council requesting the fence around the top scrub on Filey Country Park be removed and the land reinstated including the grassed area which needed filling, rolling and re-seeding before Summer.'

On being put to the vote the proposal was declared lost as 4 votes were cast for the proposal and 5 votes against.

RESOLVED : That the above be noted.

228/014

Letter of complaint from Filey Brigg Ornithological Group

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of a letter of complaint from Mr I Robinson, Chairman, Filey Brigg Ornithological Group regarding comments made by Cllr J Haxby (as an individual) on the fight4filey facebook site which, in Mr Robinson's opinion, criticised the Filey Brigg Ornithological Group and the work which had been carried out on the top scrub at Filey Country Park. Mr Robinson considered that Cllr Haxby's comments were unprovoked, misinformed and highly provocative attacks on a public forum against himself and the local voluntary conservation group of which he was the Chairman. He and other members of the Group were extremely concerned with Cllr Haxby's behaviour which raised very obvious questions regarding his credibility and suitability for such a post.

Mr Robinson's letter provided detailed responses and comments to the majority of comments posted by John Haxby on the facebook site to justify the actions taken by the FBOG Group in relation to the work carried out on the top scrub at Filey Country Park entirely at the request of the Discover Filey Group.

Cllr Haxby then stated that the comments he had made on the facebook site were made by himself as an individual and were his own personal opinion and whilst other members of the Town Council considered that everyone had a right to their own opinion Cllr Wilkie commented that social media was not the place for that discussion as it was the perception of the general public that he was writing as a Councillor. Cllr Shackleton reminded all members to be careful when using social media. Cllr Haxby stated that he would not allow FBOG to bully and victimise him into silence as he considered them to be an autocratic group who were eco fascist with unsubstantiated beliefs and were scientifically illiterate however these were his own personal opinions and had nothing to do with the Town Council. The Chairman reminded Cllr Haxby to choose his words carefully and Cllr Thurston stated that he believed Councillors had a right to an opinion as individuals as long as any comments were not defamatory. Cllr Haxby went on to state that he had nothing against Mr Robinson as a person.

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The Clerk stated that she had provided Mr Robinson of FBOG with a copy of the Town Council's Code of Conduct and informed him of the procedure should they wish to report this matter to the Borough Council's Monitoring Officer.

Mr Robinson of FBOG was asked if, following suspension of standing orders, he would like to respond but he stated that he would respond but not in the public domain.

RESOLVED : That the contents of the letter of complaint be noted. **229/014**

Report from Wold Ecology Ltd

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of the report which had been obtained by Filey Brigg Ornithological Group which supported the tree felling work which had been undertaken to date in both the Top Scrub and Parish Wood.

RESOLVED : That the contents of the report be noted. **230/014**

Discover Filey Group

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of the letter sent to Scarborough Borough Council by the Discover Filey Group to obtain retrospective permission to replace the fencing at the top scrub at Filey Country Park. Mrs Kath Wilkie confirmed that the Borough Council's Planning Department had confirmed that Planning Permission for the fencing was not required. It was commented however that it was not just the original fencing which had been replaced but the whole of the top scrub had been fenced. Boro Cllr Cockerill noted that whether or not planning permission was required the fact still remained that no permission to erect the fence had been requested from the Borough Council and therefore Filey Town Council had not been consulted prior to the fence being erected.

RESOLVED : That this be noted. **231/014**

Letter of Complaint from Filey Bay Research Group

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of the letter of complaint and objection sent to the Town Council, Ward Councillors and Scarborough Borough Council by Mr A Green in support of removing the above fencing with the land and damaged trees being re-instated.

RESOLVED : That this be noted. **232/014**

To receive any Representations

Representatives of the Discover Filey Group, Filey Brigg Ornithological Group and Borough Ward Councillors were asked to comment on the above items. Boro Cllr Cockerill responded by stating that once he had received a request to erect the fence and information regarding the position of the new trees he would discuss these matters with Borough Officers and in view of the Memorandum of Understanding which had been signed with the Town Council in respect of the Country Park he would ensure that further consultations with the Town Council takes place.

RESOLVED : That Boro Cllr Cockerill would report back and consult with the Town Council in due course. **233/014**

PARISH WOOD

Members had previously received photographic images of felled trees at Parish Wood and Cllr Haxby stated that he had received several complaints from members of the public as well as his own personal complaint at what he considered to be unnecessary felling of healthy trees, he considered that the Filey Brigg Ornithological Group should be brought to task and should ask permission of the Town Council first in future. It was suggested that this be referred to the Property Committee at their next meeting with a further site meeting being held at that time. Cllr Shackleton commented that the FBOG did inform members of the Property Committee when they had a site meeting some time ago of their proposal to undertake future felling.

Standing Orders were suspended at this point

Mr Robinson of FBOG stated that the members of the Property Committee were informed at a site meeting that selective felling would take place at some time in the future and therefore could not see what the problem was.

PARISH WOOD (cont)

Standing Orders were re-instated at this point

RESOLVED : That this matter be referred to the Town Council's Property Committee. **234/014**

A break for refreshments took place at 9.25pm

FILEY SWIMMING CLUB

Members had previously been forwarded with a copy of a letter and minutes of a Special General Meeting from the Secretary which confirmed that the Club would close on 31 March 2014. Members stated that this was a sad end to a good Club and a great loss for the children of Filey and surrounding area.

RESOLVED : That a letter of thanks be sent to the Club. **235/014**

MINUTES

Ordinary Council held 12 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 138/014 to 176/014 inclusive being accepted by the full Council and action be taken thereon as necessary. **236/014**

Property Committee held 13 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 177/014 to 185/014 inclusive being accepted by the full Council and action being taken thereon as necessary. **237/014**

Planning Meeting held 24 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 186/014 to 190/014 inclusive being accepted by the full Council and action being taken thereon as necessary. **238/014**

Property Meeting 4 March 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 203/014 to 210/014 inclusive being accepted by the full Council and action being taken thereon as necessary. **239/014**

Property Meeting 11 March 2014

Members were informed that the Minutes of the above meeting were not available at this time and therefore it was :

RESOLVED : That these Minutes be deferred to the next meeting of the Town Council for ratification. **240/014**

REPORT OF WORKING PARTY MEETINGS

Archive Meeting

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of the Report of the meeting held on 13 February 2014 and after acceptance of the two recommendations by the full Council, being in respect of *Any underspend in the Archive 2013/14 budget being placed in the Archive Reserve* and *Archive copy charges* it was :

RESOLVED : That the Report including recommendations be accepted. **241/014**

Cllr Walker left the meeting at this point due to ill health

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REPORT OF WORKING PARTY MEETINGS (cont)

Community & Police Group

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of the Report of the meeting held on the 26 February 2014 and it was :

RESOLVED : That the Report be accepted. **242/014**

TO RECEIVE ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES WHICH REQUIRE FURTHER CONSIDERATION

Min 157/014 proposed Filey Fake Festival – Filey Country Park

Members had previously been circulated with copy of the decision of the SBC Licensing that the event had been granted a premises licence for the above Festival which was scheduled to take place on the 30 August 2014. The event organisers would now proceed to apply for an events licence to SBC and the Clerk had requested the event organisers to come and give a presentation to Town Council members at a future meeting.

*Standing Orders were suspended at this point
to permit members of the public to speak*

A resident stated that he had been trying to find out information about this proposed Festival since September as he had seen it advertised and considered that the Country Park was the wrong site for such an event and that this would have been better at the Open Air Theatre as he queried whether the organisers would be able to control such an event. Boro Cllr Cockerill stated that events were wanted on the Country Park but it had to be right.

Standing Orders were re-instated at this point

Members stated that they had suggested to the Borough Council that the Country Park should be marketed for events as they had considered it to be an ideal outdoor venue.

RESOLVED : That the information received be duly noted and the presentation from the organisers be awaited. **243/014**

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

RESOLVED : It be noted that no items had been received. **244/014**

FINANCE

RESOLVED : That members accepted the financial payment schedules for the following accounts and agreed to pay the amounts detailed thereon. **245/014**

General Fund :	13 – 28 February 2014	£ 6,177. 32
	1 - 12 March 2014	£14,263. 43

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 Meek passed comment that there was a pothole adjacent to the gully outside 40 Wharfedale. Cllr Casey commented on A-boards on footpaths and Cllr Wilkie again reported the area on Ravine Hill where setts had been replaced with tarmac, he went on to state that there was a problem on Clarence Drive near the old shop which needed attention. Members also requested that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr West nearer to his retirement.

RESOLVED : That the contents of the written report, updated highway report and additional information be duly noted. **246/014**

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (cont)

Crescent Hill Setts

Members had previously been circulated with details of the proposed 'Greenmoor Rustic' setts from Mr N West, NYCC Area Highways which it was proposed to trial, for the sample to be made up for further approval. After a short discussion it was :

RESOLVED : That members approve the above setts as depicted in the Rochester photograph for use as the sample which would be made up for further approval at Seamer Carr in due course.

247/014

Area 3 Highways & Transportation Programme

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of the presentation given by Mr N West NYCC Area Highways Manager to the Roads Liaison Group for information. Their attention was drawn to the fact that in 2015/16 there would be substantial cutbacks which would affect grass cutting and possibly weed spraying and the possible impact this would have on town and parish councils. NYCC contract out Filey's grass cutting to SBC e.g. highway verges and roundabouts.

RESOLVED : That the information be noted.

248/014

Proposed Disabled Persons Parking Bays

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of the proposed Prohibition of Waiting and Loading and Provision of Parking Order in respect of Clarence Drive, The Croft and West Road, Filey. Members were reminded that this matter had been discussed at the July 2013 meeting of the Town Council when members had no objections.

RESOLVED : That the information be noted.

249/014

SCARBOROUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report from Borough Councillors

Boro Cllr Cross commented that he also had received complaints regarding the fence on Country Park.

Boro Cllr Cockerill had submitted a written report which had been circulated to members, a copy of which is attached hereto (Appendix 2), and went on to give a verbal update (Appendix 2A) which included the following topics : Bridge Hole; Memorial Gardens; LEADER and Olympic Coaches. Cllr Haxby commented that Herring Hill needed attention and Boro Cllr Cockerill stated that work would commence in the near future. Cllr Haxby also commented that vehicles were again parking on the grass verge on Scarborough Road.

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

250/014

Trees in Crescent Gardens

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of the evaluation report regarding proposed re-pollarding of trees in Crescent Gardens which had been forwarded from Boro Cllr Cockerill and the contents of which were reported in Appendix 2 being that a programme of phased management of the trees would take place and this was fully supported by the members of the Town Council. Also circulated was a copy of a letter and information from Mrs S Wagstaffe, The White Lodge Hotel regarding loss of views due to the height of the trees and shrubs in this area.

RESOLVED : That the information be noted and the proposed phased management of the trees be welcomed.

251/014

Filey Country Park

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of information regarding the Wolds Way Marathon event which was to take place on 13 September 2014 with a maximum of 100 athletes commencing at 12 noon from the Country Park and then travelling 79 miles of the Yorkshire Wolds Way and finish in Hessele.

RESOLVED : That the above information be noted.

252/014

SCARBOROUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL (cont)

Draft Visitor Economy Strategy for the Borough of Scarborough

Members had previously been emailed with a copy of the draft strategy, by the Clerk, for consultation from Mrs J Deacon SBC Tourism Manager to whom comments should be submitted before 31 March 2014. Cllr Haxby commented that there was nothing in it for Filey and was very disappointing. Cllr Wilkie agreed with this. After a short discussion it was :

RESOLVED : That this item be placed on the Agenda of the meeting with the Chief Executive for discussion.

253/014

Chief Executive Liaison Meeting

Agenda items were requested for the above meeting on 19 March 2014, in addition to the one mentioned above were : thanks for the completion of the new public toilets and support for the community bus; Tennis Courts; Southdene (retention of capital funds for sports provision).

RESOLVED : That members would notify any additional agenda items to the office as soon as possible.

254/014

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Outstanding Matters from previous meetings

RESOLVED : It be noted that no items were raised.

255/014

Diary Dates for Members

Members had been circulated with a list of various dates of meetings and events etc. during the forthcoming month.

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

256/014

Mayoral Engagements

Members had been circulated with a list of engagements for March and early April 2014.

RESOLVED : That the list of engagements be noted.

257/014

Grant Awards

Members had been circulated with copies of the letters of thanks from Filey in Bloom, Filey Town Festival and Filey Southdene Bowling Club acknowledging their grant awards.

RESOLVED : That the letters of thanks be accepted.

258/014

Newsletter

Members had been circulated with a copy of the draft newsletter for perusal as this would be distributed to all households later in the week.

RESOLVED : That the draft newsletter be approved ready for circulation.

259/014

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.

RESOLVED : That the above be noted.

260/014

Attendance at events representing the Council.

The Clerk informed members that she had attended the Spring Walkabout with Officers from the Borough Council and County Council. Cllr Wilkie commented that Mr Chris Smith of the Filey Tourism Association should be invited to future walkabouts and this was agreed.

RESOLVED : That this information be noted.

261/014

Reports on Items Raised at Public Question Time

RESOLVED : It be noted that all questions raised were responded to at the meeting.

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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 13 February 2014 and 12 March 2014.

Cllr Meek commented that the recent Town Festival meeting had been cancelled.

Cllr Casey informed members that the 5th September 2014 would see the launch of Filey Bay Traders Music Festival.

RESOLVED : That the above reports and further comments be noted. **263/014**

REQUESTS TO OBTAIN OR PRESENT INFORMATION

RESOLVED : It be noted that no items were raised. **264/014**

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 11.00pm

Councillor John Shackleton
Town Mayor & Chairman

1 I assume that you have received the revised report on the Roads from Nick

2 The Crescent Setts you should have received various e mails from Nick, we need a viewing of the proposed for road surface and gaps.

3 On a sadder note Nick is leaving in June which will be a sad loss for Filey, we need a quick resolution to item 2

4 The Council voted for a below the 2% increase, I wanted a 0% increase and more consultation on cuts for the next year, also reducing members allowances.

5 In the next few years there will be more cuts to services as the government grant is reduced over the next few years. I will bring to the next meeting.

6 The council is looking into video conferencing for meetings.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR SAM CROSS

SBC UPDATE from MJC

1. Bridge Hole

The decking slab is expected to be cast as I write.

The balustrade and handrail will then be installed together with the reconstruction of the stone pillars.

Finishing touches such as the installation of the information plaque will then be completed. The work programme has slipped behind schedule. This, together with the requirement to allow the concrete slab to cure has delayed the reopening of the bridge. I hope to have the bridge opened later this month.

2. Country Park

Most of you will probably be aware of the work that was being carried out at the northern end of Country Park involving the erection of fencing.

Permission to undertake this work had not been formally sought from the Borough. As Portfolio Holder I felt I had to intervene and asked the contractor to cease any further work until the matter had been formally discussed.

This matter will be on your agenda for the March meeting.

I have met most interested parties and explained the relevant history and what action is required to regularise the situation. This mainly consists of undertaking the appropriate consultation, including that promised to the Town Council and a formal application for permission to undertake the work from the Borough Council.

In addition to the fencing work I understand it is hoped to plant between 600 and 700 trees in various areas along the length of the fence, there is also the matter of the work that has been carried out in the area of scrub.

3. Town Bus Service

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

4. Water Quality & rBWD

As I have mentioned previously, I have been 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 am pleased to be able to report that Yorkshire Water has identified some funding to allow work to be carried out to rectify some significant cross connections.

5. Filey Special Protection Area and SSSI extension.

Together with Borough officers I met Natural England representatives and discussed their proposal to link a number of areas of SSSI from the Brigg towards Scarborough. At the same meeting I took the opportunity to raise some of the concerns re the proposed Special Protection Area designation around the Brigg.

I stated that the consultation event at Flamborough, to allow people to give their views, ought to be repeated at Filey. I suggested they contact the Town Council.

As the idea is to include the Brigg in the Flamborough Special Protection Area but leaving a gap, I suggested the area should be designated the Filey Special Protection Area.

6. Memorial Gardens

The flag pole in the Memorial Garden now has the post and chain fence installed; this was funded by a grant from the Filey Community Fund that had been requested via The Royal British Legion.

I secured funding from the Borough to allow the installation of the small area of block paving to allow the placing of the poppy crosses without having to stand on the grass. I expect this will be installed later this month.

7. Pollarding of trees

You will recall I reported that an officer from SBC would bring in an independent tree expert as the Borough's Tree Officer is still off sick. The site meeting I instigated took place last month. I met the Borough officer together with the independent tree specialist to discuss the pollarding of tree on Crescent Hill. The independent expert agreed with the views of the Borough tree officer but clarified the situation.

I was informed that pollarding of the trees does have the potential to cause problems leading to the loss of a tree. However, this is reduced if the trees are managed on a regular basis, say every 5 years or so. The danger increases if the pollarding has lapsed as is the situation with the trees on Crescent Hill.

We discussed the quality of many of the existing trees and it was felt that quite a few of them are past their best. The Borough officer suggested we could look at having a management programme for the trees to improve the situation.

This could involve the removal of some of the poorest examples and replanting with appropriate species. The independent expert agreed with this suggestion.

The officer is to discuss the matter with planning officers as the area is within the conservation area. I have forwarded the relevant report to the Clerk to allow it to be included in the papers for your meeting to allow informed discussion.

8. Dangerous Tree

Whilst having the officer and tree expert in Filey, I took the opportunity of showing them a tree in The Ravine that I believed was leaning at a dangerous angle. It seemed to me that the ground around the base of the tree had slumped. On climbing the bank we found clear evidence of this as there were a number of ground fractures in the vicinity of the tree. The tree has been removed.

9. Filey Flood Alleviation Scheme

I took members of the Project Team on a brief tour to show the lie of the land around Filey. This was mainly for benefit of those who did not know the area as it was felt to 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 together with planners.

The consultants appreciated the tour together with the input of local knowledge.

The necessary Ground Investigation process has started. The first phase being in the areas likely to be used for the temporary storage of the surface water.

Progress on the proposed web page has being made with a link via the Town Council's website.

Geophysical Investigation has shown that there is a low potential for any archaeology in the vicinity of likely work.

Further Ground Investigation around the intended works is hoped to commence later this month, we are currently awaiting permission to access land from 2 landowners / tenants.

The model from Yorkshire Water of their existing system is being reviewed.

A major milestone is expected around the end of July when a Summary Report will be received from the consultants that will provide a firmer route for any swales.

Consultants have made a request for anyone with photos and / or experiences of the flooding events to make them available. This is in addition to the collection already provided by and via FFWG.

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VERBAL UPDATE

Bridge Hole

The slab was cast last Thursday.

Work has started on the installation of the balustrade and handrails – see photo.

Memorial Gardens

The installation of the paving is well on its way to completion. The chain is expected next week. I believe it looks well and will come into its own in November for Remembrance Day.

LEADER

There is an event at the Evron Centre on 2 April between 2.00 and 4.00pm about the next round of LEADER funding.

This will provide an opportunity to talk about needs, priorities and potential schemes ideas to inform the development of the programme.

This time Filey and the southern parishes will be in the North Yorkshire Moors, Coast and Hills programme but I am sure there will continue to be co-operation with the Coast, Wolds, Wetlands and Waterways programme which is largely based in the East Riding .

Olympic Coaches

I am pleased to be able to hand over the cheque for £10,000 from SBC being the contribution I secured to keep the Town Bus running for the next 2 years.

Borough Councillor M J Cockerill