

FILEY TOWN COUNCIL

ORDINARY MEETING HELD 13 AUGUST 2014 AT 7.00pm

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

Also present : Boro Cllr Mike Cockerill, Boro/Cty Cllr Sam Cross, PC Richard Newcombe, North Yorkshire Police, Mr John Sellers, SBC Parks & Gardens Team Leader, Mrs Kairen Sellers, Miss Natalie Bosomworth, Editor Filey Bay Today, Mrs Gina Robinson Town Clerk and Mrs Maureen Prentice Deputy Town Clerk plus 8 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 inform members that as filming of meetings had now been passed in law as from the 8 August 2014, there would be trial filming taking place at the next full Town Council meeting on 10 September 2014.

Cllr Shackleton went on to inform members that Cllr Marion Wright's husband David, a former Town Mayor's Consort, had passed away that morning. He went on to state that condolences were also expressed to the Town Clerk, Mrs Gina Robinson and family for their recent sad loss.

A minute's silence was held in respect of Mr David Wright, former Town Mayor's Consort

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. 581/014

APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Holden (medical), Wilkie (holiday) and Wright (husband bereavement).

RESOLVED : That the above apologies be accepted. 582/014

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.

Cllr Susan Bosomworth declared a personal interest in Agenda item 9(g)Min 580/014 as this related to her daughter's employer.

RESOLVED : That Cllr Bosomworth's declaration of interest be noted. 583/014

NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE

Members had been circulated with a copy of the Police Report and PC Newcombe stated that crimes had increased compared to a year ago and went through the remainder of the report. Cllr Casey stated that the increase in violence was worrying and also enquired what the incidents were in the increased anti-social behaviour figures. Cllr Susan Bosomworth commented that she had witnessed a group of 10/11 year old's sat on the recycling bins in the Tesco Car Park. Cllr Burton commented that at approx. 7.30am on a Saturday morning speeding vehicles frequented Scarborough Road and PC Newcombe stated that he would report these items to Sgt Gosling.

Standing Orders were suspended for the public to speak

Cty/Boro Cllr Sam Cross commented that the local garage was now selling alcohol and enquired whether these premises were aware of the regulations regarding checking purchasers ages etc. PC Newcombe would also pass this on to Sgt Gosling for action.

Standing Orders were re-instated at this point

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NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE

There being no additional comments it was :

RESOLVED : That the Police Report be accepted and additional comments noted. 584/014

PC Newcombe left the meeting at this point 7.15pm

Community Remedy

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of the press release from the Police & Crime Commissioner which was asking members and the public to have their say on new punishments and rehabilitation with the questionnaire being available on line for completion.

RESOLVED : That members submit their own comments as suggested. 585/014

LONG SERVICE AWARD

The Town Mayor welcomed Mr John Sellers, SBC Parks & Gardens Team Leader and his wife to the meeting and congratulated him and his Team for all their hard work in Filey and for his close involvement with the Filey in Bloom Group and the Friends of Filey Parks Group which had culminated in a Gold Award for Filey in the Yorkshire in Bloom Awards 2013. Cllr Shackleton then presented Mr Sellers with a framed long service certificate and wished him all the best in his forthcoming retirement. Mr Sellers thanked the Town Mayor and members of the Town Council for the long service award stating that he always tried to do his best for Filey having worked here for 25 years from 1989 to the present day. He stated that he intended to continue his involvement with the above two Groups after his retirement, in a voluntary capacity.

Standing Orders were suspended to permit the public to speak

Miss Natalie Bosomworth thanked Mr John Sellers for all the work he had undertaken with the Youth Council and stated that she hoped to carry on this work.

Boro/Cty Cllr Cross stated that the Parks and Gardens were special to Filey and expressed thanks to Mr Sellers and his Team for all their work in the town and wished him all the best on his retirement.

Standing Orders were re-instated at this point

Mrs Robinson, the Town Clerk wished Mr Sellers a long and healthy retirement and thanked him on behalf of herself and all the office staff for his assistance over many years. In response Mr Sellers thanked everyone for their kind words.

RESOLVED : That Mr Sellers be thanked for his services to Filey and wished him a long and happy retirement. 586/014

Mr & Mrs Sellers left the meeting at this point 7.22pm

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A member of the public enquired why the tree cutting had stopped in Crescent Gardens, White Lodge end above the beach chalets as these trees block the sun from the chalets. Cllr Shackleton stated that the Town Council had not been consulted on this tree felling and had requested that the Borough Council put the work on hold until the Officer from the Borough Council had been to a meeting with members of the Town Council in September. At an earlier site meeting the Officer had stated that the bank was unstable and that was why this work had been instigated. Boro Cllr Cockerill stated that the trees which needed to be felled would be marked this week and the Town Council would have till a week on Friday to pass comment otherwise the felling would proceed. The member of the public commented that if the bank was unstable then the work should continue.

A further member of the public enquired about the proposed housing development off Wooldale Drive and Boro Cllr Cockerill stated that there were no firm plans for housing on this land, it was just being earmarked for possible housing in the future and included in the Borough Local Plan. The member of the public complained that the majority of residents in this area had been unaware of these proposals and enquired as to why they had not been informed especially as the deadline for passing comments had now passed.

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PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (cont)

It was pointed out to him that an exhibition had been held in Filey and other venues for the public to view and pass comment as well as it being available on the internet etc. It was suggested that the resident call in at the office to see the documentation and discuss this with the Planning Clerk.

RESOLVED : That the above questions and comments be noted. 587/014

TO RECEIVE ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES WHICH REQUIRE FURTHER CONSIDERATION

Min 526/014 HSBC Bank

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of the response from Miss Anne McIntosh MP in respect of the proposed closure of the Filey Branch later in the year and stating that she had written to the HSBC and requested that they address the points which had been raised by the Town Council and would inform the Council of their reply in due course.

RESOLVED : That the contents of the letter be noted and further correspondence awaited. 588/014

Min 593/013 Old Toilet Block/Shelter, Country Park

Members had previously been circulated with the response from Mr Martin Pedley, SBC Asset Manager who confirmed that a temporary stop on the demolition of this structure had been agreed but permission had been given for this to be demolished from September onwards. Cllr Haxby commented that the Town Council had requested that this structure be left in situ until a suitable alternative could be built and went on to ask what Boro Cllr Cockerill's stance was. Boro Cllr Cockerill replied that in his opinion the structure was a blot on Filey Country Park and he had wanted it demolishing for a long time. Cllr Haxby commented that Boro Cllr Cockerill had let the Town Council down in respect of this matter. Other members also considered that there should be some sort of replacement shelter provided in this area.

RESOLVED : That a letter be sent to the Borough Council requesting that a temporary shelter be installed until such time as something more permanent is in situ. 589/014

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

RESOLVED : It be noted that no items had been received. 590/014

MINUTES

Ordinary Council held 9 July 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 495/014 to 531/014 inclusive being accepted by the full Council and action be taken thereon as necessary. 591/014

Property Meeting held 10 July 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 Minutes 532/014 to 541/014 inclusive be accepted by the full Council and action taken thereon as necessary. 592/014

Special Council Meeting held 11 July 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 Minutes 542/014 to 546/014 inclusive be accepted by the full Council and action be taken thereon as necessary. 593/014

Property Meeting held 24 July 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 Minutes 547/014 to 555/014 inclusive be accepted by the full Council and action be taken thereon as necessary. 594/014

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MINUTES (cont)

Planning Meeting held 28 July 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 Minutes 556/014 to 560/014 inclusive be accepted by the full Council and action be taken thereon as necessary. **595/014**

Finance & General Purposes meeting held 30 July 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 the recommendations made in respect of Mins F566/014, and F567/014 with Minutes F561/014 to F569/014 inclusive be accepted by the full Council and action taken thereon as necessary. **596/014**

Strategic Planning meeting held 31 July 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 of the proceedings thereat and after due consideration of the recommendations made in respect of Mins 576/014, 577/014, 578/014 and 580/014 that Minutes 570/014 to 580/014 inclusive be accepted by the full Council and action be taken thereon as necessary. **597/014**

As Cllr Bosomworth had declared an interest in Min 580/014 Cllr Willis moved this recommendation.

REPORT OF WORKING PARTY MEETINGS

Yorkshire Day

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of the Report of the meeting held on the 15 July 2014 and Cllr Walker stated that the event had been well received and looked forward to next year's event.

RESOLVED : That the Report be accepted. **598/014**

Emergency Plan

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of the Report of the meeting held on the 23 July 2014.

RESOLVED : That the Report be accepted. **599/014**

Filey Town Guide/Map

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of the Report of the meeting held on the 5 August 2014 and Cllr Casey reported that only one advert was still needed to be sold. He went on to state that the Group still required new members.

RESOLVED : That the Report be accepted. **600/014**

COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND WORKING PARTIES

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of the list of Councillors serving on the above for information.

RESOLVED : That this information be duly noted. **601/013**

FINANCE

RESOLVED : That members accepted the financial payment schedules for the following accounts and agreed to pay the amounts detailed thereon. **602/014**

General Fund :	10 – 31 July 2014	£ 7,519. 10
	1 - 13 August 2014	£ 9,327. 23

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). Cllr Diane Glanvill commented on a dangerous pothole near to the Brigg Shopping Complex which had previously been reported but had still not been filled, Cty Cllr Cross stated that he would report this again.

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Report from County Councillor (cont)

Cllr Meek stated that as the contractors were working on the pavements in Wharfedale Estate, they could fill this pothole in at the same time. Cllr Shackleton stated that members should be delighted with the work already undertaken in Filey recently and he thanked Cty Cllr Cross for his involvement.

Members had also been circulated with a copy of the response from the County Council regarding Grass Cutting and the proposed funding cuts although it was noted that 8 new posts had been created. Cllr Walker stated that at the recent YLCA Executive meeting this matter was being forwarded to NALC for their comments. Members had also received a copy of the letter received from Hunmanby Parish Council on this subject.

RESOLVED : That copies of both letters regarding Grass Cutting be forwarded to the Yorkshire Local Councils Associations and Hunmanby Parish Council be informed of this action.

603/014

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

604/014

Changes to Waste Disposal

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of the new waste disposal charges which were introduced on 4 August 2014 and comments were made in respect of increased fly tipping. Cllr Meek enquired as to how the recycling system worked as the Town Council had been informed that the recycling is collected and travels to North Wales and yet the recycling from Cleveland is sent to Seamer Carr. Cty Cllr Cross stated that he would investigate this and report back in due course.

RESOLVED : That the new waste disposal charges be noted and further information from Cty Cllr Cross be awaited.

605/014

Filey Station Level Crossing

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of the temporary traffic order on the above crossing between 1 and 5 September for essential track maintenance. Cllr Meek enquired about mobility scooter access during this time and stated that he would ring and make enquiries about this facility.

RESOLVED : That the above be noted.

606/014

Temporary Traffic Order

Members had been previously circulated with a copy of the above which related to 1-11 Pinewood Avenue, Filey and would take place at some time between 6 October 2014 and 29 November 2014 for essential sewer replacements.

RESOLVED : That this information be duly noted.

607/014

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)

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 an addendum to his original report (Appendix 3A) on Muston Road flooding. Boro Cllr Cockerill stated that there would be a report on the phased management of trees available in one month. He went on to state that as the remaining two cobbles were not sea-worthy, the owners be approached with a view to having a static display of cobbles on Coble Landing, he enquired as to whether the Town Council would wish to be involved in this project with a view to the first meeting taking place in the near future.

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

608/014

RESOLVED : That the members of the Town Council would wish to be involved in the project to have a static display of cobbles on Coble Landing in the future.

609/014

SCARBOROUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL (cont)

Trees Opposite White Lodge site

Cllr Shackleton stated that a site meeting had taken place with Mr Steve Reynolds in Glen Gardens who had stated that the trees had been felled due to the instability of the banking with tree roots clearly visible although too many had been taken down. Cllr Haxby commented that he was totally against the felling of any healthy trees as they stabilise banking however he was not against the pollarding or pruning of trees. He went on to state that he had attended the above meeting and it was apparent that Mr Reynolds wanted every tree on top of the banking taking down but the men had gone down two levels, a phone call had subsequently got the work stopped. Cllr Haxby stated that he had received a phone call from two residents of The Crescent who were totally against the felling of trees but would agree to pollarding or pruning on a regular basis. Cllr Haxby went on to enquire as to why the Town Council only had until a week on Friday to comment on the future proposed work to the trees. Cllr Susan Bosomworth stated that she had gone with the Town Mayor to see the trees following Cllr Haxby's telephone call to the office informing them of the felling and had been appalled that these trees had been cut down with no consultation, the area needed proper management not butchering. Two sets of photographs were circulated of the trees both before and after the felling and Cllr Shackleton reminded members that the Town Council had agreed in the past to management of the trees on the Crescent. Boro Cllr Cockerill stated that the men should have done the top row only but had gone too far down the banking. He went on to confirm that a letter had been received from the White Lodge Hotel complaining about the lack of a sea view but stated that the trees were not being felled for this purpose. Further discussion then took place with members suggesting that as Mr Reynolds had been invited to attend a meeting of the Town Council in September any management schemes be left until after the summer season had finished and that proper consultation takes place with the Filey in Bloom Group, Friends of Filey Parks and residents as well as the Town Council.

Standing Orders were suspended to permit the public to speak

A member of the public stated that the scrubby self-seeded trees needed removing or dealing with but did not want the big trees cutting down but pollarding. It was considered that the whole area needed attention.

Standing Orders were re-instated at this point

RESOLVED : That the above comments be noted and the meeting with Mr Reynolds at the next full Town Council meeting be awaited. 610/014

SBC Liaison Report

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of the report from the meeting held on the 16 July 2014 and Cllr Meek enquired whether there had been any feedback but was informed that only a small amount had been received.

RESOLVED : That the Town Clerk request further feedback from the Borough Council at their earliest convenience. 611/014

IER – Individual Electoral Registration – Public Engagement Material

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of the letter from Ms A Wood, Democratic and Electoral Officer regarding the change to the way people register to vote as each person would register individually rather than by household as at present. Whilst most people would be transferred automatically to the new register, some would need to re-register.

RESOLVED : That the information be duly noted. 612/014

SBC Chief Executive Liaison Meeting

Members were reminded of the forthcoming meeting and agenda items were required with the Town Clerk suggesting Sports Needs Assessment, Planning Enforcement; Southdene and SBC trees. Other topics should be forwarded to the office early the following week as they needed to be submitted to the Chief Executive. Cllr Haxby suggested Country Park Shelter/Toilet block.

RESOLVED : That the above suggested topics be included with any additional items being notified to the office as requested. 613/014

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Outstanding Matters from previous meetings

Min 425/08 Dog Warden Service – the Town Clerk reported that a dog control letter would be delivered to each household in Filey with the next Town Council newsletter at the end of September.

Min 238/03 Crescent Hill setts – the sample lay-out of the setts had not been arranged yet.

RESOLVED : That the above information be noted.

614/014

Diary Dates for Members

Members had been circulated with a list of various dates of meetings and events etc. during the forthcoming month. Members were informed that the date of the next Planning meeting had been changed to 1 September 2014. Attention was drawn to the Heritage Open Weekend when the Council Chamber and Crimlisk Fisher Archive would be open to the public from 12 noon to 4pm with Mr Brian Mulrine in attendance and other Councillors were needed to man this event. Cllr Shackleton stated that he would be in attendance although it was hoped that other members would volunteer their services.

RESOLVED : That members would make a note of the dates submitted and noted the additional comments.

615/014

Mayoral Engagements

Members had been circulated with a list of engagements for August and early September.

RESOLVED : That the list of engagements be noted.

616/014

Grants

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of the letter of thanks from the Filey Brigg Angling Society for the grant to sponsor the prize presented with the Filey Town Cup on the last day of the Fishing Festival. Also circulated was a copy of an excerpt from the Fishing Festival brochure which highlighted and enhanced the Town Council's sponsorship.

RESOLVED : That the letter of thanks be accepted.

617/014

Honorary Citizen of Filey Award

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of the letters of thanks to the Town Mayor and staff from Honorary Citizen of Filey Mr David Wilson.

RESOLVED : That the letters be accepted.

618/014

Civic Events attended by the Clerk and Members of the Town Council

(a) Yorkshire Day – Friday 1 August 2014

Cllr Walker had already passed comment on this event earlier in the meeting.

(b) WW1 Anniversary Parade & Commemoration Service

Thanks were expressed to the Borough Council's Traffic Enforcement Officers for all their assistance during the above event. Cllr Shackleton also expressed thanks to Boro Cllr. Cockerill for erecting the plaque and making a frame for the banner. Cllr Walker stated that the members of the Royal British Legion were astonished at the number of people who had turned out for this event, estimated at over 500. He went on to state that there had been problems experienced with the microphones however these were now both working. He requested that a letter be sent to the Royal British Legion thanking them for what they had done as well as the two Filey Sea Cadets who had read the names out. Cllr Shackleton also thanked the Town Council staff and Mr Ken Leathley as they also greatly assisted. Cllr Casey stated that at the recent Filey Bay Traders meeting, Mr Paul Duley had stated that he would provide a sound system free of charge for use by the Royal British Legion on Remembrance Day.

RESOLVED : That the above information be noted.

619/014

Yorkshire Local Councils Associations

Members had been previously circulated with a copy of the White Rose Update and attention was drawn to the new regulations on Openness of Local Government Bodies which came into force on 6 August 2014 in respect of filming.

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TOWN CLERK'S REPORT (cont)

Members were also reminded that a trial filming of the Town Council meeting would take place on 10 September 2014 by Mr Paul Duley.

RESOLVED : That the information contained within the publication be noted. 620/014

Letter of Thanks

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of a letter to the Town Mayor which praised the appearance of the town.

RESOLVED : That this be noted. 621/014

SBC Media Releases

Members had previously been circulated with copies of the media releases as follows :

Consultation on Draft Green Space – Supplementary Planning Document

Councils join forces to promote the Yorkshire Coast

Four parks in Borough of Scarborough named as among the best in Britain

Kerbside glass collection goes borough wide.

RESOLVED : That the contents of the media releases be noted with the item on Draft Green Space being discussed at the next Planning Committee meeting and the item on kerbside glass collection be included in the next Newsletter. 622/014

August Bank Holiday

Members were reminded that the Council Offices would be closed on Monday 25 August.

RESOLVED : That this be noted. 623/014

Reports on Items Raised at Public Question Time

RESOLVED : It be noted that no questions were raised at the last meeting. 624/014

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 10 July and 13 August 2014.

Cllr Casey informed members that at the recent Filey in Bloom meeting they had been informed that the Britain in Bloom results would be held in Bristol on 16 October 2014.

RESOLVED : That the above verbal information be noted. 625/014

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED : That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, members of the press and public are excluded for the following item of business in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted in relation to contracts. 626/014

Boro Cllr Cockerill was permitted to stay in the meeting as the Borough Council representative.

OLYMPIC COACHES

Members were circulated with a copy of a confidential letter, *which was subsequently collected at the end of the meeting*, and given time to read same.

RESOLVED : That a letter of thanks be sent to Mr Galway for the information supplied which was duly noted and accepted. 627/014

REQUESTS TO OBTAIN OR PRESENT INFORMATION

RESOLVED : That no requests had been received. 628/014

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 9.45pm

Councillor John Shackleton
Town Mayor & Chairman

- 2931 -

Attended the the last Council meeting and commmented on the following

1 The Allerton Waste Plant which will be a White elephant , that it will be a huge cost when services are being cut back to young and elderly and we are spending money in the wrong place.It is so expensive that i called for a refrendum on the matter.

2 I also thanked nick West for his work in the area,

3 I did a walkabout and i am pleased with the repairs to the roads although the markings have to be done yet

4 The gulleys have been cleaned out on Scarborough Road and in view of the deluge at the Weekend I am pleased I will be doing a walkabout in September and will advise of the date.

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Cty Cllr Sam Cross

APPENDIX 2

SCARBOROUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT

- 1 I spoke out about the car allowance to officers and the abuse of it. We shall await to see what happens in the final report.
- 2 I also spoke out about the Closure of the bank HSBC.
- 3 I am working on various housing matters for residents.
- 4 There are concerns about water standing at the cemetery and the residents on coxswain Close

Boro Cllr Sam Cross
07774 675194

SBC UPDATE from MJC

Filey Flood Alleviation Scheme

The Newsletter about the preferred scheme was distributed throughout Filey. The only comment that has been received is one from a Mr JR Dyson.

I won't comment on most of the content of the email as it is largely a misinterpretation of facts. However I do need to correct the statement contained in the last sentence of his email.

He is correct in saying that the proposal is not rocket science, it never has been. However, the use of a perforated drainage pipe laid underground, as he suggests, would do little if anything to assist during a serious flooding incident.

The flooding is caused by the run off from the higher land, I emphasise RUN OFF as the water would not have time to pass from the surface of the land down through the soil to reach any type of pipe, perforated or not. The drainage pipes would simply not catch this water. That is why the proposal is to use Swales, shallow ditches, to catch and divert the runoff water before it reaches the town's existing drainage system.

As regards the concern for safety, particularly to children, the Swales will not have steep banks. The Swales are unlikely to have much, if any, water in them for most of the time. The safety of children has and will continue to be a prime consideration in the whole design and construction of the Flood Alleviation Scheme.

I hope this clarifies the incorrect impression given by the email.

Southdene

The marketing of Southdene has been commenced, the deadline for bids in towards the end of September after which any bids will be evaluated prior to a decision being taken.

Community Chest

The closing date for applications to the Filey Community Chest is 15 September.

Filey and Coast Spa

I won't bore you with the reasons but I have received information from Natural England rejecting my proposed name for the Filey portion of the extended Special Protection Area. The name of the whole designated area is to be "Flamborough and Filey Coast".

Roadworks

Although no longer within my remit, I am pleased that most of the work to certain roads I instigated, probably 3 years ago, has just been completed by the County Council.

I am particularly pleased the area round the 5 ways roundabout has been carried out, far too long overdue in my opinion.

The remaining issue is Crescent Hill, I am sure we are all looking forward to this being finally resolved.

Borough Councillor M J Cockerill

VERBAL UPDATE

Muston Road flooding

Last week I received a report from a resident of Muston Road that following the intensive rain around teatime on Yorkshire Day some highway flooding was experienced at the lower end of Muston Road.

Regrettably nobody informed me of this at the time as everyone thought someone else would let me know.

The flooding apparently lasted for about 40 minutes and was made worse by the bow waves created by vehicle travelling too fast through the water.

You will recall that some flooding had occurred earlier around the junction with Clarence Drive and the cause had eventually been identified as blocked road gullies. I have contacted County Highways and arranged for the gullies to be thoroughly checked, I have also made Yorkshire Water aware.

However, I must stress, once again, that nobody can guarantee that there will never be any instance of flooding. The £3.5 million investment by Yorkshire Water into the system including the large underground tank can only ever mitigate the effect of an intense period of rainfall.

I would stress that it is vital to report any instance of flooding at the time it is happening as it allows me to gather the best and complete information possible.

On Sunday we again experienced a period of intensive rainfall. As I was about to leave my house to tour the town, I was contacted by a resident of Muston Road informing me of some flooding.

I saw that Station Road by the pedestrian crossing was flooded.

On arrival at Muston Road I saw that, by the entrance to Gardeners Court, the road was flooded. Water had also caused flooding to a number of gardens. Once again drivers with no consideration were driving far too fast through the water exacerbating the problem.

The usual manhole on Crescent Hill had lifted as had one in the footpath.

Martin's ravine was in full flow with the overflow system working very well. Water was bubbling up through some manholes.

I checked other areas of the town including Wooldale Drive cul de sac where there was no evidence of flooding.

When I returned home I reported these instances via the Out of Hours Emergency number to Yorkshire Water.

Almost immediately I received a phone call from Almond Close stating that there were problems, not for the first time recently, with sewage discharging. I am expecting an email with further information of similar occurrences over the last few weeks.

Whilst taking that phone call a resident of Wooldale Drive cul de sac called at my house to report that there was some flooding. On visiting I saw that the ditch behind the houses was full and overflowing. Some gardens and garages were flooded and water was flowing down the road. I again contacted the Out of Hours Emergency number to request that they contact County Highways as some of the highway gullies may have been blocked.

A full report together with still and video images of some of the incidents has been provided to various agencies.

Sunday was the twelfth anniversary of the 2002 flood incident.